

**Mount Lebanon City Council of PTA's
Council Meeting Minutes
Foster Elementary School
October 2, 2019- 9am**

Bonnie Dougherty, Council President, called the meeting to order at 9am. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Bonnie thanked Mr. Ramsey, Foster's Principal and Cara Wetzal, Foster's PTA President for hosting today's meeting.

September 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

Executive Board Reports

Treasurer's Report: Rich Messimer shared the following reports: Georgia Pogue Scholarship fund Budget to Actual, Georgia Pogue Scholarship Fund Finances, and the Council Budget to actual report. The current council balance is \$5586.40, and the current Georgia Pogue balance is \$18843.94.

- Rich requested that all unit PTA's return audit binders to him within the next two weeks. He also reminded Unit PTA's to send copies of their audits to the State after the are approved. He currently has about half of the binders.
- Rich reminded unit PTA's to send in membership dues within the next two weeks.
- He sent out an email with a responsibility check list to all current treasurers. He is also in the process of planning a treasurers meeting. Please let him know if there is anything specific you would like him to cover.

Council PTA President Bonnie Dougherty: Bonnie shared the following updates:

- The new MTLSD Website is up and running - Bonnie thanked Cissy, Chris and Rob for helping us transition onto the new website. Although there were some glitches, they were great about helping us update our websites and working with us to make sure that everyone was trained and we didn't have to duplicate our efforts.
- It's Election Season- please don't forget that volunteers at bake sales may not wear t-shirts/buttons/etc. that support any candidate. You also can't serve cookies/cupcakes/etc. that support any candidate or party. Additionally, in the past we have had a questionnaire for school board candidates on our website- with five spots open and five candidates running, there really was no need to have one this year.
- Just a reminder please make sure all PTA forms are gender neutral. As forms go out for upcoming events, please double check them to make sure that they do not refer to "mom and dad" but rather "guardian one and guardian two." Try to keep all forms/fields as gender neutral as possible to make sure that we are being inclusive to all families.

Mount Lebanon School District Dr. Ron Davis Assistant Superintendent:

Dr. Davis discussed and shared the following:

- Dr. Steinhauer is unable to join us today because he is attending a meeting on Safety and Security as part of Act 44.
- There has not been an official decision made yet on how the district will handle the no school due to the water main break in September.

- The district has applied for flexible instruction days with the state. We should receive notification by November 1st if our application was accepted.
- This years' Great Alumni Night was a wonderful evening. The 2019 recipients were, Craig Drew (1998), Thomas Finke (1982), Harold Langstaff (1939), and Doug Satterfield (1971). Additional information on the 2019 recipients can be found at <https://www.mtisd.org/about-us/district-news/details/~board/district-news/post/mt-lebanon-high-school-2019-great-alumni-award-winners>
- High School Campus Manager Mrs. Donna Rizzo was named an Extra Mile Award winner, at the last school board meeting. Nominations can be made at any time for this award.
- October 10th at 7pm there will be a Community Conversation on School Safety. This program will be recorded. The session is currently available to be viewed at <https://www.mtisd.org/about-us/district-news/details/~board/district-news/post/a-community-conversation-about-school-safety-watch-the-video>
- The PA Secretary of Agriculture recognized Mount Lebanon School District for their innovative Game Day Meals Lunch option, which is currently in the pilot phase.
- October 16th there is a noon dismissal for all district students. All staff will be attending an education session on student mental health.

Old Business: Bonnie Dougherty

- None

New Business: Bonnie Dougherty

- None

Unit President Announcements:

Traci Adams shared that Dr. Michele Borba will deliver a presentation for parents and educators from 7-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, in the Upper St. Clair High School theater. Titled, "Unselfie: Raising caring, successful kids in a plugged-in, trophy-driven world," the program is free and open to the public.

Community Representatives:

Mount Lebanon School Board: Sarah Olbrich's report was shared by Bonnie Dougherty.

- The District and School Board are very excited about the new goals: 1.) Learning for the Future, 2.) Social and Emotional Learning, 3.) Safety and Security, 4.) Community Outreach and Partnership, and 5.) District Program Performance and Benchmarking.
- We are excited to announce that the Middle Schools will also be Matt's Maker Spaces. We are very grateful for the Connover's continued generosity. There will be a formal presentation at the October 28th School Board meeting.

Mount Lebanon Municipality: Laura Lilley

- The Municipality needs our help with the Public Communication study which is coming soon. Please complete and encourage everyone you know to complete the upcoming survey. The results are used for budgeting programs and activities.
- There have been a lot of utility work road closures in the past few weeks. You can always check the Mount Lebanon website for up to date road closure information.
- Glass recycling will take place Saturday October 12th 9-2pm at Mount Lebanon Park.
- Lebo Emergency is a new and separate Lebo Alert. This alert system is only for life threatening emergencies. You can sign up by texting 99411 or by going to

<https://www.mtlebanon.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=916>

Outreach: Mary Birks

- Outreach welcomes Jenika Schoolcraft as the new program coordinator. Two additional counselors will be hired within the next two weeks.
- October 27th is Family Bingo Night at Saint Paul's from 1-4pm. Additional information is available at the outreach website.
- The Choices Program, a drug and alcohol education program is currently available. Sessions run the third Saturday of every month.
- Outreach is looking to bring back the "Parenting Teens" Program. Stayed tuned for additional information coming soon.
- Additional programming information is available at <https://outreachteen.org/>

Mount Lebanon Fire Department: Kris Siegert shared current department activities in the classrooms.

- Currently safety programs had to be rescheduled after the water main break. Weather emergency classes were added to the Drivers Education curriculum. Cooking and Fire Safety classes will be taking place at the Middle Schools. The Fire Safety Trailer has been updated.
- Chimney Inspections are free to mount Lebanon Residents. Call the non-emergency number at 412-343-3402 to schedule this.
- After Markham's Weather Safety training a 5th grade student very successfully called 911 to report down electrical wires on his walk home from school. The student shared that he knew what to do because of the safety training and that calling 911 for help was easy to do.
- The Fire Safety website has been updated. Residents can find all the fire safety guidelines for chimney's and other outdoor fires there. <http://mtlfd.org/for-our-residents/outdoor-fire-regulations/>
- The department has a Behavioral Mental health program addressing negative fire play. The program flyer is attached.

Mount Lebanon Police Department: Jeff Kite shared the following:

- The Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer was tested by parents earlier this month. The department in conjunction with Outreach is putting together a training session for the South Hills area. Fact Sheets and Counselors with information for parents will be available after each parent session. 30-40 drug and alcohol items and references are "hidden" in the mock teen bedroom for parents to find. The Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer is for parents and guardians only. Children will not be able to enter the trailer.
- October 26th is National Take Back Prescription Drugs Day. There is a drop box that is always available in the Police Department.

Mount Lebanon Library: Connie Mathews, Children's Librarian, shared the following:

- The library is renovating the Maker Space and Teen spaces this Fall. Renovations will begin next week. The completed space will allow for a larger maker space/learning lab and an extended teen area. Throughout the renovations a teen space will be available in Meeting Room A downstairs. The projected completion

date in January 2020.

- Unfortunately, there will not be a Fright Night this year due to space limitations as a result of the renovations. Please check the website at for additional programming. <http://www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/>
- Casual classical is a new program at the library open to all children playing instruments. Please check the calendar and sign up in advance via the library's website.

A motion for adjournment was made by Mary Ellen Donato, this was seconded by Traci Adams, the motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52am

Submitted by:

Rebecca Matheus, Council PTA Secretary

October 13, 2019