

## **Westlake PTA Meeting**

October 20, 2016

### **Board Members and Teachers Present**

*Sarah Wickens, PTA President*

*Julie Graff, PTA Vice President*

*Tim Madsen, PTA Treasurer*

*Christine Mantua, PTA Secretary*

*Shannon Cuff, PTA Parliamentarian*

*Sabine Crawford, PTA Art Co-Chair*

*Adrienne Kramer, Teacher*

*Julie Nolte, Teacher*

*Jen Simington, Teacher*

*Jane Forbes, Teacher*

Approximate attendance: 17 people

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

### **Welcome/Introductions**

#### **Review and Approval of last meeting's minutes**

-Secretary, Christine Mantua, reviewed the minutes from the last PTA meeting, which was held September 15, 2016.

**\*\*MOTION\*\***

Motion to approve minutes was brought by Amy Joanides

Second by Dave Graff

Approved unanimously

#### **Review and Report from the Principal- Mr. Curley**

-Mr. Curley injured his knee and was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **Report from the Treasurer- Tim Madsen**

-Treasurer, Tim Madsen, reviewed the 2016/17 budget and check register.

-The Direct Appeal is at \$17,781 as of 10/20/16.

**\*\*MOTION\*\***

Motion to approve 2016/17 budget and check register was brought by Dave Graff.

Second by Shannon Cuff

Approved unanimously

#### **Life Lab Update- Jane Forbes**

-Scott Rogers and Hugo Jaffe worked on 10/2 in the life lab. Scott was able to get all the wood for new planting beds donated by Big Creek lumber.

-The next work day is TBD.

-The chickens will need a new home for the 2017/18 school year

### **Arts Committee Overview/Update- Dorothy Franks**

- Family Arts Night (FAN) will be on 11/3. We need volunteers and lavender for a project.
- Dance started for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. It is a 12 week program that runs every other week from Oct. to April.
- Trying to select a muralist for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade culminating art project. Also, still choosing location/site of mural. Project will start in April
- Artsonia is getting set up. Arts Committee would like 5-6 images loaded per child.
- Arts Committee may do an off campus arts exhibit at MAH this year and may also participate in a First Friday art show.
- Arts Committee has \$2,200 in funding from the district that will carry over to this year.

### **Education Chair Update- Sarah Wickens**

-Eureka Math feedback is that parents are having a hard time understanding the homework. A resource website for parents is:

<https://greatminds.org/math/parents>

- Parents can buy a “Homework Helpers” book from Eureka Math as a resource. The District may be purchasing some of these books as well for teachers. Teachers may be able to copy pages for parents who would like extra information.
- Cristine Chopra made a school testing schedule overview. It is available for viewing at:

<http://www.supportwestlake.org/education-forum.html>

-If parents have questions about testing, they should ask their classroom teacher first.

### **Sunshine Committee Support- Adrienne Kramer**

- Sunshine Committee is run by and for the teachers/staff at school. It is to celebrate birthdays, life milestones, retirements, etc. They used to have their own bank account but the district asked them to close it. It is very difficult to open a new one.
- The Sunshine Committee requests to be added as a line item to the PTA budget. They will keep track of their budget/expenses and submit expenses for reimbursement. It is expected to be \$0 cost to the PTA budget.

**\*\*MOTION\*\***

Motion to approve adding Sunshine Committee to the PTA budget was brought by Julie Graff.

Second by Shannon Cuff

Approved unanimously

**Auction Update- Sarah Wickens:**

- Auction will be held on 2/25/17
- The theme is a surprise. There will be an opportunity for people to guess what it is and win free tickets to the event.
- Student art work will be displayed in the library for 2 weeks before the auction. This will enable families to see the art and participate in the bidding process if they would like.
- 101 people responded to the auction survey.
- All bidding will end by 8pm on 2/25/17.
- Auction will be at the Peace United Fellowship hall.

**Discussion: Measures A & B- Tim Madsen**

- Measures A & B are 2 bond measures to pay for facility upgrades and maintenance at elementary and high school levels.
- We need more volunteers for precinct walking and phone banking.
- Contact Tim if you want to participate

**Open Chair Positions Remaining- Sarah Wickens**

- Please contact Sarah Wickens if you are interested in chairing any of the following:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Culmination
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Day Away
  - Assemblies Coordinator
  - Enrichment Co-chair
  - Goodwill Truck Drive
  - Spirit Wear (may consider a pre-order for new hats)
  - Wildcats and the Arts (1 day event)

**Open Forum for Questions/Comments**

- No questions at this time.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm**