



# WA-WM PTA Councilor

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### Important Dates:

- Feb 2 – Council Meeting
- Feb 15 – Founders Day Carnival
- March 2 – School Board Candidate Forum
- April 6 – Council Meeting – Awards Due

### President's Letter

Carnival time is near! We have a number of schools who have registered their games. We will have a Plinko game, a Bozo the Clown type game, a Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader type game, and more! Council will provide your unit with the winning tickets & consolation prizes for your games. We still need volunteers to supervise the inflatables. Just one person from each unit for one hour will cover the afternoon. Please go to [VolunteerSpot](#) to register today!

This year we are requesting everyone bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the WA-WM Community Closet. We will be keeping track of which school our donors are from and will be awarding a trophy for the Most Generous School Community. So Principals, get the word out to your students!

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## National PTA News

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### **The 2015 National PTA Legislative Conference**

The National PTA Legislative Conference (LegCon) gives participants the chance to have in-depth discussions about PTA's public policy priorities through interactive workshops, keynote speakers, advocacy trainings and more.

During the conference, PTA advocates from across the country will have the opportunity to amplify their voices at the federal level by advocating on behalf of PTA and influencing lawmakers.

Attendees will also network with PTA peers and share best practices, as well as honor grassroots champions and policy leaders.

[Register NOW!](#)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

### **119<sup>th</sup> Annual National PTA Convention & Exhibition**

**Charlotte Convention  
Center  
Charlotte, NC**

**June 26 – 28, 2015**



## Wisconsin PTA

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### **Become a member of the WI PTA Board of Directors!**

We are looking for qualified candidates to run for our executive positions, and also to fill our committee chair openings.

This year we are electing a President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the Executive Board to be voted on in at Convention in April.

We are also searching for Region Advisors, a bulletin editor, Technology Chair, and a Youth Representative that will be appointed by the incoming State President.

Please visit the Wisconsin PTA website to find forms & job descriptions.

**Wisconsin PTA  
106<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Convention &  
Business Meeting  
April 17 – 18, 2015  
The Clarion Hotel  
Airport  
Milwaukee, WI**

Cook's Cake Decorating & Candy Supplies™ will again be sponsoring our Cake Decorating Competition. We will be awarding prizes in four age categories – Primary (PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Intermediate (6 – 8 grades), High School (9 – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) & Adult 18+ and not enrolled in High School.

We have a large number of items for the Silent Auction, two chances to win cash at our 50/50 raffles, and chances to win raffle baskets. We will again have a chance to win a door prize for everyone who stops in!

Remember to come hungry! We will have concessions & a generous donation of baked goods will be available for purchase. We are so excited and cannot wait to see you all at this year's Game Show themed WA-WM PTA Council Founders Day Carnival.

~Laura Weaver, 2013 – '15 President

## 2014 – '15 Board

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## **Awards Committee**

It is never too early to turn in awards! Feel free to hand them in at any time prior to the deadline of April 13<sup>th</sup> (at the Council Meeting).

Council Awards Banquet will be on Friday, May 15, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus. Please remember to send photos of your events to the committee via email to [kelleyslerrano@yahoo.com](mailto:kelleyslerrano@yahoo.com) or post them to the Council Facebook page. We will use them in a photo presentation at the banquet. Everyone should plan to decorate their table & show their school spirit. Tablecloth size is 84" round. Please feel free to ask Kelley if you have any questions. Remember, you can turn in award applications at any time. If you can get them in sooner rather than later, any questions that may arise can be answered before the deadlines. Visit the Awards page of the website to download the packet.

## **Scholarship Committee**

2015 Scholarship applications will be available after the committee meets to finalize this year's plans. They will be meeting on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, so we expect to hear more at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting.

## **School Board Candidates Forum**

The forum will be held on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Administration Building, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor in place of the Council Meeting. We are in need of questions that you would like the Council to ask the School Board Candidates. Please email your questions to Jill Wessel at [jillewessel@hotmail.com](mailto:jillewessel@hotmail.com).

