

Wilmette Junior High School PTO
General Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2016
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The meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM.

In Attendance

Jeff Agrest, Stacey Blasko, Marci Blunk, Jennifer Braun, Jami Brown, Lucy Burne, Robin Cook, Annie Finnegan, Kathy Freeman, Karen Holmberg, Kelly Jackson, Jennifer Jacobsen, Sophia Kondos, Atsako Moore, Sharon Panzica, Darcy Powers, Eric Resis, Jaclyn Stern, Nancy Wikel.

Welcoming remarks were made by president Karen Holmberg and president elect Robin Cook. Introductions were made around the table.

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Moved, seconded and APPROVED.

Principal's Report

- Upcoming events were reviewed, including picture day on 9/9/16, the WJHS Learning Commons open house on 9/19/16 and motivational speaker Victor Pacini on 10/31/16. A student-parent book discussion group is in the works.
- The One Campus One Community theme was introduced as the principal's theme for the year. It will be carried through with parents, staff and students and will cross over grade levels. Events will include a forum on diversity, and all-staff workshops on diversity inclusion, and building community.
- The Youth Connection musical will be Shrek this year; it is for grades 5-8.
- Raimond Paveley will be the new school resource officer.

President's Report

- No report.

New Business

- The new PTO budget for the 2016-17, having been posted prior to the meeting on www.wjhspto.com, was presented for discussion and ratification. The assistant treasurer, Sofia Kondos, was present to answer questions.
 - A motion was made to include a budget item for Inspired Tutoring. The motion was seconded and APPROVED.
- Volunteer requests and publicity were discussed.

Committee Reports

Ways and Means

Darcy Powers and Nancy Wikel reported that the school-wide enrichment fund, IGNITE, has met its budget goal for the year. Tax letters, school magnets and an upcoming poll were discussed.

Enrichment

Marci Blunk and Kelly Hudson reported on events just booked and an upcoming creative writing event. All enrichment events are listed on the PTO website.

Clubs

Jami Brown reported on the clubs assembled for the fall, costs, publicity, and the online sign-up. Some activities that are not clubs, as well as potential clubs, were discussed.

Family Action Network

Kathy Freeman reported on upcoming Family Action Network events for the fall as well as on the organization's growth.

Spirit Wear

Orders are due next Friday.

The next general board (combined HMS/WJHS) meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 PM in the New Trier Winnetka Campus Library Commons. Kelly Jackson and New Trier Winnetka Campus principal Denise Dubravic will speak on 21st Century Learning in the Learning Commons spaces.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58.

