

MINUTES
Willard North PTO Meeting
November 8th, 2010

I. Welcome

II. Approval of Minutes from October meeting – Angie Nicholls

III. Treasurer's Report - Becky Haley

A. Monthly update

We had a starting balance of \$2,944.21. We had an income from membership dues of \$22, Wow Shirts \$12, and Vending \$129.05, for a total net cash of \$163.05. Purchases made include Kindergarten Parent night, Box Top party, and Teacher Dinner (expenses total \$215.07). This leaves the PTO treasury with a \$2,892.19 available balance.

IV. Fundraising Results

A. Spirit Wear - Jessi Patterson

We sold 339 Spirit Wear items which is about \$3,000 worth. We sent in an advance payment of 50% of the total.

B. Pastries - Lisa Christianson

- We were short of our goal of \$3,000 in sales, but were not discouraged since this was our first freezer item in some time. We needed to sell 600 items to reach our goal, which worked out to 125 students selling 5 each, but we sold 365 items with 62 students / families participating in the fundraiser. We will see approximately \$1,600 come back to us.
- Product will be ready for pickup on THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18th at 3pm. If anyone is available to help sort product, please come to Conference Room.
- Announce Recess Winner at Super Tiger on Thursday.

C. Box Top Update - October Winning Classroom = Mrs. Weis (225 box tops)

Mrs. Weis had a popcorn and soda party the Friday following October's Super Tiger.

V. Yearbook Coordinator - Amanda Shanks

A. Email photos for yearbook to Amanda@activeservers.com

- Please send which class (teacher / grade) the picture is from with a description.
- So far, she has not received any photos.
- Submitted cover art (same as WOW shirts) to Lifetouch

B. Invoice for Yearbook Deposit - \$1232.88 (based on 176 books with 32 pages in book)

- Cost same as last year - \$10 per book with Reduced / Free lunch prices of \$5 each
- Remaining balance of \$400 due in May

C. Shout Outs and Love Lines in January

- Amanda will create an order form for Shout Outs / Love Lines to be ready by January
- Text Limit on SO / LL this year

VI. Santa Shop - December 7-9th

A. Need Shoppers – Becky Haley and Jessi Patterson

Watch for bags to go on sale at Hobby Lobby / Need approximately 2,200 items

B. Start Now - \$1 Tree / Target / \$1 Jewelry and More / gloworks.com (Mr. Gugel to inquire about tax exempt)

C. Location of Santa Shop – Lisa to check with Mrs. Stevens about using Conference Room again

D. Volunteers to work

- BIGGEST VOLUNTEER WEEK – with sales, wrapping, etc!! Please help if you can.
- Teachers prefer a scheduled time so will post list for Teachers to sign up for a class shopping time (30 minute block per class)
- Will need at least 3 volunteers to open store at 8am – otherwise will open store at 8:40am (learned from Book Fair that always had a rush before school and not enough help!!)
- Tiger Tales – will remain open late one night (12/7) till 6pm

VII. Winter Class Party - December 17th – Morning b/c ½ day of school

- Coordinate time with teachers – some have ‘traditions’
- Specifically – food / snacks – to let kitchen know if NOT eating lunch, i.e. some have done pizza parties so students typically will not eat lunch

VIII. Dates of Interest

- A. Picture Re-takes - November 18th – Lisa check with Mrs. Stevens about volunteer needs
- B. Fundraiser Delivery - November 18th – see notes above
- C. Thanksgiving Break - November 24-26
- C. Spirit Wear Delivery - December 3rd
- D. Santa Shop - December 7-9th
- E. Winter Break - December 20-31
- F. Semester Pizza Meeting - January 10th
 - for parents / volunteers who have given at least 15 hours of time (will receive an email invitation)

VIX. Open Discussion

- A. Idea – as teacher / parent, not likely to go to website but would like to see pto on facebook – easier to get information and link to many others
- B. District Roundtable update (11/4/10)
 - 1. Funding / Transportation big issue
 - a. as state funding decreases and with transportation not in the formula, district is looking for ways around this
 - b. Different options – phase out MS / HS transportation, set distance (i.e. 3 ½+ mile distance) before can ride bus to school, etc....NOTHING is set yet, but it is an item of concern
 - 2. Enrollment is UP – 4,232 students (had 3,600 in 2006 – huge increase!)
 - a. DISCUSSION: bond money for:
 - i. Add 8 more classes at HS
 - ii. WIS has approx. 2 years left till outgrow current bldg
 - iii. Build new North Elementary
 - b. NOTHING decided yet
 - 3. Meetings might be of interest to community and school board would like input / discussion
 - 4. School Board meetings on 3rd Thursday of the month

X. Staff + Bus Drivers Christmas Gifts Discussion

- 50 faculty / staff + 9 bus drivers => plan for 60
- Sunday evening – 12/12 will package the gifts at Lisa’s house

XI. Adjourn

- A. Next meeting December 13th, **4pm** WN Library
- B. Bring Goodies for teachers to come in / give teachers gift