

Wayne Council of PTOs
President/VP Council Meeting Minutes – Pines Lake
Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Welcome: Jackie Prince called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

Officers' Reports:

- **Recording Secretary:** Kristen DeVries made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last Council Meeting. Debbie Jozak and Vicky Struyk seconded. Kristen DeVries made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Janine DelVecchio and Joyce Morandi seconded the motion. All in favor and the motions carried.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Maria Beilis asked that all COI's (Certificates of Insurance) be sent as soon as possible. COI's take four weeks and if you have any end of year events coming up make sure they have submitted.
- **Treasurer:** Stephanie Fenske reminded everyone that each chapter that their WSPA donations for \$100 need to be submitted. The quarterly reports look great and consistent. Beginning in June there will be a meeting to go over requirements for next year. Try and have any incoming treasurers attend the meeting so that they are aware of the procedures. A question was asked if presidents could attend this meeting. Stephanie answered yes; all are welcome. Stephanie also added that Projection Graduation groups need to follow all treasurers' rules and submit reports.
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Caroline Mastres: No report.
- **Vice president:** Diane Grdodan: No Report.
- **Co-Presidents:** Jackie Prince and Fran Cook: No report.

Committees:

- **Browse and Shop:** Stephanie Fenske reported that the Browse and Shop has done wonderful this year. Looks like the PTO Council can award \$15-16K in scholarships to each high school.
- **CCW:** The CCW spring session starts this Saturday 4/26/14. Numbers are low and we will send another email out to encourage more signups for this session. A question was asked on why the enrollment was low? Some of the responses were that there was a price increase from last year and that some have indicated that the teachers were not up to par. Jackie Prince asked that we need suggestions on how to bring people back to enroll. Some thoughts given were that the information was distributed electronically rather than hard copy as previous and the economy. Spring sports may also be a factor. Jackie asked to send all ideas to encourage a higher participation to the council.
- **Food Bank:** Susan Kresge reported that the last food drive is coming and all is doing well. Ms. Kindler's class at WHHS has been great with assisting the food bank. The students help with picking the orders and stocking the shelves. It is a great collaboration for all. We are in need of cooking oil, coffee, dish washing soap (not for the dishwasher) and juice.
- **WSPA:** Cecelia Feeley reported the WSPA Allergy workshop was well received. On 5/13/14 WSPA will hold a Year in Review. A BOE member will be there and also the newly hired Director of Support Services Michael Reinknecht will be there to introduce himself. There is a new KidFit through the CCW which starts Saturday 4/26/14. On 5/30/14 the will also be a Friday Night Canteen at the YMCA for K-8 students coordinated by a local Girl Scout. A flyer will follow with more details. Lisa also thanked the PTO Councils and local PTO's for sharing the WSPA information with the population.
- **Wayne Day:** Jackie Prince reported for Karen Marron that they are in need of reps from each school to man the booth. Looking for two volunteers per hour from 11am-5pm. She is asking if each school could create a small basket of Spiritwear to raffle off at the event. Please keep it simple for the basket; nothing elaborate. If you do not have extra Spiritwear, please try what you can. Karen is also asking for each to provide 10 pictures so a slide show can be created. More details about the day will follow.

Old Business:

- Nothing at this time.

New Business:

- Jackie spoke reminding everyone that as PTO President you have no opinion on Wayne Schools policy and procedures as pertaining to the processes they are deciding on currently and in the future. You may speak your opinion as a parent only. PTO is not part of the decision making process but Central Administration asked for our input. On certain occasions the local school will include the PTO. WSPA was part of the decision process for the new Dir. of Support Services with the newly formed SEPAG groups. Due to changes made there are no longer site-based committees. Please remember as an organization we work great together with the district. We have worked well with interim superintendents and will continue to do so if there is one selected.
- Fran spoke regarding nominating committees. They should all be formed and boards set at this point for the upcoming school year. Please contact us with your approved boards or if you should need assistance. The PTO Council nominating committee has been formed. We are looking to fill the VP and Recording Secretary spots.
- Maria added that brochures are available for Bricks for Kids if anyone is interested. Great for grades 1-5 and have been used at some after care programs in the district (RY/RC). This is not a PTO sponsored event.

Open Discussion:

Question: Are there nominating committee procedures?

- **Response:** There are details and the speech on the PTO Council website but we will send out the information. It was then stated that some schools were not provided with these details. A membership list needs to be created in order to communicate the details.
- Joyce Morandi added that once the nominating committee is formed they then need to send out the information to the population. Once the slate is approved by the nominating committee it is sent to the current president and then needs to be sent out one week prior to the next PTO meeting. At this meeting the slate is presented and then asked if there are any nominations from the floor. If there are none, a vote is done to approve the slate as presented by a show of hands. If there are any open positions, go forward with the slate as presented and the new board can then vote in someone to fill the spot(s).

Question: Is there any guarantee that if you volunteer for a position on the PTO you will be nominated?

- **Response:** No. The nominating committee takes into consideration the volunteers experience to fulfill a position and to create a functioning board.

Question: Who can vote on a motion?

- **Response:** Motions are voted on by PTO members in good standing. The president would break a tie if the need should arise or may also choose to abstain. This would cause the motion to fail.

Motion to adjourn made by Janine DelVecchio; seconded by joyce Morandi. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Attendance:

Maria Bellis	Council
Fran Cook	Council
Stephanie Fenske	Council
Kristen DeVries	Council
Diane Grdodian	Council
Jackie Prince	Council
Rosemary Colazzo	WVHS
Joyce Morandi	WHHS
Janine DelVecchio	WHHS
Stephanie Conklin	PL
Karen Veale	PL
Stacey Nisenson	JFK
Randi London	PL
Lisa Minervini	WSPA
Vicky Struyk	GWMS
Jennifer Nemetz	APT & SCMS
Deb Califf	RC
Debbie Jozak	Lafayette
Susan Kresge	SCMS
Jen Crawford	TD
Dana Sirot	JFK
Cecilia Feeley	WSPA
Linda Marchesini	AWMS
Therese Potter	Packanack
Vicki Lefelar	RC