# WA-WM Community News

## Join Us for Coalition Meetings in 2015!

Come to the West Allis-West Milwaukee Coalition Meetings to:

- **Learn** about alcohol and drug abuse issues in the community
- **Inform** the Coalition about your concerns regarding youth
- **Eat** great custard from Culver's West Allis
- **Enter for a chance to win** a \$10 gift certificate from Antigua's Mexican and Latin Restaurant – 2 certificates raffled at each meeting
- **Network** with our community partners and members

Meetings are held from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars for dates and locations of meetings in 2015:

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** – St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 6762 West Rogers Street

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Apostle Presbyterian Church, 1509 South 76th Street

Topic: youth group projects (dinner also generously provided by Apostle Presbyterian Church)

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** – WAWM School District Administration Building, 1205 South 70<sup>th</sup> Street

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** - North Shore Bank, 10533 West National Avenue

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** – West Milwaukee Community Center, 1345 South 47<sup>th</sup> Street

Please call 414-604-3506 to register or for more information. Hope to see you there!

# WA-WM PTA Council Minutes

## **WAWM PTA Council Meeting Minutes January 5, 2015**

### **Call to order**

6:35 PM by Laura

### **Attendance**

See sign-in sheet, quorum verified

### **Adjourned**

7:32PM motion by Jill

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Minutes of the previous meeting approved and filed*

### **Treasurer's Report**

*Treasurer report was approved and filed.*

### **District Report (Brian Vissers)**

- Please see written report

### **Legislative Report (Brian)**

- Please see written report

### **Legislative Report (Laura)**

- The chair at both the council and state levels is open

### **Schools/Administration Report**

- FLW – Ms. Georgenson for Ms. Koehler
  - PTA meets the same night as council
  - PBIS – see flyer
    - Attendance
    - Behavior
    - Book store

### **Teacher Rep (Lynn Burke and Tammi Fure from Central and Lincoln)**

- No report

### **President Report (Laura)**

- As always, let Laura know what she can bring to State PTA and to DPI on your behalf
- Council is here to help, let us know what your issues are
- Convention is in April
  - 1 tshirt submission
  - Council can help local units attend

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP Report (Jill)**

- Planning the date for the school board candidate forumort

## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report/Carnival Committee Report (Gena)

- Newsletter has been distributed
- Carnival
  - Theme – Game Shows
  - February 15<sup>th</sup> noon to 4pm
  - Booth decoration contest for all schools with a prize
  - Sign-up email was distributed
  - Silent auction
  - Cake auction
    - Age categories
  - Principals encouraged to sign up for welcome table
  - Community project: closet
  - See flyer for more info

## Nominating Report

- Nobody has stepped forward yet

## Scholarship Report

No report

Committee – Debbie Gast, Jenny Wigand, Leigh Gould

## Awards Report

- The entry packet will be on the website soon
- Banquet is May 15<sup>th</sup>
- The committee would like units to send any photos from events throughout the year
- Each unit will decorate their own table (84-inch table)

## Local Unit Reports on accomplishments since the last meeting and upcoming events

<b>FLW</b>	Quiet month
<b>Franklin</b>	Shoparoo successful with just a handful of participants; color run in June; limo ride for fundraiser top sellers
<b>Hale</b>	Quiet month/no meeting
<b>Hoover</b>	Not present/no report
<b>Jefferson</b>	Santa Sale very successful; dine out at ChuckeCheese; swim night
<b>Irving</b>	Movie/math night-fun family activities for all
<b>Lane</b>	Not present/no report
<b>Lincoln</b>	Girl's night out
<b>Longfellow</b>	Not present/no report
<b>Madison</b>	Shoparoo, scrip monthly sale; silent auction; restaurant nights
<b>Mann</b>	Not present/no report
<b>Mitchell</b>	Not present/no report
<b>Pershing</b>	High interest day
<b>SEPTA</b>	Membership is low
<b>WAC</b>	Rummage
<b>Walker</b>	Not present/no report
<b>Wilson</b>	Not present/no report
<b>WMIS</b>	Not present/no report
<b>Other</b>	

**Handouts and attachments**

Agenda	Newsletter
Legislative Report	Motion slips
Sign in sheet	Flyers
Minutes from previous meeting	District report
Treasurer report	Budget

**Next Meeting**

**February 2, 2015**

**Submitted by**

**Debbie Gast, WAWM PTA Council Secretary**