

**Mount Lebanon City Council of PTA's
Council Meeting Minutes
Jefferson Middle School
March 4, 2020- 9am**

Bonnie Dougherty, Council President, called the meeting to order at 9am. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Bonnie thanked Dr. Sarah Shaw, Jefferson Middle School's Principal and Jean Thomas, Jefferson's PTA President for hosting today's meeting.

February 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Executive Board Reports

Treasurer's Report:

Bonnie Dougherty shared the budget information for Rich. 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 \$7,699.40 and the current Georgia Pogue balance is \$21,524.47.

Council PTA President Bonnie Dougherty: Bonnie shared the following:

- Bonnie asked that any unit PTA's with election issues please meet with her after today's meeting.
- The MLEA/PTA meeting was held Feb 11th @7pm - The meeting went very well. The #1 issue discussed by teachers was cell phone usage by students and student difficulty separating from their phones.
- The PTA/School Board meeting is scheduled for March 23rd @ 7pm in room D205.
- Bonnie shared that Dr. Irvin was very impressed with the way recent emergency drills proceeded. The emergency drills went very smoothly without any anxiety from students.
- Bonnie shared that Dr. Davis and Secondary Principal's shared that the number one issue continues to be traffic drop off problems. The district is also working with police to put standards in place for how to respond to an emergency situation during a sporting or other event after school hours.
- The State audit on Homelessness Services was completed. The district provides services to 5-6 students per year. Supports include: Food services support, tutoring, and help obtaining copies of Birth Certificates as needed.
- There have been requests to bring back "Screenagers" please let Bonnie know if your PTA is interested in this program.
- The Georgia Pogue Committee will be meeting in April to select this year's recipients.
- The Awards Committee for National PTA Lifetime Membership and State PTA Lifetime Membership is currently seeking nominations. Please submit nominations to Rebecca Matheus.

Mount Lebanon School District Superintendent Dr. Tim Steinhauer:

Dr. Steinhauer discussed and shared the following:

- Dr. Steinhauer introduced Deanna Hess, Department Chair for Health Services for the District. Deanna shared the district policies and procedures to monitor air quality, and illness. Deanna shared the Corona Virus management strategy which includes reminders and education on hand washing, social distancing and travel guidelines. She referred to the CDC guidelines and the Allegheny Health Department guidelines.
- Dr. Steinhauer met as a leadership team with the custodial staff, they are following all Allegheny County & CDC guidelines for additional cleaning of high touch areas etc.
- If you see Dan Miller please thank him for all the work he does for local children and families. His annual Disabilities Conference was extremely informative and very well attended.
- The district Chorus Concert was fantastic. Our students did an amazing job.
- The district is currently interviewing candidates to fill the opening for both Jefferson Middle and Markham elementary Principals openings.
- Please watch your email for information from the district concerning inclusion and diversity. To address concerns a committee is in development. We are looking for recommendations and community forums will be taking place in the near future. The focus is on building alliances and constructive in person conversations. Please know that the intent of the district is always positive. Dr. Irvin is starting the process of putting together this committee, she is looking for a co-facilitator and community involvement.

Other PTA Officers:

- Mary Ellen Donato - SHIM update:
 - o The SHIM Drive will be held March 23-27. Each School will be assigned separate items to collect as has occurred in the past.
 - o Individual Schools school have a Chair person responsible for coordinating the collection at their school.
 - o All items will be collected by South Hills Movers on Monday March 30th.
- Mary Ellen Donato- All Unit By-Laws are up to date and no one has to update their By-Laws in 2020.

Committee Reports:

Technology/Newsletter- Fundraising Page- Bonnie Dougherty:

- All school-based fundraisers will be shared in this location. School based fundraising cannot benefit one family or child. The fundraising information will be shared in all district newsletters.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bonnie Dougherty

Bonnie Dougherty read the nominations for council PTA following PTA guidelines:

The election of the following uncontested slate was voted into office with a voice vote.

- President: Bonnie Dougherty
- 1st Vice President: Cristina Battaglia
- 2nd Vice President: Denis Skorskiy
- Treasurer: Allison Carey

- Secretary: Priya Sukumaran
- Historian: Melissa Harman

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 was an update on the Replacement of the High School Turf and Track in the upcoming Lebo Magazine.
- The first Budget report meeting will take place March 9th. Please trust that programming will remain the same. March 11th @7pm there will be a Budget meeting for the community.

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 trailer with updates should be rolling out in May and the department will start fire safety lessons in the Life Skills classes in April.

- 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.
- 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.
- Disaster preparedness skills and information can be found at FEMA.gov and Ready.gov