## MINUTES

# WHMS PTO Wednesday, November 5th, 2016

**Attendance**: Lisa Rettler, Chris Birt, Jim Hoffman, Katy Jorgensen

**Call to Order Start @ 9:05am**

**Officer’s Reports:**

**Secretary’s Report** – **Katy Jorgensen**  **katyjorgensen@yahoo.com**

* October’s minutes are now on the school website. <http://www.elmbrookschools.org/wisconsin-hills-middle-school/wh-parent-info/wisconsin-hills-pto/documents/index.aspx>

**Treasurer’s Report** – **Jim Hoffman jim\_kerrie\_hoffman@hotmail.com**

* Current balance is $15,523.46
* Discussed clarification on how PTO is paid for Scrip sales and Restaurant nights.
* Lung Walk is paid by the school activities fund.

**Principal’s Report** – **Lisa Rettler** **rettlerl@elmbrookschools.org**

* The Taco bar for Parent Teacher Conference was a hit.
* Thank you to all that donated food and time.
* School store was open during Parent Teacher Conferences.
	+ Spirit wear was for sale in the school store.
* Next Principal chat moved to Nov. 14, 3-4 pm, focus will be parent communication and feedback.
* December Principal chat focus on enrichment. Planning to have Dr. Robert Hall, director of LAUNCH (integrating academic content with projects and work experiences to connect school to work) http://www.elmbrookschools.org/district/launch-innovation-collaboratory/index.aspx
* Courage Retreat for 7th grade was a great success. Students had a great time. Teachers are looking at ways to use ideas learned throughout the school year in Choices & Wellness.
* School Fundraiser - still waiting on final numbers, as magazine subscriptions are still coming in.
* Potential PTO fundraiser idea – Staff vs student basketball game, charge $5 at the door. This has been done at the school in the past.
* Music Department currently running Chip Shoppe fundraiser to fund music field trips.
* Talent Show in Spring – money raised is used to fund school & student activities.

**President’s Report** – **Chris Birt** **cbirthing@hotmail.com**

* Christine reported on the Elmbrook Parent Network meeting.
	+ *Elmbrook Parent Leadership Council (EPLC)*- Kristen Westrick twestrick@wi.rr.com
		- Next meeting : 12/9, 9:30 – 12
		- Last year in this position, looking for a replacement
	+ School Board approved the district rebalancing.
	+ Unifying the Social Studies and Foreign language curriculums throughout the district will be the focus of the next curriculum cycle.
	+ LAUNCH was discussed – students will have real world apprenticeship opportunities starting out for next year’s juniors and seniors.
	+ International Family Welcome 10/4, Dixon, was a great first time event for everyone who participated. Looking for more attendance in the future.
	+ John Duffy spoke 10/10, at BEHS – question and answer format, turnout was great.
	+ Facebrook – Family Book Club meeting 11/9, 6-7:30 pm discussing “Home of the Brave” at Pilgrim Park library.
		- Refreshments, discussion and interactive art project for participants
		- Please register with Eventbrite [pn-facebrook.eventbrite.com](http://www.elmbrookschools.org/community/parent-network/pn-facebrook.eventbrite.com)
		- <http://www.elmbrookschools.org/news/item/index.aspx?pageaction=ViewSinglePublic&LinkID=22818&ModuleID=171>

**Vice Presidents Report –** TBD

* A Vice President is still needed for the 2016-17 school year.
* Please consider volunteering alone or with a friend for this position.

**Director’s Reports**

**Director of Hospitality – Erica Hodgson** **Erica.hodgson@yahoo.com**

* Erica is looking for a Co-Chair. Please email her with questions.
* Taco night Oct 27 was success – Brookfield Central NHS student, as well as 2 parents helped with set-up and clean-up.
* Next meal will Breakfast, 1/23 on teacher work day.
* Erica is going to start a coffee drive to provide coffee for teachers on Thursday as a teacher appreciation.

**Director of Communications – Anne Marie Rosenbecker** **annmaries2369@gmail.com**

* Nothing to report

**Director of Ways & Means – TBD**

* **Restaurant Nights - Bushra Zaibak** **bushie26@hotmail.com**
	+ Cici Pizza Nov 3, PTO receives 15% of sales.
	+ Jason’s Deli 12/2, restaurant nights is in conjunction with the book fair.
* **Scrip – Sara Field** **sara.field@att.net**
* [**http://shopwithscrip.com**](http://shopwithscrip.com)
* **Book Fair – Diane Basel** **ddbasel@gmail.com**
* Book fairs will be held at Barnes & Noble Dec. 2. Bookfair ID 11963949

**Run for the Hills – Ann Coffman** acoffman17@att.net

* We are looking for a new Registration Coordinator.
* Ann is looking into Park rules for permission to have parents with home businesses set-up a booth and sell their product.
* Looking at other options to involve parents.
* CARING Network will also be included.
* Race website [http://www.whmsrunforthehills.org](http://www.whmsrunforthehills.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**Special Events:**

* **8th Grade End of the Year Party- TBD**
* We are looking for a parent coordinator for the 8th grade farewell.
* **Spirit Wear – Beth Kumer** **bethkumer@me.com**
* Second order for Spirit Wear starts 11/9, to be ready for holiday gifts.

**School Pak – Sarah Delgadillo** delgablondie@hotmail.com

* Made 50% more than last year! Thanks for your help Sarah!

**New Business:**

**6th Grade Socials** – **Sarah Delgadillo** delgablondie@hotmail.com

* Need parent volunteers for 11/11.
* **WHMS Musical – Katie Long** **kclong@hotmail.com**
	+ Audition workshop on Monday, 11/21st, 7-8 p.m. and auditions on Tuesday 22nd, 2:45 - 5:30 p.m.
* **Elmbrook Education Foundation - Elmbrook Ladies Night**
	+ Nov 30 Westmoor Country Club [http://www.elmbrookschools.org/news/item/index.aspx?LinkId=14297&ModuleId=235](http://www.elmbrookschools.org/news/item/index.aspx?LinkId=14297&ModuleId=235" \t "_blank)

**Announcements:**

* QPR, **Q**uestion, **P**ersuade and **R**efer for Suicide Prevention
	+ The School District of Elmbrook, in collaboration with NAMI of Waukesha County and Waukesha County Health and Human Services, will provide trainings on the nationally recognized suicide prevention program Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR). QPR teaches three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives.
	+ Tuesday Nov. 8th 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Excellence Center Brookfield East HS
	+ Tuesday, Nov.8th 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Excellence Center Brookfield East HS
	+ Tuesday, Nov. 15th 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Pilgrim Park Middle School 1500 Pilgrim Parkway
	+ For more information: Pam Brees 262.785.3920 breesp@elmbrookschools.org

**Next PTO Meeting** – Wednesday, December 7th at 11:00am, at Story Hill BKC, 5100 W Bluemound Rd.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am**