

October PTA Minutes  
Oct. 21, 2015

The meeting was held in the library from 6:30-8:30. We had a big turnout- 18 people, including Mary, Ms. Thompson and Ms. Leveque.

#### 2015/2016 Budget

The treasurer, Sarah Felton, reviewed the budget.

\*We have re-allocated the Box Tops, Stop and Shop, Target and Wilson Farm's Shopping Day fundraisers into the school's Discretionary Fund instead of the PTA's Discretionary Fund.

\*Mary now has approx. \$4000 to spend from Discretionary Fund

\*We adjusted the PTA Membership Dues income to \$7000

\*We adjusted the Bowman Spirit Wear income to \$1000.

Jennifer Velis made a motion to approve the budget and Flo Donaghy seconded it. The budget passed.

#### Directory

The committee is working very hard to get the kids into the directory. Perhaps a note from the teachers would help.

#### Fundraising

Bowman Box Tops raised \$160 for September. We are thinking about ways to motivate and excite the kids to participate in this easy fundraiser. Perhaps a cereal bowl trophy the winning class can keep in their classroom all month.

Bowman Fun Run was a huge success. 202 runners signed up and 185 participated, including over 100 kids. This has potential to be a big fundraiser. Sports Clips came and gave haircuts and said they would support a "Bowman Day" and donate \$5 per child per haircut with a flyer.

Bowman Spirit Wear deadline is Nov. 1st. Can go on [www.bowmanpta.org](http://www.bowmanpta.org) to order.

#### PTA Membership

\*Still less than 50%- how do we get the word out to educate people on what the PTA does for the school and how membership is very helpful- for every 40 families that join, we raise \$1000.

#### Homework Survey

\*There has been much discussion across the district about homework. Dr. C (the new superintendent) is reviewing the homework policy and invites input from teachers and parents. She will also come to your house if you host a "House Call" to answer questions. Be on the lookout for the survey.

#### Genesis Battle Green Run

This is a run taking place on Nov. 1. This year they will donate the amount of money Bowman raises back to Bowman! Sign up to run or support a runner. See [www.bowmanpta.org](http://www.bowmanpta.org) for details.

### Guest Speaker- Cary Library Building Project

Jeanne Krieger from the Cary Memorial Library Foundation came to speak with us about the on-going project at Cary Library- Transformative Spaces.

Many things have changed since the library was built and they are trying to address new needs.

\*Technology has greatly affected how people use libraries and how libraries are laid out.

\*Teenagers often use the library after 2:30 pm and are quite noisy and chase people out so they are building a Teen Space on the ground floor.

\*Over the last 10 years the Asian population has grown significantly so the foreign language section is being relocated to the main floor.

\*There is increasing demand for small study rooms and conference rooms which will be on the main floor.

\*In the center of the first floor there will be a new area for programming with 200 chairs with wheels.

This is all being privately funded so they need the support of the town. If you'd like to learn more you can go to the League of Women Voters' First Fridays public meeting on Friday, Nov. 6th.

### Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, November 5th- Newcomers Coffee in the Bowman Library

November 1st- Spirit Wear Deadline

Tuesday, November 10th - LEF Trivia Bee- Bowman has 3 teams!! Come out to support them!

November 4-10- Book Fair- Still need Volunteers!!

Monday, November 9th- Big Map Night