

WA-WM PTA Council Minutes
May 2, 2012

Call to order at 6:33pm by Laura Weaver.

Secretary's Report – Deb Gast (Absent) - Minutes filed as written.

Treasurer's Report – Brenda Ward – See written report.

Local Unit Reports

- **Pershing** – Wendy Larson – High Interest Day was last Monday, Spring Concert this month along with Grandparents Day tomorrow. Currently working on teacher appreciation this week. On May 24th there will be a Spaghetti Dinner, everyone is welcome to attend, 5:30 – 7:30. Pershing PTA will be recognizing 4 teachers that are retiring this year.
- **Lincoln Intermediate** – Heather Justham – March Madness was awesome! May 24th will be Boys' Night.
- **Horace Mann** – Jeanette Burlingame – Pajama Day & Dance was last week. Working on a questionnaire asking members why they are not involved in PTA. State Convention went well and made 12 new contacts.
- **FLW** – Gena Kraemer – Also had March Madness—lots of fun! Gearing up for our last dance of the year on May 18th and then wrapping up the year with 8th grade celebrations.

Principal Reports

- **West Milwaukee** – Ms. Moe – Mr. Taylor could not attend as he was at an awards dinner where four teachers from West Milwaukee were being honored by the Council for Exceptional Children. Also a band concert tonight. Vendor fair was very successful. Running a mural contest – anyone who entered will get to help paint the winning mural. West has a Bullying Intervention Program that is through Children's Hospital. Gear Up Grant where 13 kids signed up for free summer school at UWM. Students raised \$1700 for the Lymphoma Society doing a Penny War type of event.
- **Lincoln Intermediate** – Diane Ulezeski – See written report.
- **Frank Lloyd Wright** – Beth Koehler – See written report.

Presentation by Tony Persello from Chuck E Cheese.

- Only need three weeks' notice prior to booking an event.
- Chuck E Cheese come to school and promote the event
- will provide posters
- all kids get a sticker with ten free game tokens good only on the date of the event.
- Teachers & staff eat free the night of the event.
- 15% generated gets returned to school/PTA (donation check comes within 10 business days after the event).
- No flyer is needed for school to get the credit, families just say at the door.

District Report

- Brian Vissers – Open Enrollment closed as of April 30, 2012
- Legislation – See written report.
- City Hall needs poll workers - \$100 per day.

Local Unit Reports

- **Central H.S.** – Melissa Ferrusquia – April 12 was Rummage Sale, went well. Currently judging scholarships, Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on Tuesday.
- **Jefferson Elementary** – Amy Kausaku – Fundraiser did really well looking at purchasing tablets for teachers. 5th grade ice cream social is coming up soon.
- **Franklin** – N/A
- **Walker** – N/A

President's Report

- 10 delegates attended convention.
- Botanical Gardens has free programs for the schools.
- Shared information about Debra Morningstar, guest speaker at convention.
- Catch the Next Wave in Racine (much cheaper) in April 2013
- Elections should be in full swing for officers for next year—any questions, just ask.
- Awards from Convention were distributed.
- Motion was made to cancel June meeting—all were in favor.
- Sue Sujecki spoke about how important PTA and Council is in the district. Purpose for next year—how can parents connect to school district/board.
- WAWM Community Coalition – May 7 – 2nd Annual Parent Safety Night @ Nathan Hale H.S. (see flyer)

1st Vice President Report – Amy Repati – talked about convention, suggested that some workshops be longer.

2nd Vice President Report – Gena Kraemer – two motions have been brought forward.

- Motion #1 which was brought to the board by the Scholarship Committee. Motion reads: *I move to use the \$600 of the scholarship money that was not picked up from last year's awards to give an additional (7th) scholarship for the 2011 – '12 year. Rationale: There was money that was not picked up from last year's scholarship and the time has expired for the recipient to come forward to claim it. The committee would like to use that money to award a 7th scholarship for 2011 – '12 scholarship year.* Motion was voted upon and adopted.
- Motion #2 was brought forth by the Executive board. Motion reads: *I move to amend standing rules to include: All resignations from chair or committee member positions must be provided to the WAWM PTA Council President in writing and must be dated. Any verbal resignation must be followed up in writing within 48 hours. Following three documented attempts by the President to obtain a written resignation, it will be assumed that the resignation is valid. Email is an acceptable form of written resignation. All materials, files, and property of WAWM PTA Council pertaining to chair or committee member positions must be turned over to the President or the President's designated person within 2 weeks of resignation.* Rationale: To avoid confusion when resignations are verbal in nature. Motion was voted on and adopted.

Local Unit Reports

- **Hoover** – Renee Devine – Reading Incentive Carnival is coming up. See written report from convention delegates.
- **SEPTA** – Sandra Plotecher – T-shirt sale is underway. Next meeting is the last Wednesday in May. SEPTA parents would like to help with activities feel free to contact SEPTA through the website at wawmsepta.org
- **Irving** – Heather Slade - Reading Carnival is coming up; had a CiCis fundraiser that received a huge turnout. Field Day is May 31st.