**PTA Meeting- September 12, 2018**

6:00-7:00- Meet and Greet potluck

Attendees: See attached

**Welcome:** *Mindy Barnowski* called the meeting to order, everyone introduced themselves around the room.

**Treasurer’s Report:** *Krista Lapato*

Asked committee heads to check their budget and contact her offline with needs/questions. Explained her plan to adhere to the mission of the PTA properly and appropriately while also making sure not to maintain too much money in the account to not be a proper non-profit. She covered a bit of the process of handling checks and payments for committees.

**Secretary’s Report:** *Tracey Schaub*

Last meeting’s minutes have already been approved. Tonight’s minutes will be presented for approval at the October meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary’s Report:** *Erin Breedlove*

Committee chairs, tell or email Erin if you want anything announced on Facebook.

**President’s Report:** *Mindy Barnowski*

Programming- planning parent educational topics to preface this year’s meetings.

Tristar Martial Arts fundraiser- They will donate back all $69 of a new membership for Lisbon students through this fundraiser.

Corporate donations: Mrs. Anoff mentioned that Mt. Airy Mattress sends Lisbon a check for anyone who buys a mattress and mentions Lisbon Elementary as their school charity of choice. Amazon smile donations also come in but we haven’t been able to get the password to unlock the money. Coke rewards with the codes from bottle caps- 5 cents for each bottle cap, 15 cents for each coke case code and more for the bigger cases from wholesale clubs. Maybe we can make a coke can for the donation bottle tops and codes to be dropped off.

**1st VP & Committee Report:** *Ellen Bockelman*

Open Positions: Suggestion- Send home a list of open committees in the take home folders, parents can choose from a list to chair or help. Mrs. Anoff is happy to approve and distribute it.

We need someone to chair an ‘incentive program’ committee. Debbie Golden suggested having a quick blurb on the website about each committee so that parents can see what each committee does.

**Hospitality-** *Carmen Castiglia*

Back to school breakfast has already happened, back to school lunch has been cut back by $600 and already successfully provided. Next event will be two conference nights in November and February and teacher appreciation week. Money can be saved by having volunteers to help provide food. This is a big draw for our school to keep teachers happy. There was a discussion about how much money to allocate to this to still provide a lot without overspending and without having too much waste. Mrs. Anoff presented the viewpoint of the money spent and the perception by the teachers of the food that is provided. Erin Breedlove pointed out that it is our way of doing something as a bonus for the teachers by doing something nice for them. Carmen pointed out how nice the Olive Garden meal was last year for the November conferences and that we will likely do that again because it is Thanksgiving week, the food was plentiful, and it was very cost effective. The field day lunch topic was brought up but will be discussed later in the year.

**Membership:** *Mindy Barnowski*

She has an unquantified number of registrations in an envelope and will be getting us numbers as she goes through them all.

**Directory:** *June Roach*- more information to come?

**Cultural Arts:** *June Roach*

She would like to have more emphasis this year on cultural arts as opposed to the heavy influence of STEM events last year, and will need the pushback of the PTA to call for more cultural arts activities. The possibility was proposed of combining cultural arts and STEM activities into the same nights. Cathy Datz spoke to the importance of focusing on the cultural arts and not lumping them together with STEM. Mrs. Wright volunteered to work with June on bringing more cultural arts activities here. Mrs. Anoff gave some examples of what other schools do—maybe one large school wide assembly that takes most of the budget but then an allocation to each grade level to do grade level cultural arts activities. Jennifer Hanifer mentioned that we could allocate enough budget to do both good cultural arts activities and also STEM events and provide all of it—yes, we could.

**Snowball Social:** *Cathy Datz*

It’s going to rain Friday. We either have it or we don’t, no option to move it. If we have it, there will be a membership table. Cathy mentioned the possibility of having it at Lisbon Park as a back-up on 9/21—we have trash cans and a generator that can be used. This would be a conflict with Glenwood’s Bingo night. We voted to wait and watch the weather and then, rather than cancel it, move it to the next Friday and talk to facilities and use the park as a back-up plan. If it rains on 9/21, then we cancel.

