



# WAYNE COUNCIL OF PTOs

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### President/VP Council Meeting Minutes – Ryerson Elementary

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

**Welcome:** Jackie Prince called the meeting to order at 9:34am.

#### **Officers' Reports:**

- **Recording Secretary:** Leslie Fischgrund made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last President's Meeting. Erin Jowaisis seconded. Leslie Fischgrund made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jaime Lillis seconded the motion. All in favor and the motions carried.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** No report.
- **Treasurer:** Maureen Machado reported for Caroline Mastres. Membership dues are due by November 30<sup>th</sup>. A spreadsheet should accompany your payment to council. Sheet should include name, address, and phone number. Records are kept for purposes of scholarship distribution and if an emergency vote is ever needed. If you were charged a \$30 maintenance fee on your bank account, please keep an eye out for the credit on your November statement. Error was made by the bank. Maureen will investigate charge for transactions that exceed 500 in one month. We still need the scholarship donation from JFK and Theunis. We also need excess reports from these two schools.
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Maureen Machado, see above.
- **Vice president:** Maria Beilis: You need a certificate of insurance for any off site events. Please email form from website with two week lead time. Lead time is to provide insurance and council enough time to process all paperwork. Without insurance event would have to be cancelled.
- **Co-Presidents:** Jackie Prince: The new website is up and running. If you need password, let me know. We are trying to promote all chapter activities and council to the district. Please like our page and share with friends in the district. We are still looking for summaries and pictures to share as monthly spotlights. Fran Cook: Keep in mind that we work with building principals and the board of education, not for them. We are an independent organization; administration is not allowed to edit anything we distribute. If your building principal is resistant, please have them contact me directly.

#### **Committees:**

- **CCW:** Winter session will be starting soon. Elementary presidents, please send flyer home via backpack, this has been approved by Dr. Toback. All schools, please email to populations. WSPA hopes to run a class as well, and will forward that information separately. Our fall numbers were down, so we really need winter session promoted. All money earned goes to scholarships.
- **Browse and Shop:** Thrift shop run by our volunteer manager Kathy Jones Smith. Always looking for volunteers to help and for donations. It is located in the basement of Preakness, store hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10-3 and Wednesday 10-6. If you have a high school student looking for service hours contact Kathy.
- **Project Graduation:** Running well
- **Wayne Alliance:** Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at noon in the Health office. Meeting today. Next meeting December 17<sup>th</sup>. Alliance starting transition meeting for 5<sup>th</sup> graders discussing drugs, alcohol and social media. Parent coffees on these topics were presented to all grades at middle schools.

#### **Old Business:**

- There is a fundraiser form used by clubs and teachers to get approval for fundraising. This is not a PTO form and should not be completed. The district does not need to approve any PTO run fundraisers.

#### **New Business:**

- Please keep the PTO mission statement in mind when spending money. Proper use of PTO funds include education programs and purchases that go directly to the children, not for holiday gifts or other gifts to custodial and secretarial staff. This is not meant to include teacher appreciation week.

#### **Special Presentation:**

- **Wayne Police Department:** Detective Sergeant Charlie Ahearn is looking for volunteers for the township Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocate Program. Training will be held three times per week starting in January for ten weeks. Trained volunteers provide support, advocacy, information and referrals to survivors at local police departments. For more information or to apply contact Charlie Ahearn at, Wayne Police department, 973-633-3549 or email, [ahearn@waynetownship.com](mailto:ahearn@waynetownship.com).

**Open Discussion:**

- Elementary Presidents were asking for 5<sup>th</sup> grade transition program. Another topic of interest and possible training was how to handle a victim of social media bullying.

Motion to adjourn made by Jaime Lillis; seconded by Vicky Struyk. Meeting adjourned at 10:43am.

**Attendance:**

Maria Beilis	Council
Jackie Prince	Council
Diane Grdodian	Lafayette
Maureen Machado	Council
Leslie Fischgrund	Council
Fran Cook	Council
Stacey Nisenson	JFK
Lisa Minervini	WSPA
Susan Kresge	SCMS
Karen Veale	PL
Randi London	PL
Alexis McNamara	RC
Bernice Donato	PL
Jen Crawford	TD
Mary LaSala	AW
Leslie Dianuzzzo	WHHS
Vicky Struyk	GWMS
Jennifer McNutt	Packanack
Jennifer Nemetz	APT/SCMS
Maryam Wolke	APT
Erin Jowaisas	Packanack
Denise Lynch	Valley
Jamie Lillis	Hills
Vicki Lefelar	RC
Tiffany Roth	Fallon