

Westchester PTA
General PTA Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2021 at 8:15 am

Call to order: Carli Suarez called to order the general PTA meeting at 8:20 am on October 12, 2021. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

Agenda: The agenda for the current meeting was posted online and distributed at the meeting. Minutes from the last meeting on September 14, 2021 were posted online. Geri motioned to approve the minutes. Deb Ferrara 2nd. All approve. None oppose.

Financial Report: The financial report was posted online for review and paper copies were available at the meeting. Danielle presented the financial report. Expenses: Banners and membership dues. We have \$17,052 to date. Tina Brandel motioned to approve the budget as-is. Vanessa Cutrufo 2nd. All in favor. None oppose.

Sponsors and Banners: MaryBeth provided the information. We now have 14 partners who sponsor our school. Justin Cheresnick, who runs i9 Sports, provided information about i9.

Book Fair: Kristin provided the information and thanked the volunteers. We did over \$23,000 in sales for the book fair. This year, there were some changes to e-Wallets - the full amount put in the e-Wallets is deducted and whatever isn't spent is put on a Scholastic gift card. You can still shop online until Thursday. The spring book fair will be from February 7 – 11 with a setup date of February 4. At the November meeting, we will vote on how we take profits from book fair.

Principal's Report: Ms. Geraine provided the update.

- Important Dates:
 - October 19: Wax museum for dual language 4th and 5th grades
 - October 26: Dads committee meeting
 - October 28: Read for the Record
 - October 29: 8:30 am Fall Parade
- Holiday Parade – Parents will be encouraged strongly to wear masks. Parents who do not want to wear masks can stay outside the fence on the sidewalk. Room parents will have a wristband to attend the parade. All other parents will sign in at the back car loop.
- SEL Night went well.
- There are a couple new members of the staff – Ms. Santini and Ms. Kaminsky.

Harvest drive: We will start accepting donations of food or gift cards before school on Monday, November 1 through Friday, November 12. We are looking for volunteers to accept donations.

Committees Chairs:

- The chair and co-chair of Harvest Drive are Stephanie Stewart and Yara Domiati, respectively.
- Giving Tree: Stephanie Stewart
- Fundraising: Raquel Andrews

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- Hospitality: Deb Ferrara
- Book Fair: Kristin Lester
- Kids Heart Challenge: Carli Suarez
- Field Day: Justin Cheresnick
- Reflections: Deb Ferrara
- School supply packs/T-shirts: Noelle Cheresnick
- Website: Tamara Alvarez
- Yearbook and pictures: Geri and Mike
- Holiday store and 5th grade committee: TBD
- Dads; committee: Anthony Lyn
- Room parent: Tara DePaolis
- Banners: Marybeth Gebbia
- Audit: TBD

Audit: We need an audit committee to conduct two audits per year.

Reflections: This is a National PTA Art program that covers six genres. Students have a month to complete their projects. Projects will be submitted digitally and judged digitally. Whoever moves on from the school competition goes to the county competition. If they place in the county competition, they move on to the state level. Flyers will be going home soon. The theme is "I will change the world by..." The deadline for the school competition is in November and the county competition deadline is in December.

Class shirts will be sold online starting Monday. All spirit shirts will be available at this time as well.

Yearbook: Yearbooks are \$25 and you can preorder online. Order before January 29 for free name embossing on the cover. We have already sold 100 out of the 400 that we ordered. Anyone can send pictures from school events to westchesteryearbookpics@gmail.com. Ads need to be purchased by January. Individual pictures should be distributed next week some time.

Upcoming dates:

October 14: Kids of Character

October 19: Early Release

October 20: Employee Planning

October 21: BJ's Brewhouse Community Night 4:00 – 9:00 pm

October 26: Dad's Community Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 pm

October 29: Fall Parade

November 5: Jeremiah's Ice

November 9: PTA Meeting via Zoom 6:30 pm

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November 9: Individual picture makeup day

Meeting adjourned by Carli Suarez at 9:05 am.