**Fall Festival:** *Cathy Datz*

Friday 10/12- Cathy needs lots of volunteers. PTA board member needs to be at the ticket booth. Popcorn booth also needs a board member since money is collected. Flyer is ready to send out- they will be sent home on multiple occasions. There will be pumpkins to decorate. Food truck from The Grill is coming. Lisbon Fire Truck and HoCo Police are coming to talk to the kids. Cake Walk will be happening again—last year’s turnout was great. Raffle baskets will be out—people will be asked to donate to them.

**Food Drive:** *Cathy Datz*

This will start at the Fall Festival for the Morgan Chapel United Methodist food bank and Mt. Airy Net. Mt. Airy Net recently got a large donation so we may direct most of this year’s stuff to Morgan Chapel.

**PTA Shed:** *Cathy Datz*

The lonely little blue shed next to the Kindergarten playground has been cleaned out. Unclaimed stuff will go into the prize bin for the Fall Festival. Debbie Golden asked to claim anything that could be used for STEM night, including the flying boosterthon toys.

**Community Night:** *Cathy Datz*

We were required to do this new this year in order to qualify to get the Disney tickets for Basket Bingo. If we have 75 people show up, Disney will send 20 Park Hopper passes. Friday 11/16 from 6-8. Whole family event. We will assemble 75 Thanksgiving community baskets in the cafeteria and these baskets will be for 75 local families that go to the food bank. The kids will assemble turkey crafts to put into the baskets. We are still waiting for facilities approval for this—Mrs. Anoff asked Kirsten to submit the paperwork and she said that she will be sure to get approval right away for this as long as there are no conflicts. Everyone agreed—this is a great addition and a great community event. Cathy mentioned that the food drive also has pet needs for families.

**Box Tops:** *Debbie Golden*

$1200 is the goal to meet or beat for box tops this year. The spring deadline is early (March 1).

**PTACHC Report:** *Amy Ashmore*

PTACHC is not officially issuing a statement on redistricting, in order to allow individuals to be able to submit individual PTA opinions.

**Principal’s Report:** *Mrs. Anoff*

Thank you to the PTA from the staff for breakfast and lunch. The week before school was busy with back to school nights and Thursday’s open house. Busy for teachers—teachers were very happy about seeing all of the families before the school year started. Parents who are teachers in the county were happy about the timing, as well. The minority of people said that it was too early this year. The majority seemed happy with it. The timing of releasing teacher assignments and open houses was unfortunate for K, first and second, but it is what it is. The school was doing as much as they could with a crazy week of timing. Feedback from a Kindergarten parent- nice overview, okay not knowing teachers first and it provided a good comfort level. Feedback from a second grade parent- the digital resources were plenty to prepare them, no open house or back to school night needed!

**Vice Principal’s Report:** *Ms. Wright, report given by Mrs. Anoff*

Busses, behavior, testing, discipline- these are the areas that she handles. Mrs. Anoff wants to be sure that she can take on these tasks to learn and grow. The emergency plan and emergency drills are being handled by Ms. Wright. Ms. Wright is training the teachers in the emergency plans. First fire drill was already held- first lockdown drill was held today 9/12. Ms. Wright wanted to say thank you for back to school lunch, and also a thank you in advance for the meals for conference nights. PARC scores for this year’s 4th and 5th grades were sent out today from last year—anyone that did not receive them, contact Ms. Wright. Howard County police dept. has been doing walkabouts often, and they are a more consistent presence in the school. Mrs. Anoff has been asking them to do walkabouts outside the building without her knowledge and to let her know what they find—the report is that the school has been locked up tight. The police and fire fighters also come to have tacos and pizza with the kids at lunch sometimes.

Teacher’s Report:

**New Business:** *Debbie Golden*

Tabling this topic for next month but, brief overview: A reading initiative—getting a book into each kid’s hands before any school breaks—used book swaps. Maybe a book walk with donations for kids to take home a book. Voted yay- proposal to come next meeting.

Cathy Datz- school supply recycling at the end of the year, donations of usable supplies were made to Phelp’s Luck. We plan to do that again this year.

Abby Braswell, Kim Hartner, Jennifer Hanifer: Gift of Thanks- you get an email and can donate money to a teacher who works with your child—the teacher gets an account of money and is able to choose what gift cards they would like to buy with that. More information to come next meeting.

Adjourned by Mindy Barnowski, 8:57 pm