

**Whitehall PTA General Body Meeting
October 16, 2018**

Start: 7:35PM

End: 8:34PM

Attendance: 25 parents, 2 teachers, 2 administrators, 7 board members

Minutes

I. Approve Sept. PTA meeting minutes (Taifa)

Minutes were distributed to members via email, Whitehall PTA facebook group, link in the Weekly Wire and on WhitehallPTA.com website.

No corrections; minutes approved as distributed.

II. Treasurer's Report (Sanovia)

Account Balance as of Sept 30, 2018: \$17,641.81

Spirit Wear discussion: Only net about \$100 in spirit wear this year. Sprit Wear sales this year so far are stronger than in the past 2 years combined. Keep in mind that spirit wear not intended to be a fundraiser.

III. Membership Report (CJ)

Parents

604 families currently at the Whitehall

113 family PTA memberships = 19% of families are PTA members

Teachers

19 out of 40 teachers are members of the PTA = 48% of Whitehall teachers are PTA members

There are some families who have completed the membership form but have not paid dues. It is important that you complete your membership by submitting your dues. Dues can be submitted via whitehall.com. If you are a member but have not received any emails from whitehallpta@gmail.com then please contact whitehallpta@gmail.com to ensure that your email address on file with the PTA is correct.

If the cost of PTA membership is a financial burden please contact whitehallpta@gmail.com. If you would like to donate a membership for a family you may make a donation on line at whitehallpta.com and add a note in the PayPal comment box.

IV. October Events (Crystal)

- Tropical Smoothie Dine Out - Oct 17 (Tynill)
In the Marketplace shopping center near Chipotle

3:30pm-7:30pm

Let the restaurant know you are with Whitehall.

20% of proceeds will go to the school.

- Box Tops Contest – October
Starting October 1st collect box tops. Send in labels envelope/bag with teacher's name and child's name. The classroom with the most box tops will get a party.
- Reading Night Ice Cream Social - Oct 24
Fun tradition at Whitehall; come, shop and eat ice cream.
- Mother / Son Dance - Oct 26
Costume theme
Mr. Pozen will DJ
Menu to include items such as: chicken nuggets, pizza and chips and salad

V. November Events (Crystal)

- Direct Donation Drive: Nov 1 -19
Families often want an opportunity to donate to Whitehall. This fundraiser will run similar to last year, envelopes will be sent home with the students. Collect donations and send them in to the school.
- Skate Night - Nov 5 from 3pm-5pm at Skate Zone in Crofton
Held on a 2hr early dismal day; the next day school is closed for Election Day. PTA will hold skate night once in the fall and once in the spring. We will plan to sell concessions. Anything that the skating rink does not sell, we can sell. We will ask for parents to donate store bought items to sell. Guests of Whitehall families are welcome to attend skate night. How the fundraiser works - Whitehall keeps funds over \$400 that the skating rink collects.
- Next PTA General Body Meeting – Tuesday, Nov 27 @ 7:30PM
Please mark your calendars; this is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

VI. Volunteer Opportunities (Heather)

PTA thanks all who have signed up for a committee and all who have already volunteered!

- Lunchroom volunteers still needed. See sign up genius on whitehallpta.com.
- Mother/Son Dance volunteers needed – Brittany Cross (committee chair). Help is needed with games, face painting, staff food tables. Contact whitehallpta@gmail.com to sign up.
- Technology and Maker Space – Mr. Pozen still need more volunteers
- Book fair – Ms. Panti is looking for volunteers. To volunteer use sign up genius.

VII. Vote on PTA bylaw changes (Heather)

Article VI, Section 2: The officers of this local PTA/PTSA shall be a president, 2 secretaries, and a treasurer.

Article XII, Section 1: At least 4 general membership meetings of this local PTA/PTSA shall be held during the school year.

Article XII, Section 4: 5 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any general membership meeting of this local PTA/PTSA

Changes approved by unanimous vote of 28 financial members.

VIII. New PTA Website demo (Taifa)

Website: Whitehallpta.com

Features include: view calendar of events, view/download Weekly Wire, PTA newsletter, PTA minutes, PTA budget, sign up for volunteer opportunities, purchase spirit wear on line.

Whitehall Elementary School website is also undergoing updates. Features include announcements, staff listing, calendar of events.

IX. Next PTA General Body Meeting - Nov 27 (Crystal)

X. Kennedy Center Tickets raffle (Crystal)

The PTA has secured free tickets for two (2) family friend events at the Kennedy Center

1. NSO Halloween Spooktacular
Sunday, Oct 28 @ 2pm
2. NSO Let's Go to the Moon
Sunday, Feb 24 @ 2pm

Whitehall PTA will raffle the tickets and will notify membership regarding the process for the raffle.