

MINUTES  
PTSA 2/4/2019 meeting

**In Attendance:** Dennis Bryant, Aimee Wellejus, Jim Gaskill, Sean Smith (6th grade teacher), Diane Smullen, Mara Sydnor.

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.** by Dennis Bryant

**Guest Speaker:** Kathy Starks, Thomas Worthington counselor discussing the showing of Indie video Angst ( cost more than \$600) and WEF event.

Friday February 15, students will see the documentary at Thomas. Turnout at Kilbourne - 160 people. Feedback from parents was positive. A student was afraid to watch it, but he felt it was beneficial and helped him with ideas on how to calm down. Counselors are available to speak with students after the video. Take away - kids need someone to talk with someone to get coping activities to help them with their anxiety.

WEF (Worthington Education Foundation) Focus on fundraising to help provide innovative programs for teachers in the classroom. Funds have been used to provided to offer different seating accommodations in the classroom to give them a space for students to calm down-- bean bags, bouncing balls, quiet area in the room Also to provide multicultural reading materials in the library, virtual goggles for Katie Crystal, so kids can take a tour of Spain, etc. Provided bikes for kids with adaptive physical disorders. Teacher at Kilbourne brought in a speaker from Rwanda to talk about the challenges they face. Airfare to bring him here was \$1,000 funded by WEF.

April 6 is fundraiser. Teachers can put in the grants for the things they need in their classroom. Fundraiser is at Worthington Square Mall. There will be entertainment, food vendors, silent auction and live auction.

Sponsorship opportunities and more information can be found at [www.TheWef.org](http://www.TheWef.org).

### **President's Report given by Dennis Bryant:**

Minutes approved by Aimee and seconded by Dennis. Need to start filling officers and committee chairs. Current officers should start recruiting replacements. Difficult to try to find people to fill spots at the last minute.

### **Treasurer Report - Diane Smullen - Presented by Diane Smullen**

No change to financials from last report. Everything comes through treasurer. No first count. Need more checks and balances. Will re-evaluate at next meeting. Diane is willing to continue as Treasurer next year. \$4,000 dollar line item for concessions. Need a Chair to fill that spot. Shortfall in budget concessions. Over in online auction by \$1,000 Corporate donations budgeted for \$1,000 has not been received, so we are down in total by \$3,000. \$11,000 still available from last year. Board agreed to provide \$900 for scholastics.

### **Secretary Report- Mara Sydnor**

Minutes from last meeting were passed. Need to vote on funding for Scholastics magazines for the classroom. Voted and passed.

### **Principal's report- Mr. Gaskill:**

Scholastic magazines (annual expense) was accounted for in the budget last year. Cost was \$1,800. PTSA paid \$1,400. Balance came out of Principal's budget. Used by English and Social Studies teachers. Mini grants used for teachers for creative projects don't want to take money away from that. More marketing needed to communicate grant availability to teachers.

State testing will occur the same day among all schools. Different testing schedule this year. 4 days of testing and the next week three days of testing for 8th graders. Will test to see how it goes.

Sean -- first year teacher. Social Studies Curriculum, Ancient Civilization, consumer awareness to introduce math and prices of goods. First year teachers got to sit in on classes at the high school and see how they do things and how students interact with teacher.

### **Upcoming Events:**

2/9 drama club performance for parents

2/19 Hearts program. Students donate to event and funds will go to the American Heart Association. Students will choose activities they want to sign up for.

Essay contest around patriotism for VFW -- \$300 awarded to the student who money the contest.

Registration begins for 8th graders for high school.

6th graders will go to curriculum night to learn about middle school courses.

Meeting adjourned 8:35