

**Minutes—CW Henry PTA**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Review/Approval of January Meeting Minutes—approved**

**Principal's Message (Ms. Davis)**

- Ms. Davis was not able to attend but submitted her Principal's report—attached
- Leah collected questions/feedback to give to Ms. Davis. There were some questions about the Launchpad which is currently under construction and what this means for digital literacy in the meantime (Ms. Pownall is coming to their classrooms for digital literacy class)

**Projects and Events (Meghan Medlock)**

- Throwhouse fundraiser is February 21<sup>st</sup>! Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased on MemberHub in advance or at the door.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> is the next Family Fun Night—it will be a Bingo night.
- Spring Clean Up day is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>
- April 17<sup>th</sup> is the Lower School Dance

**Fundraising (Natasha Broadwater)**

- Scholastic Book Fair is coming up April 13-17 and Amy Ignatow is looking for volunteers.
- Year end appeal was a success; will be sending out a second one in the spring
- We are planning to hold our first Flea Market in the spring. It will be in the upper school yard, and vendors from the community will be able to purchase tables. Looking for volunteers to help with this.

**Membership (Bridget Morak)**

- We currently have 93 members. It costs \$10 to join and can be done online through MemberHub or see Bridget to join in person.

**Garden (Meredith Jacoby)**

- Planning meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Weaver's Way community meeting space (555 Carpenter).
- Plant sale will be in May.

**PTA Nominating Committee**

- Elections will be held in April for the 2020-21 PTA executive board. A number of positions will be vacant, including President, one Vice President, and Recording Secretary. A nominating committee must be elected to find candidates.
- Three people have volunteered for the nominating committee: Amy Ignatow, Jenny Byiers, and Sara Brown. A voice vote was held to elect this nominating committee—Approved with no objections.

**Playground (Kristen Roth)**

- Leah and Kristen met with Principal Davis today. The plans to add new play equipment are on hold for now as we wait to see what the district might offer. In the meantime, we are focusing on smaller improvements:
  - Basketball hoop needs to be fixed (rim damaged/hoop shredded). Kristen researched the cost for this and it was about \$50. We may be able to paint the backboard as well.
  - Kristen has talked to Fiesta Schoolyards—company that paints schoolyards to add color and games—about painting basketball court in lower schoolyard and track/softball lines on the upper schoolyard-Mr. Munter suggested this. Kristen is going to talk to Home Depot about trying to get paint donations and maybe try to do it during Spring clean-up.
  - Still waiting on benches from Philadelphia Salvage—they pledged to build and donate 3 10-foot benches. They have not finished them yet but Kristen has been in touch and they still plan on donating.
  - Ms. Davis suggested putting up a campaign on Philly FUNDamentals—like Go Fund Me but without fees.
- Ms. Davis is trying to get the district's attention to pay for our playground and she thinks parents writing letters will help. Letters can be given to Ms. Davis or Kristen and will be collected and sent on to the district.

### **Finance (Mark Graham)**

- We've spent \$3000 more than we've brought in this year, but a lot of our expenses were on the front end, whereas some of our fundraisers are later in the year, so we still expect/hope to break even.
- Teacher Mini Grant proposals are being accepted (2<sup>nd</sup> round)—teachers can submit proposals for up to \$1000. Finance Committee will review applications at the end of February and award the grants.

### **Additional Business**

- Ms. Grant can no longer run the school carnival as she has switched roles at the school, so it needs new leadership. PTA is willing to help but can't take on the entire project. One proposal was to combine the carnival with field day, but feedback during the meeting was that most people would like to keep the two events separate. Other ideas were floated—a few parents volunteered to co-lead or join a committee and wondered if there is a teacher willing to co-lead, as it is helpful to have school staff involved when planning an event during the school day. Ms. Grant is willing to train a new team, so she could possibly be the faculty connection this year. Or, as the carnival has relied on 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the past to help with planning and running it, the idea was raised as to whether the team of 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers would be willing to help with planning.
- Several 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents raised the concern that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance and trip this year have been changed to include 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Some 8<sup>th</sup> graders feel that it is less special this way and don't want to attend, while their parents feel that they have worked hard, contributed much to the community, and deserve to celebrate their accomplishments with an event just for them. Ms. Davis explained that the change was due to low participation in past years, but the parents think the low participation was due to the kids not being giving input into what they wanted to do. The parents who brought up the issue have done some research and came up with a few suggestions for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade only trip—the Spirit of Philadelphia (\$52-58 per person + bus) or a Hershey Park trip (\$36.95 + bus). The Spirit of Philadelphia seemed more likely to work, as it is already an approved field trip location for the district. They also had some ideas for fundraisers that would bring the cost down, such as a Krispy Kreme fundraiser that is fairly quick and easy. PTA will put together a planning committee and help with organizing/fundraising if this event is approved by school administration.
- Also discussed softball uniforms—a parent has a proposal for cost and will be submitting that shortly. The PTA helped pay for them (50%?) once before and may be able to help again.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

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