

**Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTA's
Council Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2023 - 9:00 AM; Markham Elementary**

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting called to order by Becki C. at 9:05 am with the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes - February 2023
Approved as written
3. Treasurer's Report – Denis Skorskiy
Statements show no activity in or out this month on either the main or Georgia Pogue acct. Formal report attached at end
4. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President – Becki Campanaro
 - i. Meetings this month
 1. 2/6 Met w Dr Steinhauer and Mrs. Pessy talked about attendance notes that are going out to families
 2. 2/9 Schoology meeting Mr. Hladio can speak more about that
 3. 2/15 PTA w MLEA wonderful meeting topics included Superintendent search, lingering effects of Covid, moving forward, and substitute teacher shortage. We then broke into primary and secondary groups to talk about 1:1 technology, plagiarism and bullying
 4. 2/27 Presidents Coffee talked about our advocacy and plan for the future
 5. Upcoming meeting w School board next week
 - ii. Unit boards please hold your elections this month and be mindful of slate and announcements that need to sit for 30 days since Feb is a short month
 - b. Superintendent - Dr. Timothy Steinhauer
 - i. Sports- both girls' and boys' basketball teams were in the semifinals for WPIALs unfortunately both lost. Wrestling WPIAL is approaching. Comment from Jean T that dive had a medalist on the WPIAL podium and swim WPIALs begin tomorrow. We have hired a new football coach Mr. Collodi from Elizabeth Forward.
 - ii. Staffing Search is on for new Special Education director. The candidate pool is shallow. We have moved Dr Nikki Giehll into the role temporarily, Dr Moyer the Unit 2 Principal will cover the principal role at Hoover while Dr Giehll is gone and Mrs. Carly McGinty the recently retired unit 3 principal will cover for Dr Moyer at the HS. We are also down 1.5 school psychologists and trying to cover some FML absences.
 - iii. Budget- Mr. Geltko and the team are beginning budget season

- iv. Community interactions- Introduced Chief Jason Haberman the new acting Chief of Police, was the interim COP and we already have a good working relationship
- v. It has been a privilege of a lifetime to have served as the Superintendent for MTL and I am down to 4 months
- c. Assistant Superintendent for Elementary – Dr. Marybeth Irvin
Not present for report
- d. Assistant Superintendent for Secondary – Dr. Ron Davis
 - i. Kudos to Dr Steinhauer for developing Lebo Parent University. We had lots of great speakers and approx. 110 participants
 - ii. Asst Superintendent Forum Dr Irwin and I hosted this for Asst Superintendents from area. Special thanks to Rep Dan Miller who spoke about education. He is well educated on the topic and an ally in Harrisburg.
 - iii. Thank you to municipality for being included in Resident’s Academy. We got to host a program for them in the HS last week.
- e. K-12 Technology Coordinator – Mr. Mike Hladio
 - i. Schoology Front New YouTube videos on district Help page- 5 skills that every family needs. Tweets to start going out soon.
 - ii. Resource: I am part of a group of with schoology admin to help problem solve and improve platform
 - iii. Teacher Assist- set up virtual author visits w library and all elementary schools, back up for teachers as they try new things w schoology, MMS is looking at doing a podcast, instructing primary teachers how to use.
 - iv. Budget season- many companies gave things away freely during pandemic but are now starting to charge we need to be aware ex Ed puzzles, Turn it off, McGraw Hill, Powerschool
 - v. Questions?
 - 1. Are you supported by the rest of the tech dept? I work with them as a bridge btw coders and teachers
 - 2. Look at Best practices to prevent cheating esp. w ChatGPT
- f. First Vice President – Jean Thomas
 - i. Attended State PTA training on nominations and elections. Rules that were highlighted include Nominating committee is permitted to share proposed slate only w Pres and those on the slate. Make sure it sits for 30 days, yes you can vote for yourself, only members can vote so even though we have open meetings you need to check votes against a member roster. Only positions that are necessary for a slate is President and Treasurer and hopefully secretary. The others can be added later
- g. Second Vice President – Priya Sukumaran
No report
- h. Secretary – Kelly Latona
Please turn in the delegate forms so I can make sure to include everyone on council invites
- i. Historian – Lindi Pastorius

No report

5. Committee Reports

- a. Environmental- Shayna
 - i. Earth day is coming up April 30
 - ii. School district Dashboard for environmental looks good
 - iii. Discussion about sidewalks has arisen to help w walking to school
- b. Parent Education Jen Boal was looking into QPR training w Outreach for PTA as reported by Becki

6. Old Business

Election of the Board since there is only one candidate for each of the positions on the slate a voice vote may occur for the entire board.

