

MINUTES

Willard PTO

Date | time 2/5/2015 6:32 PM | Meeting called to order by Vickie Robertson

In Attendance

Stacey DeNardo, Jennifer Catalano, Amy Dempsey, Stephanie Gagnon, Lucy Halkias, Sherry Rice, Sara Braun, Michelle Nolasco, Karen Petit, Christine Vale da Serra, Jaymee Miller, Melissa Urrunaga, Patricia Welch, Jennifer DiGrandi, Andrew Dion, Natalie Hammond, Matt Correia, Linda Tighe, Maria Malone, Vickie Robertson, Jason Miller

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the December meeting and approved.

New Business

Treasure's Report - \$11,718 in checking, \$40,594.61 in savings

Staff Representation – Mrs. McCorkel from third grade shared an informational unit about China that all 3rd graders are working on. Her request for \$100 for each of the four classes to purchase books to support the unit was approved.

Mr. Dunn shared the non-fiction unit about endangered animals that the fifth graders are working on. Fifth graders are reading Historical Fiction books and the reading workshop model is going quite good.

The PTO is looking to purchase insurance. The cost is not in the budget this year but will be added in for next year.

Committee Updates

Membership - To date, a total of \$2,150.00 has been collected. 45 staff and 122 families have become PTO members.

Cub Scouts – Scouts recently enjoyed a sleepover at Boston Science Center. Pack 5 Pinewood Derby is on February 7th. Blue and Gold Dinner is on March 21st.

Box Tops –Due on February 27th. Berlin Senior Center collects box tops exclusively for Willard.

Board of Ed. Update – Vickie and Maria attended the Berlin Education Council Meeting. Board of Education meetings are open to everyone, and people are strongly encouraged to attend, especially the budget meeting. Willard will be gaining an additional preschool class for the upcoming school year.

Fundraising Update – Gift card sales for November and December raised \$607.13. Next one will be in April.

Bounce –U raised \$140. There will be another one in February. Lyman Orchard Pies/Otis Cookies will run February 6th through 20th. Delivery will be March 20th. A night out at Clay Spot is scheduled for February 20th.

Stop & Shop – 544 people have signed up. Approximately \$3,000 has been raised to date.

5th Grade Committee – There is a new system for sending in yearbook pictures this year. Volunteers are needed for the end of year party. A date has not yet been set.

Pasta Supper – Going well, lots of donations. It will be held in the new Berlin High School cafeteria on March 26th from 5:30 to 7:30. There will be a photo booth this year. Notice went home today asking for volunteers.

4th Grade – Looking for family centered fundraisers and a signature event.

Principal's Report

Given the pending storm, the decision to cancel or go ahead with the 5th grade trip to Nature's Classroom will be made by Friday afternoon. The Board of Education is looking to make budget cuts. Grades 3, 4 and 5 have 1 to 1 Chrome books thanks to the PTO. Google is safe with email and all students can access it from home. Willard Pride Assemblies are going well. Top notch security system is in place complete with panic buttons. All doors are being replaced over the summer with doors that have better locks. All elementary schools and the middle school received a grant. Sandra Carminatti in first grade and Judy the cafeteria manager received Berlin Bravos awards.

Announcements

February 6th – 20th: Lyman Orchard Pies/Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies for Easter delivery

February 9th- 12th: Fifth Grade trip to Nature's Classroom

February 16th: Bounce U 10:30am to 12:00pm

February 20th: Clay Spot Basket Night 7:30pm to 10:00pm

March 6th: Family Fun Night – BINGO

March 9th – 13th: Scholastic Book Fair

Next Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:30 in the Library Classroom.

Staff Representatives: Kindergarten

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully,

Stacey DeNardo