

**Mount Lebanon City Council of PTA's  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Jefferson Elementary School  
February 5, 2020- 9am**

Bonnie Dougherty, Council President, called the meeting to order at 9am. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Bonnie thanked Mr. Brett Bielewicz, Jefferson Elementary Principal and Kristin Archbold, Jefferson's PTA President for hosting today's meeting.

January 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

**Executive Board Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rich Messimer. The following budget information was shared via email to members. Georgia Pogue Scholarship fund Budget to Actual, Georgia Pogue Scholarship Fund Finances, and the Council Budget to actual report. The current council balance is \$7,045.40 and the current Georgia Pogue balance is \$20,932.47.

**Council PTA President Bonnie Dougherty:** Bonnie shared the following:

- Please remember to submit questions for the upcoming MLEA/PTA meeting Feb 11<sup>th</sup> @7pm and the March 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm, PTA/School Board meeting.
- Volunteers for the Georgia Pogue Scholarship committee - Cristina Battaglia Volunteered to help with this committee.
- A Committee Chair is needed for the Lifetime PTA membership award- Rebecca Matheus Volunteered to Chair

**Mount Lebanon School District Superintendent Dr. Tim Steinhauer:**

Dr. Steinhauer discussed and shared the following:

- No school February 17<sup>th</sup> as of today
- Air Quality, Corona virus concerns, Pertussis, Lice etc are all health issues the district monitors closely. The district website will provide updates
- The January 27<sup>th</sup> Parent University was well attended, we have received positive feedback, sessions were well received and we plan on having this again next year. Cissy did a great job organizing and advertising this program.
- The district's Social and Emotional Learning program has been integrated into the classrooms. Librarians at all the building are finding and displaying books that match the 25 competencies for students to read and enjoy.
- The English departments are looking to expand the authorship pool to include more diverse authors for the outside reading assignments.

**Other PTA Officers:**

- Mary Ellen Donato - Reminded Unit PTA's to double check that Council has the most recent copies of their By-Laws

**Committee Reports:**

Community Service- Mary Ellen Donato:

- The SHIM Drive will be held March 23-27. Each School will be assigned separate items to collect as has occurred in the past.

- Individual Schools school have a Chair person responsible for coordinating the collection at their school.
- SHIM is not providing bags or boxes this year but the library has boxes available for pick up.
- All items will be collected by South Hills Movers on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Reflections- Bonnie Dougherty:

- Mt. Lebanon students received a lot of recognition again this year. Congratulations to all students who participated.
- Mr. Thompson is currently looking for a location to hold the awards ceremony.

Technology/Newsletter- Fundraising Page- Bonnie Dougherty:

- All school-based fundraisers will be shared in this location. Please share any feedback you may have.

### **Old Business: Bonnie Dougherty**

- Report of the Nominating Committee- Rebecca Matheus shared the Nominating Committee Report - this report can be found at the end of these minutes

Bonnie Dougherty opened the floor to nominations and presented the nominations per PTA guidelines. The following uncontested slate was presented.

- President: Bonnie Dougherty
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Cristina Battaglia
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Denis Skorskiy
- Treasurer: Allison Carey
- Secretary: Priya Sukumaran
- Historian: Melissa Harman

**New Business: Bonnie Dougherty** None

**Unit President Announcements:** None

**Community Representatives:**

**Mount Lebanon School Board:** Sarah Olbrich shared the following:

- The school board approved all the capital budget projects for maintenance and improvement.
- There will be an update on the Replacement of the High School Turf and Track in the upcoming Lebo Magazine.

**Mount Lebanon Fire Department:** Kevin Abbott shared current department activities in the classrooms. Elementary Fire Safety education is wrapping up and Middle School students are learning about cooking and fire safety.

- The department wants parents to be aware of the Phone Charger challenge being shared on social media- youth are putting a penny between the outlet and the charger plug which causes a short circuit. Two Fires have been reported in the city as a result of this.
- The Youth Fire Intervention Program handout was shared with the group.
- The department is looking to expand the Stop the Bleed program into the high school. They are also willing to provide the education program to the PTA if there is interest. This is a safety training program on how to stop bleeding in an emergency situation.

**Mount Lebanon Municipality:** Laura Lilley

- Our three new commissioners are on board and had their first full day of service in January.
- Laura thanked the school district for being a great partner and hosting the Mount Lebanon Academy program. The program which runs for 8 weeks is full again this year.
- Pittsburgh Popcorn will be coming to Mount Lebanon soon.

**Outreach:** Jenica Schoolcraft

- Teen Screen was completed at the middle schools: 32 students at Mellon and 30 students at Jefferson were screened by the program. Screenings at the high school are scheduled for March and about 60 students are signed up so far.
- The Choices Program, a drug and alcohol education program is currently available. Sessions run the third Saturday of every month.
- Additional programming information is available at <https://outreachteen.org/>

**Mount Lebanon Police Department:** Bonnie Dougherty shared the following for the department:

- Please follow the drop off and pick up guidelines at our school buildings. We have been seeing a lot of dangerous situations at Mellon and the High School. Please refer to the letters from your building for guidelines.

**Mount Lebanon Library:** Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer, Children’s Librarian, shared the following:

- The February calendar has a lot of fun Sunday programs for children looking for activities.
- The 47<sup>th</sup> annual chess tournament for children K-8<sup>th</sup> grade is coming up soon.
- The Peep diorama contest is starting soon. Please check the website at for additional programing <http://www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/>

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am

Submitted by:  
Rebecca Matheus, Council PTA Secretary  
March 1,2020.  
Minutes Approved March 4, 2020

**Report of the Nominating Committee- Shared by Rebecca Matheus**

**Name of PTA:** Mt. Lebanon City Council PTA                      **Date:** February 4, 2020

The Nominating Committee met on February 2, 2020 to consider all eligible candidates for the 2020-2021 term of office. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we present the following slate of officers for nomination at the February 5, 2020 Council PTA general membership meeting:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
President:	Bonnie Dougherty
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Cristina Battaglia

<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Denis Skorskiy  
Treasurer: Allison Carey  
Secretary: Priya Sukumaran  
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**Nominating Committee:**

Moira Aulbach, Mellon Middle School  
Rebecca Matheus, PTA Council  
Wendy Liberty, Howe Elementary School  
Danika Lagorio, Foster Elementary  
Colleen Frank, Mount Lebanon High School

The report of the Nominating Committee is submitted to the membership prior to the election in accordance with the unit's bylaws. It is also reported at the election meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee must be entered into the minutes and may be posted according to the unit's bylaws and/or rules.