- a. The Slate as presented
 - 1. President: Becki Campanaro
 - 2. First VP: Jean Thomas
 - 3. Second VP: Priya Sukumaran
 - 4. 3rd VP: Incoming Superintendent
 - 5. Treasurer: Denis Skorskiy
 - 6. Secretary: Kelly Latona
 - 7. Historian: Lindi Pastorius
- b. Voting The ayes have it no objections. Thank you for your service.

7. New Business

none

8. Unit President's Announcements

- a. Markham -We had outside presentation recently called the Science of Hockey from the Carnegie Science Center. We received really good feedback from all the kids. So if you are looking for a program, we definitely recommend it.
- b. Lincoln- As you probably know we had a flood in Dec that necessitated renovations to the gym floor. It is back open now looks great, amazed by how quickly they were able to get it done only took 4-5 weeks. Kudos to the substitute gym teacher, Mr. Pomaibo who did a great job keeping the kids active in the alternate spaces. Thank you to the custodians who had to clean up.

9. Questions for Community Representatives

- a. Mt. Lebanon School Board-Sarah Olbrich
 - i. Superintendent Search- Erin (coordinator) 25 applicants right now and close March 15. Search firm will decrease to 10. Timeline is on track for May 1 appointment w July 1 start date
 - ii. Budget season is upon us 80% of our budget is our staff. Charter School reform We pay approx. \$400 thousand for our students to attend
 - iii. Questions

1. Nov 2021 We talked about the state of our playgrounds. Where does that stand- We (SB) have added a Capitol project plan for the playgrounds it is building every year and as things fail, they can be replaced. Currently all playground equipt is safe or was removed. We do have a certified playground inspector on staff.
 2. Teacher contract talks- complicated and takes time even through June 30 is end of current contract we don't foresee a delay in start of school
 3. Why advertise for Asst Superintendent of Elementary now? We want to have a pool of candidates ready for the new Superintendent. We are not currently selecting one.
 4. Charter Schools- How many kids attend and why? Do we hold exit interviews with those who left? \$4-5K per student with about 35 kids attending currently. 19 kids are in our cyber program. We have not seen any trends except for refugee families due to ethnic settlement in Baldwin that have carried over to MTL
- b. Reports for the following will be posted to the PTA website
- i. Mt. Lebanon Fire Department- Kris Siegert
 1. Winner has been determined and the belt is being engraved but not being revealed yet
 2. Adult education over summer- over 16 about home safety.
 3. Report attached at end
 - ii. Mt. Lebanon Municipality- Laura Pace Lilley
 1. Uptown is not done but they are starting active destruction again this month, hopeful of end date in May.
 2. East End Brewing opens tomorrow
 3. EV charging stations was installed on Floor 2 of parking garage. We will monitor usage for potential increase. One is in Overlook lot
 4. Elevator in parking garage is out of service. Handicap spots are avail on first floor, Academy lot and spot in front of Flume for level transition
 5. Historic board putting up new signs on top of street signs to mark historic area and celebrate it.
 6. Comprehensive Plan we are working through surveys. Sidewalks and mobility at the top
 - iii. Outreach Kaitlyn Campbell
 1. We are currently operating w a wait list and looking for help. QPR training ongoing, RAPPS at both middle schools finishing up, HS to start Monday. We ID'd 30 students for follow up. Pod Cast topic is suicide this month please have students listen w a support person.
 2. Supporter Program we rely on donations. Benefits get newsletter, access to webinars, March 19 Parents Night Out at Anthrologie 5:30-7:30 w complimentary food and drink, mindful meditation, shopping and raffle prizes

3. Parent Steering Committee help determine topics for our newsletter. Contact Mary Birks if interested.
 4. Connections Gala May 4 at Renaissance Hotel info is on the website
- iv. Mt. Lebanon Police Department- Chief Haberman
 1. Introduction of new police chief Haberman.
 2. New officers have been hired but we do have 3 more pending retirement. Scott Kunz recently retired
 3. New initiative w Outreach pilot program co-response model
 4. Wellness Program to help keep officers well rate of suicide is 2X for PO over the community.
 - v. Mt. Lebanon Public Library- Scott Buchanan
 1. Shared Initiative with Outreach focus on mental health. Family Yoga March 13, lots of stuff for teens including Citizens Science labs on Thursdays and beginner Ukulele lessons
 2. Colson Whitehead Lecture- tickets still avail
 - vi. Announcements and Adjournment
 1. Next meeting April 19th at Lincoln 9am
 2. Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

Attendance

In person: Kelly Latona, Becki Campanaro, Ginny Chambers, Kristen Weir, Kaitlyn Campbell, Jean Thomas, Ron Davis, Kristen James, Marisa Hupe, Sarah Olbrich, Laura Lilley, Jason Haberman, Bonnie Dougherty, Kris Siegert, Breanne Makatche, Tim Steinhauer, Mike Hladio, Lindi Pastorius, Stacie Carlson, Lorraine May, Callie Burstein, Jackie Artinger, Shayna Bodi
On Phone: Priya Sukumaran



Mt. Lebanon Fire Department
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Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228
412-343-3402
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Fire Department Update:

March 2023

The Fire Safety Belt will be awarded this month.

Over the last month, we've received more information regarding Lithium-Ion batteries and how to handle them when they fail. If you have a mobility device with a large battery, charge it in the garage or outside, do not use refurbished or damaged batteries, and use the manufacturer's charging devices.

As we trade ice and snow for wind and rain, please be safe and avoid downed trees, flooded roadways, and downed wires. Call 911 for low-hanging or downed wires regardless of whether they appear to be electrical, cable, or phone lines. All of them are dangerous until proven otherwise. If the area is blocked off with fire line tape, DO NOT ENTER!

The department is participating in a 5K event starting at the MLHS on Saturday, May 20th called Joggin' for Frogmen, which is a fundraiser for families of fallen Navy SEALs and other Special Operations warriors. This is a run/walk/ruck event and there is a kids' race for the little ones. Come join us! You can get more information by going to: <https://www.jogginforfrogmen.com/pittsburghpa/>

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.

MT.LEBANON CITY COUNCIL of PTAs
Georgia Pogue Account at MTL CU
February 2023

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 20,660.32 |
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| Income | | | |
| Date Deposited | Amount | Project/Committee | Budget Line |
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| Total Revenue | \$ - | | |

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| Total Expenses | \$ - | | |

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| End Balance | \$ 20,660.32 |
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MT.LEBANON CITY COUNCIL of PTAs
Operations Account in PNC Bank
February 2023

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 9,996.90 |
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| Total Revenue | \$ - | | |

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| End Balance | \$ 9,996.90 |
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Council PTA Meeting 03/01/2023

Treasurer Report by Denis Skorski

Agenda

- Financial Summary
- Financial Health
- Dues remittance

Financial Summary, Fiscal Year to Date

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| Operational Account (PNC) | |
| Beginning Balance | \$4,473.69 |
| Income to date | \$5,533.50 |
| Expenses to date | \$10.29 |
| Subtotal | \$9,996.90 |
| Not deposited yet | \$0.00 |
| Checks not cashed yet | \$0.00 |
| Balance to date | \$9,996.90 |

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| Georgia Pogue Account | |
| Beginning Balance | \$18,642.64 |
| Income to date | \$2017.68 |
| Expenses to date | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal | \$20,660.32 |
| Not deposited yet | \$0.00 |
| Checks not cashed yet | \$0.00 |
| Balance to date | \$ 20,660.32 |

Financial Health

Finance is in a good stand. Income and expenses are as budgeted or better.

Dues Remittance

Dues pending: **Howe ES**

Documents

- PNC Statement – January 2022
- MTL Credit Union – 4th quarter 2022
- Treasurer statements for PNC and G P accounts

End of report