

Mt Lebanon City Council of PTAs

Council Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2022

1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting called to order at 9:03 am with pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes-May2022
 - a. We need to approve both the May minutes and the June minutes. The June meeting was held virtually to complete our elections. The minutes were emailed out to everyone. No changes noted for either minutes. Motion made by Bonnie D to accept minutes as written. Seconded by Jen no one opposed.
3. Treasurer's Report-Denis Skorskiy
 - a. Review and Vote to Approve the 2022-2023 Budget
 - i. The draft minutes were presented at the May meeting, no changes from last year. We are currently carrying about \$4000 balance. Motion made to approve budget by Stacey, seconded by Bonnie.
4. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President-Becki Campanaro
 - i. Thank yous:
 1. Thank you to all the Teachers and staff for seamless start to the school year. Things feel pretty normal this year.
 2. Thank you to Bonnie and outgoing board. Bonnie has been a staple on the PTA and we appreciate all your hard work and guidance.
 3. MTLPD for Go Zone policing at the beginning of year seems like it is going well
 - ii. Mr Stengle has set up all the unit presidents for access to update websites. If you need help Bonnie has offered to assist.
 - iii. Membership Drive is currently underway. Don't forget to send a portion to the state so we are eligible for Reflections. If you need help Denis or Allison Carey can assist
 - iv. President's meetings Primary Presidents will meet w Dr Irvin on Friday. Secondary Presidents will meet with Dr Davis on Sept 20, President's coffee is scheduled for Sept 26.
 - v. Technology We are beginning a new program this year called schoology. Parents are invited to take training course. Began at tech pick up at elementary schools and email will go out to parents for more building specific training.
 - vi. Committee Chairs Council Level We need to fill the following

1. Arts in reflection chair this one is most timely so we can participate in Reflections program in fall
2. Parent education purpose is to bring in outside groups. We have an assistant with lots of ideas but need someone to help execute the programs
3. Community Service. We usually partner w SHIM in the spring
4. Dr Steinhauer will be retiring at the end of the school year

b. Superintendent-Dr Timothy Steinhauer

- i. It is people like you all who step up that makes us successful as a district.
- ii. Reintroduced Kristen James the Communication director, sha can help w PTA web pages.
- iii. Schoology is a program that will work for us we all students, parents and teachers need time to get used to it
- iv. We have a new ELA program, 1:1 initiative for elementary and sustainable practices are going to be reenergized as covid restrictions decrease. Dr Irvin and Dr Davis can talk about schools
- v. Dr Irvin
 1. Schoology is a new management system. We found esp during covid that google was not school specific and we needed a new system. We did some quick training at tech pick up night and we will be slowly growing w elementary. It won't be attached to the current grade book for elem
 2. ELA K-2 Foundations, gr 3-5 will have strong focus on writing right now and look we will look at Literature as we progress it will take a few years to transition everything over. We are looking at the literature in our curriculum we want to make sure that what we are offering and teaching helps every child feel welcome and safe
 3. 1-1 technology hopefully the tech night was helpful. WE have the power point on the website. We want everyone to be on the same technology esp in the younger grades so teacher only has 1 type of device to explain. DEI is not separate but infused in all we do. 1:1 tech helps level the playing field so everyone has the same device
- vi. Dr Davis
 1. Technology Gr 6-12 is BYOD bring your own device or can borrow from the district. New Protection Program (optional) \$35 so if there is breakage we fix it free @900 people have signed up.
 2. Schoology We formed a committee of tech savvy people and non tech savvy people to review some programs including the one we currently had and it was determined that schoology would best fit our needs. Some of the pluses include all kids in family can be on same site for easier parent reference, and the transportability of grades to power school. I'm sure there will be some growing pains

esp w older HS kids who had mastered google classroom. We do have a help email for question and/or problems.

3. Dept of Education has made some changes to the integrated science standards to be enacted in 2025 so we are starting to evaluate what we have and how it correlates
4. Act 158 new grading pathway to prove competency for state graduation requirements. It is empowering the family giving options to prove competency for graduation standards esp for those students who are not good at taking standardized test.
5. Alumni survey asking about World language, PE, and other experiences to get look at student experiences

- c. First Vice President- Jean Thomas- None
- d. Second Vice President- Priya Sukumaran- None
- e. Secretary- Kelly Latona
 - i. Please sign in
- f. Historian-Lindi Pastorius-
 - i. excited to meet everyone and looking forward to a great year

5. Committee Reports

- a. Reflections Bonnie to clarify for Reflections Oct 17 is the potential deadline. If we don't have a chair, HS will move on since only 1 but elementary and Middle need to be judged. Time commitment is not huge, mostly coordinating since everything is now electronic. Just need to be sufficient with google docs. Question was raised by Priya if a unit level person could do it. Answer is yes
- b. Environmental Chair Shayna works with the municipality to multitude of ways to reduce our mark on the environment

6. Audit Committee Report

- a. Completed by Jenn Schubert and presented by Bonnie. Report attached

7. Old Business- none

8. New Business -none

9. Unit Principal's Announcements

Band Festival this weekend elementary band kids should have gotten free tickets. If more are needed for the rest of family email Bonnie

