**November 14, 2017**

**General PTA Meeting**

**Attendees**: Paula Tadayesky, President, Kate Loch, Vice President, Julie Wagner Burkart, Secretary, Principal Steidle, Jodi Meck, Jenifer Herncane, Jen Taube, Kim Bailey, Molly Sunderlin, Heather Statler, Holly Scheetz, Vega Torres, Stephanie Koufalis, Jennifer Hetrick

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Paula Tadayesky welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:42 pm, while most of the membership was busy wrapping the holiday gift to be distributed to the students.**
3. **Principal Steidle’s Report:** Thanks to the PTA for the wonderful field trips. Parent Visitation is November 20, 2017 9-11:30 am and Parent Conferences also begin next week. Early Dismissal Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving. We return November 28, 2017. “Thank you” card read from the staff for the Cutting Machine purchased by the PTA. The Recess Staff has developed a Recess Order of up to $500 for PTA’s consideration. Avona Elementary School has “Little Warrior” Welcome Mats that Principal Steidle would like for our school and is looking for PTA support. School Performance profiles for last year came out; many factors are considered: testing, growth and achievement; for the 2016-17 school year, WTE received a score of 84.7, the highest Score for Northampton County of any elementary school.
4. **Secretary’s report:** New Bylaws are proposed in accordance with the Model Bylaws issued by the Pennsylvania and National PTA councils. A copy is available for review by the membership and will be posted on the Website and ready for a vote at the January, 2018 General Membership Meeting.
5. **Treasurer’s report**: Nothing new to report.
6. **Vice-President’s report**: Nothing new to report.
7. **President’s report**:
8. **Committee reports:**
   1. **A+ Giant Program**: Wendy Keiter. $196.49 for this year. 93 designations. This program has existed for 5+ years. Shoppers can register the Giant Bonus Card and designate a school. Does not detract from points. Neighbors, grandparents, anyone can sign up to help build the school’s donation. Suggestion: put a Program Sign-up at the front door during Parent Visitation on November 20, 2017. Jodi Meck is willing to sit at the welcome table. Program continues until early May for this year.
   2. **Art Fair**: Melinda DiBartola. Waiting for approval for the new art fair company that provides the framed artwork (to replace Display My Art). Principal Steidle defers to the PTA, however if the framing takes time and effort on the part of staff, he must be made aware.
   3. **Book Fair**: Jenifer Herncane. Maggie Hall and Darlene Booth have offered to shadow. Volunteer slots will again be listed on the PTA website for Spring.
   4. **Book Swap**: Date: May, 2018; Leiah Belizaire.
   5. **Box Tops**: Niki Brown. Holly Scheetz. $400 only, so the profits are low. Any new ideas on how to better promote this program? Campbell Soup labels are done as of January 1st. Shoprite will allow you to register the bonus card for their Box Top program for extra points.
   6. **Career Day**: Molly Sunderlin. Spring date has not been scheduled. (Not conflicting with Take Your Child to Work Day). No clearances needed to present a career during the school day. Props and hand outs are encouraged. Food is provided. Any helpful tips are welcomed.
   7. **Enrichment**: Leiah Belizaire, Stephanie Riggs, Jen Taube. December 7, 2017, 60 kids expected for an ornament decorating after school program; $10/ornament. Spring planning has begun. New Committee members are needed.
   8. **Family Night Out**: Paula Tadayesky. November 20 and 21, 2017 TGIFridays, Southmont Center. All Day. See flyer.
   9. **Halloween Party**: Megan Benivedes. Trunk-or-Treat was a tremendous success. Thanks to all volunteers.
   10. **Health and Wellness**: Robin Barlow. Bulletin Board dedicated to health and wellness. Kim Bailey has supplies for the board, such as borders, etc.
   11. **Heritage Day**: Molly Sunderlin. January 9, 2018 is the date. Lafayette College has an international advisor who does some elementary school interactive programming with college students.
   12. **Holiday Gift**: Kim Bailey. Wrapping gifts for the students during the meeting. Extra books to be donated to the school library. Scholastic dollars are getting more difficult to use, because we are limited to certain catalogues, with limited selection for certain grade levels. Consider alternatives.
   13. **Holiday Bazaar**: Patrice Faust. Committee is meeting tomorrow night 4:30-6 pm to do inventory. Dates for the December 5, 6 with make-up day on the 7th. Class schedules have been determined. Volunteers are needed for set up on December 5th. Students are able to purchase gifts for families, friends. All items are $2. Flyers will be sent home November 27, 2017.
   14. **Membership**: Beth King. No updates. 71 members.
   15. **Newsletter**: Darlene Booth and Paula Tadayesky.
   16. **Playground**: Sara and Joe Aquino. No updates.
   17. **Williams Warrior Apparel**: Christie Vaughn. Order flyers are coming up soon and potential Christmas presents will be purchased.
   18. **Reflections**: Maggie Hall. National PTA program Art & Literature Contest. Theme: “Within Reach.” Potential award program in November. December 1st deadline for submission. Kids create a colored, framed picture. The school judges the artwork and the winning artwork passes to the Regional contest and further onto the National contest. Mrs. Lutz will assist.
   19. **Retirement**: Melinda DiBartola. Nothing new.
   20. **Room Parent**: Holly Scheetz. Difficult to get coordinated. Clearances were an issue. Will send out a letter to all classes for holiday class gifts.
   21. **Scholarship**: Jeannine Horinko. End of the Year for Graduating Seniors who attended the Williams Township Elementary School.
   22. **School Spirit Day**: Last day of the School Year. Molly Sunderlin and Jeff Booth. Men needed to help with the heavy lifting. Great opportunity for volunteering. Clearances needed.
   23. **Science Fair**: Jen Burd. No updates
   24. **Scrip Program**: Stephanie Koufalis. Need sales! Big push before the holidays.
   25. **Staff Appreciation**: Kate Loch. National PTA week. May.
   26. **Talent show**: Sara Aquino. Spring dates are being considered. New talent needed.
   27. **Tricky Tray**: 2018-19 Chairperson(s) is needed. $11,600 made at the last event. Shelli Piperato will help the new chair to get set up.
   28. **Ways and Means**: Kim Kressman. Chairperson Shadow is needed. Kidstuff Book is done. Gertrude Hawk will be before Easter. $3,000 was made last year.
   29. **Website/Social Media**: Paula Tadayesky shadowing. Main pipeline for information. All volunteer emails go out through this website. You can opt-out of certain emails.
       1. **Website –** [**www.williams.my-pta.org**](http://www.williams.my-pta.org)
       2. **Facebook Page: Williams Township Elementary School**
   30. **Wilson Area Partners in Education Representative**: Sara Aquino will be the representative from our elementary school.
   31. **Winter Carnival**. Kate Loch. Last day of school: 12/21/17
   32. **Yearbook**: Lori Miller & Stephanie Riggs. Cover has been approved and finalized.
   33. **4th Grade Committee**: Jenifer Herncane, Sharon Fretz and Beth King. $1,100 budget. T-shirts $600 approximate; $500 for farewell.
9. **Old Business**: Nothing New.
10. **New Business**:

Father-Daughter Dance; may be able to use Firehouse.

School Community Building ideas. Family Night Out or In (the School/Firehall) to get families together. Examples: Freefall, Skateaway, Movie Night etc.

1. **Other**:

Next General Meeting will be held **January 9, 2018 6:30 pm**

Next Executive Meeting will be held **February 14, 2018**

1. **Adjournment- Paula Tadayesky adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm**