



**Parent Association Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2019
9am – 10:30 am
Mt. Nebo Campus Student Union**

I. Meeting Called to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Vicki Bonzo
- Mr. Hughes opened us in prayer
- The following were in attendance: Vicki Bonzo, Sarah Detar, Chris Simonette, Jenna Lodico, Jodi Brooks, Ann Schlichtkrull, Joyce Ricci, Christi Wilcox, Tonia Foster, Kristy Sosso, Christine Kaniecki, Angie Nacey, Leslie Holland, Tom Hughes

II. Budget

- Jenna LoDico (PA Treasurer) reported that the ending balance is \$1,629.27 and that there were no expenses since the last PA meeting. There are only Senior pictures left that will need to be deducted from that balance. Debbie Balla is coordinating the picture taking with Mr. Aiken. Vicki would like to save approximately \$1000.00 for spirit wear expenses. We discussed tithing some of the money left as was done last year. It was agreed that again this year, each campus administrator will choose a family in need to receive a \$100 gift card from Giant Eagle. Vicki will speak with each campus administrator about this.

III. Berkeley Hills Update – Jodi Brooks

- The Staff Luncheon (baked potato bar) was on March 19th and it went well.
- On March 20th they had "Eden Bingo" for 1st – 6th graders for 1 hour after school with ice cream sundaes being served at the end of the event. Each student paid \$3.00 to participate.

IV. Wexford Update – Angie Nacey

- The Staff Luncheon was on March 20th and went well.
- There will be a group meeting on May 7th to discuss next year's itinerary.

V. Mt. Nebo Update – Vicki Bonzo (Jodi Fleishman absent)

- The Staff Luncheon is this Wednesday, April 10th. The current coordinators are Aimee Azur and Lori Cook who have graduating seniors at the end of the year. Hope Lucas and Rachel Deems will be the coordinators for next year and have already secured two volunteers to help them.
- The Senior picture will be taken by the PA. This picture will be of seniors in their caps and gowns. Debbie Balla is coordinating this event and Vicki thought that possibly William Lucas will be asked to take the picture.

VI. Review of Recent Events

- The Gala was held on March 22nd at the Allison Park Church. Christi Wilcox shared that she will have more information at the next PA meeting in terms of proceeds that were made from the event. Vicki stated that she thought the food and decorations were very good. Mr. Hughes stated that he appreciated everyone's effort with the Gala.

VII. Upcoming Events

- **All School Picnic**

The picnic will take place on September 28, 2019. Next year will be Erin Soza's last as she has a graduating Senior. We are still in need of someone to go alongside Erin to learn the details of coordinating this event. Dani Judd had previously indicated that she would work along with Erin but for personal reasons cannot do it now. Vicki asked for everyone to pray about finding someone to work with Erin for next year with the plan of this person eventually take over. Vicki indicated the possibility of having a team in charge of the event instead of just one person. This will be discussed further.

Joyce Ricci spoke with Erin and Mr. Smullin regarding the picnic. Erin indicated to Joyce that the inflatables and the petting zoo need to be scheduled now as most Saturdays in the fall fill up quickly. Joyce posed the question whether we should stay with the inflatables and petting zoo or possibly change the activities? Vicki asked for suggestions and the consensus was to continue with the inflatables and the petting zoo. It was felt that both activities allow for kids to move quickly through them with little to no waiting time.

Christi Wilcox stated that she would like to see more Mt. Nebo students getting involved with the picnic. This would help to create more of a sense of "community" plus would also allow the Mt. Nebo students the opportunity to earn some volunteer hours. The PA discussed the possibility of having the students work the activities while the adults worked the food tent and other areas. This would also free up some of the adults to speak with and interact with more of the new families.

Joyce also informed the PA that KLove will not be attending the picnic this year due to their events being changed. She said that Mr. Smullin was going to speak with Word FM about the picnic. The PA also discussed other options such as having Mr. Kolarik or a student DJ the event. Joyce indicated that we need to have a definitive answer by the next PA meeting.

Joyce and Erin Sosa also discussed the caterer for the picnic. Currently we have Medure's Catering and it was the consensus of those in attendance at the meeting that we would continue with Medure's plus they offer the best pricing and are great to work with. Joyce stated that Erin is hoping that for the next picnic, we could have a gluten free area in a separate tent. Tonia Foster suggested that if there is a gluten free tent, we don't allow for other food donated by families to be brought into that tent. It was agreed that only the caterer would be allowed to provide the foods brought into the gluten free tent.

- **Spirit wear vendor**

We are currently selling spirit wear from April 1 – April 14 with delivery on April 29th. Our current vendor is Red Oak which does not offer us samples or many selections. The two current vendors we have been looking at taking over are "Instant Imprints" (a company owned by Matt Tildon who is a current ECA Wexford family) and "Super Star Sports" which is a company that Jodi Brooks knows. Vicki spoke with Mr. Smullin and he suggested that we contact Red Oak to express to them our need for samples and more of a selection of merchandise. If Red Oak is unable to meet our needs, then we need to convey to them that we will need to move on with another vendor. We at least need to offer Red Oak that opportunity.

- **Ambassador Program**

Vicki indicated that she is unable to secure volunteers for the Berkeley campus. She said that Michelle Rice said that maybe Berkeley would not have any ambassadors if they can't find anyone. Joyce Ricci said that most of the Berkeley moms are full-time working moms. Jodi Brooks said that she feels the term "coordinator" sets the tone and many moms feel that they are willing to help but do not want to be in charge. Jodi indicated that if there was a type of "play book" that could be followed, that may help to take some of the intimidation away. Vicki indicated that she could email a form of a "play book" to any person that may possibly be interested in being an ambassador. Vicki also indicated that she needs some guidance and help with Berkeley and the Ambassador program.

- **Additional item discussed**

Tonia Foster suggested that on the first day of school, there would be some current students (possibly from Student Council or NHS) who would wear a certain color t-shirt with the word "orientation" (or something to that effect) on the shirt so that new students could approach them with any questions they may have. She stated that they did this at the previous school her children attended and that it allowed for new students to know exactly who they could approach with any questions since the first day can be intimidating. The PA liked this idea and will discuss further.

- **PA 2019/2020 Officers**

Vicki stated that she would remain PA President for next year unless someone else would like to do it. No one indicated that they were interested in that position. Vicki also stated that PA will need a Treasurer for next year and someone to shadow to take over the Presidency 2020/2021. She asked each attendee to bring a friend to the next PA meeting so that they can see what we do and hopefully get more people involved with the PA. Mr. Hughes suggested that if Vicki composes some type of letter about the PA and what it does, she can give it to Julie who will send an email campus wide. There is agreement that we need to get more families involved. If anyone knows of someone who may be willing to serve in the officer positions, please contact Vicki.

Christi Wilcox suggested that we have a PA table with sign-ups at certain events (i.e. parent orientation night) communicating what the certain tasks look like so that people know exactly what is involved within a certain position.

It was also discussed that the Berkeley campus could possibly hold an additional meeting on Tuesday evening after a Monday morning PA meeting. This would allow for information from the PA meeting to be disseminated to parents who can only attend during the evening. This would also provide for an opportunity to try and get more parents involved. Mr. Hughes indicated that we will do what we need to do to accommodate our families.

- Vicki reminded everyone to record their volunteer hours. All volunteer hours need to be recorded by May 3rd.
- The next PA meeting will be May 13th at 9:00 in the Mt. Nebo Student Union.

Meeting adjourned