10. Questions for Community Representatives

- a. Mt Lebanon School Board- Erin Guentzel

- i. There is a new board member since our last meeting, Melinda Berdyck. She has been very active in PTA has 2 girls in district MS and HS
 - ii.
 - b. Reports for the following will be posted to the PTA website
 - i. Mt Lebanon Fire Dept
 - 1. classroom visits have started. See report
 - ii. Mt Lebanon Municipality
 - iii. Outreach
 - 1. See report regarding a new counselor
 - iv. Mt Lebanon Police Dept
 - 1. They got a puppy named "Bear". He is a bloodhound. He is not a patrol dog but a search and rescue dog. Is getting used to the big city
 - v. Mt Lebanon Public Library
11. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting will be Oct 12 at Howe Elementary at 9AM
- b. Motion to adjourn at 10:06 am Bonnie, seconded by Kelly

Minutes submitted by Kelly Latona, Council Secretary

Attachments

Budget

Outreach Report

MTLFD report

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2022 - 2023 Budget (Draft)

Income	Amount	Notes
2020-2021 Carryover	4,473.69	a
Membership	1,550.00	b
Unit Obligation	1,200.00	c
Installment and Training Event	400.00	d
Total Income	7,623.69	

Notes

- a AUDITED BALANCE
- b based on 3,100 members @\$.50
- c 10 units @ \$120
- d based on 40 attendees @\$10
- e event not scheduled
- f Calendar is transitioning to paperless

Expense	Amount	Notes
Awards & Recognition		
Georgia Pogue	100.00	
School Board Appreciation	75.00	
State & Nat'l PTA Awards	250.00	
Student Visionary Award	25.00	
Total Awards & Recognition	450.00	
Committee Expenses		
Environmental Concerns	100.00	
Parent Education	200.00	
Staff Appreciation	300.00	
Total Committee Expenses	600.00	
Community Service		
Georgia Pogue Fund Donation	500.00	
Candidates Forum	-	e
Learning Support-MTL Public Library	100.00	
MtLFE Donation	1,000.00	
Musical Instrument Fund	150.00	
Total Community Service	1,750.00	
Operating Expenses		
Bank Service Charges	36.00	
Council Leadership Training & Conventions	300.00	
Council Officers/Chairs Expenses	150.00	
District Calendar	-	f
Installation and Training Event	500.00	
Insurance	200.00	
Total Operating Expenses	1,186.00	
Unbudgeted Expenses/Available Funds	3,637.69	
Total Expenses	7,623.69	

Outreach Teen & Family Services

Outreach has had a very busy summer! We've been working hard on getting programs ready for schools this fall as well as hiring a new full-time Clinical Director.

Our new Clinical Director, Kaitlyn Campbell, starts at Outreach today (9/7). We are excited to welcome her to the Team!

Maggie Zangara and Caryn Jooste (counselors at Outreach) presented at the High School orientation; we received 2-3 inquiries the following day! We are not maintaining a Wait List and recently hired a new counselor to provide telehealth and in person sessions. She will also be working with the immigrant population at SHIM's center.

Maggie has also been busy with the "Talk it Out" curriculum for our library partners. Counselors are presenting at Castle Shannon Library and Peters Township, as well as MTL.

We've also been discussing our QPR Gatekeeper training with school districts and communities. This program trains adults who are directly working with our youth in peer to peer language for suicide prevention. Caryn Jooste will be providing this training at Castle Shannon Library, Baldwin Community Library and Bethel Park Community Center. The first year's training is generously covered by a memorial fund from a local family. Please contact Maggie Zangara at mzangara@outreachteen.org to find out more and schedule training!

The first meeting of our Youth Advocacy Committee will take place in September. These young people applied for and were interviewed to be a part of the committee and its work. There are 3 sub-committees: Advocacy, Leadership and Marketing. Maggie Zangara is leading this group. They will be co-hosting the "Teens Tap In" podcast, attending Outreach's Board meetings as well as heading to Harrisburg for opportunities to inform our elected officials about Mental Health. Applications are still being taken until the end of this calendar year. Click on this link to find out how your teen can apply: <https://outreachteen.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/YAC.pdf>

The upcoming Counselor Chat this month is on Social Media usage, with guest speaker Ryan Klingensmith from Shape the Sky. This webinar is provided as part of the Supporter Program. Would you like to do more to support of youth and families in our community? Then become part of the Supporter Program as an active member! Use this QR code to sign up:



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Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228
412-343-3402
www.mtlfd.org

Fire Department Update: September 2022

The Fire Safety Program has already begun for the school year. We are still in the process of scheduling the year's lessons in K-5, 8th grade, and High School Health classes. At the recommendation of the National Fire Protection Association, we are moving Stop, Drop, and Roll lessons to Second Grade and talking about where to go in an emergency at home in its place in Kindergarten. We are also using a muffled smoke detector in younger grades to let kids learn what they sound like.

In 2022 alone, the fire department has responded to 53 separate incidents involving downed power lines. Many of these lines were live and extremely dangerous, and we continue to have issues with adults taking unsafe actions around these lines. Staying 30 feet away from any downed wire, and calling 911, is the only appropriate action when you are in this situation. Going under caution tape, driving around barricades, and attempting to go into the barricaded area for any reason endangers both yourselves and others. Also, please remember that pets can't read the signs.

The Citizen's Fire Academy is starting in two weeks and is open to any adult resident who wants to know more about the fire department. Classes are usually Wednesday evenings. More information is available by going to: <http://mtlfd.org/for-our-residents/citizens-fire-academy/>

We are currently taking applications for the next group of volunteers. If you want to give back to the community by joining the volunteer ranks (or would like someone else you live with out of the house more often) you can learn about the training and expectations by going to: <http://mtlfd.org/recruitment/volunteer/>

We are continuing smoke alarm installations and fireplace inspections in residents' homes. You can go to www.mtlfd.org or call 412-343-3402 to schedule or find out more information. It's also Block Party season, so call while you can if you want a fire truck to show up at yours!