

Walker PTA meeting: Thursday, May 18th @ 7:30pm

Location: In Person at Walker School Cafeteria

or [Zoom](#) -

Meeting ID: 826 6784 7954 Passcode: walker

Agenda

Principal's Announcements

Teacher Announcements: Kristie Kaplan is PTA teacher liaison

Executive Committee Announcements

- Teacher Appreciation Week Recap
- International Night Recap

Treasurer Update

- Budget Update
- April Report:
<https://walkerwolverinespta.files.wordpress.com/2023/05/walker-pta-budget-and-treasurer-reports-2022-2023-apr.pdf>
- Check Reimbursement Form: <https://forms.gle/5TUUA8DAi36PsaD59>

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update

- FAN: <https://www.familyactionnetwork.net/>

Fundraising Committee Update

- April & May Restaurant Night Recap: Buffalo Wild Wings & Grecian Kitchen
- June Restaurant Night (June 6): Chocolate Ice Cream Shoppe on Dempster
- Spiritwear: Made \$132.92 in first quarter, so far sold 18 items in second quarter (April-June). Will start ordering items for next year to sell in person at the Back to School Social

Community Engagement Update

- Walker Spring Dance Recap: well attended, kids had a good time, snacks were a hit and leftovers were used to teacher appreciation

Climate Action Team Update

- Earth Day cleanup was a success! Thirty people helped out and we covered the entire school grounds.
- We planted five trees at Walker on Saturday, May 6 with volunteers from Treekeepers and Natural Habitat Evanston.
- This week is International Composting Awareness Week. I provided a document of composting facts for morning announcements and I'm providing a baggie of finished compost from Collective Resource along with resources for teachers so students can learn about how the food they compost in the lunchroom is turned into compost.
- Walker is participating in D65 End of School Classroom and Locker Clean Out. Reusable school supplies will be collected and donated to local agencies instead of being thrown away. Amy Wharton is coordinating this. She will let me know if she needs volunteer help.

Garden Committee Update

- PEP Plant Sale pick up – Katherine will pick up plants & shrubs for Walker. Scheduling volunteer planting at Walker for Sunday 21st, 2-4p.
- Update – 3 new raised garden beds (all organic soil) , 2 new picnic tables in the north side garden. HOORAY!
- Invited teachers to take on gardening beds – 3 teachers responded (DeLuca, Wittenberg, Nelson)
 - Please encourage other teachers and grade-level "teams" to keep garden related requests/ideas/communications open with the committee. Do they need curriculum ideas? Want a separate bed or other area of the garden to adopt and work with? Bugs?
- Updated budget (https://walkerwolverinespta.files.wordpress.com/2023/05/walkergardenbudget_may2023-1.xlsx)
- Considering two things:
 - Host a Walker event in the garden area? Or include a garden tour or activity in a pre-planned event.
 - Budget/Process for starting a new Garden Club (before or after school) in the fall. Katherine can advise/help, but can't be there consistently.
- Check out the Walker Garden Committee's Instagram page: [@walkergardend65](#)

PEP Update

- Shared Expenses - Walker rep voted yes
- PEP Expo: Where all PEP reps will present their work, May 24th 5-8pm, open to community, in person
- PEP Fest: Saturday June 3rd, 11-5pm, on the Washington Elementary School playground, 914 Ashland ave, Evanston
 - Pep Fest is a family focused, collaborative community effort to raise PTA funds, that will be equitably distributed to support all of our school district 65 students.
 - This festival will feature family friendly FREE activities, vendors from ages kid to adult bringing us art, crafts, clothing, jewelry, goods, and food.
 - Our idea this year is to make the kids color/decorate a banner that will be hung in a community space (like JEH). Possibly do a book and spiritwear exchange. We need help running our booth. If interested, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084FAEAD23A0FB6-volunteer>

Volunteer Needs

- Walker Booth at PEP Fest: signup genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084FAEAD23A0FB6-volunteer>

New Business

- Announce slate for open Exec positions (Co-President & DEI Chair)

Announcements

Important Dates

- May 20: YEA Fest, 10am-3pm
- May 24: PEP Expo, 5-8pm
- May 29: No School - Memorial Day
- May 31: Walker Field Day (June 1 rain date)
- June 3: PEP Fest, 11am-5pm
- June 6: Last Day of School
- June 15: PTA Meeting, 7:30pm on Zoom

Adjournment: Mark your calendars! Our next meeting: Thursday, June 15th at 7:30pm on Zoom