



**Lane Middle School  
PTA Minutes  
September 19, 2017  
Meeting called to order  
6:34pm**

**Attendees:** Esther Crowell Duncan; PTA President, Jenna Jay; PTA Treasurer, Carrie Uffindell; Whitman PTA, Dunja Marcum; community member, Chris Gustafson; community member, Stephanie Nicoletti; Whitman PTA, Georgia Potter; Whitman PTA, Bruce Reiter; Lane Teacher, Betsy Miller, Lane Parent, Jeandre' Carbone; Lane Principal, Heather Szabo; Lane Teacher and a parent (did not sign in)

**Introductions:** 2 parent/Board members, 2 community members, 2 Lane parent, 3 PTA parents from Whitman Elementary, Principal, 2 teachers

**Principal Report:**

1. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor School – Fall this year
2. Back to School night is set for September 28<sup>th</sup>
3. Parents concerned about the traffic and cross walk safety;
  - a. Lane will now have a Crossing Guard program
4. The SUN Program – The Best; Fall Semester has a large selection of classes for afterschool starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - a. Travis is the SUN Director, he is also in charge of the Food Pantry.
5. The Food Pantry is going into a new location in the south wing of Lane in a space next to the School Health Center.
  - a. This will help with getting the Health Center noticed.
6. This year Lane has many new teachers; all great hirers. There is a lot of excitement for Lane this year. Some teachers/staff new to Lane and returning this year have made the comment that the school seems calmer/quitter than in years past.

**Budget:** PTA starting balance is \$2710.45 before any deposits of Planter/flower donations

**PTA Goals for 2017/18:**

***Safety and Beautification***

- Working with Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Watch to clear out the homeless RV's and car camping so close to the schools and parks in the area.

## **PTA Goals for 2017/18:**

### ***Safety and Beautification Cont.***

- Working with the SRO Director to get more patrols for Lane, Woodmere and Whitman to cut down on the vandalism and drug paraphilia trash. The BDNW as well for safety walks through the school grounds and parks.
- Safety for our children – Crossing Guards, Contact the Safe Streets for signage and lights; your speed is “?” and brighter cross walks.
- Big Plans for Lane; possible Track, Playground/Equipment and a Library Courtyard.
- Continued Clean-ups to add to and up keep the beauty of our 90 year old building.

## **Old Business:**

### ***Open PTA Board Positions:***

- a. Currently the PTA has 3 open PTA Board positions: Volunteer Coordinator, Membership Coordinator and Fundraiser Coordinator and possibly a Vice-President

Dunja Marcum volunteered to fill the Volunteer Coordinator position.

- Chris Gustafson nominated Dunja for the position
- Betsy Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>. Quorum voted Dunja in.

### ***PTA Clothing Closet:***

Our dates are set for Monday; October 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday; February 22, 2018

- Each PTA needs to send 4 to 5 volunteers.
  - The clothing center helps the whole family with free clothing, can go twice a year; fall and spring.
  - The clothing center takes donations

### ***Teacher Conferences:***

***These are Wednesday; November 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday; November 9<sup>th</sup>***

- We need volunteers to provide the teachers with a meal during these two long days. This will be planned during the October PTA meeting.
  - Last teachers and staff were thankful for the meal they all sat down and shared during dinner the first day of conferences and had left overs for the next day’s lunch.

### ***Fundraising:***

#### ***Dine Outs***

- Pizzacota in Sellwood; Tuesday; November 28th
  - They will provide us with the flyers, we will receive 20% of the all day proceeds.
- Cloud City – Hoping to hear back to set up a Spring date
- Papa Murphy’s Pizza Cards – These have coupons worth about \$30 in saving, they don’t expire. We sell them for \$5.

#### ***Looking into these possible fundraisers:***

- Fred Meyer Rewards – FM will match customers Rewards and donate to the school of the customer’s choice.
- Bottle Drop – To do this for the PTA set up as a standard account, Collect the bottle returns in the green bags and turn in to be counted at the Bottle Drop.

**Open Discussion:**

1) *Whitman Elementary* –

The homeless problem, drug problems and camping in Flavel Street park which is connected to Whitman’s school grounds.

Also concerned with the safety issues for children who are the crossing guards and children walking to school.

2) George Weatheroy; The Director of the SRO department for PPS. Contact him regarding safety issues, his contact info is on the PPS website.

\* The RV’s going from park to park in our community. How do they deal with?

BDNA – Their meetings are held the first Thursday of each month.

\* The November meeting The Mayor will be in attendance to answer some of the safety issues for our community.

\* Bring your concerns to BDNA

i)

Vandalism of the planters out front of Lane over the weekend.

Portland Nursery has stepped forward to donate 4 brand new barrel planters fully planted.

(i) Lesley McKinley has also started a donation campaign to raise funds to replace the flowers. A community member has donated 2 new horse troughs. These will be placed at the north Head Start entrance of the Lane.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm**

**Next PTA meeting will be Tuesday; October 3, 2017**