MINUTES

Willard PTO

Date | time 1/8/2018 6:35 PM| Meeting called to order by Katie Niemiec

# In Attendance

Katie Niemiec, Stacey DeNardo, Joe Miller, Barabara Szparkowski, Crissy Calianderi, Christine Cugno, Jack Rudy, Sherry Rice

# Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the November meeting and approved without changes.

# Old Business

Curtains were discussed with Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Gemmel. Mrs. Lawson would like all black and possibly no center panel needed. Katie will schedule a time to meet with Doug Solek to discuss specifics.

The PTO is still looking for School website or marketing assistance. Please contact Katie if you would like to help.

Looking for someone to organize the Mixed Bag fundraiser that is scheduled to start on March 1. This fundraiser is set up directly to raise money for new curtains. Received a 5% early sign-on bonus.

Teacher conference dinner was catered by Kensington Market. Lu la Roe raised $75 during the conference night. Feedback all around was very positive.

By Laws Review Committee consists of Susan Burghoff, Erin Kelly, Stacey DeNardo, Katie Niemiec, Joe Miller, Barbara Szparkowski, Jayme Miller, Chrissy Caliandri, and Sherry Rice. The committee would like to hold 2 meetings beginning in March to review.

# New Business

A thank you card from the Reading Department for the books approved at the last meeting was passed around.

Staff Representative, Mrs. Cugno thanked the PTO on behalf of the Willard staff for the conference night dinner. It was very well received and appreciated. She suggested the purchase of a new recess cart with money allocated for recess items. The last one purchased has 2 broken wheels and can’t be fixed.

Treasure’s Report: checking: $14,498 savings: $37,122

UpBeat: Jack Rudy shared details about the upcoming adult workshop on February 2nd and 3rd. The theme will be sexual violence. Upbeat subsidizes the event. There is a limit of 100 people. Forms will be posted on website, respond by January 26th. Principals were also mailed the information to share with their schools.

A Parent Presentation with other elementary schools is being explored. Looking for more information and possibly using Upbeat students wo help supervise children.

Education Council – Barbara reported that the Superintendent said final good-byes at the November meeting. He went on to explain where the budget goes and how the Open Choice money is used. The district is looking at possible solutions to ease over-crowding at 2 elementary schools, while Hubbard remains small. A possible option is to use Hubbard as a K-2 school. Lots of budget talk including cuts discussed at the meeting.

# Committee Updates

Cub Scouts: Pinewood Derby is coming up in February. Scouts will have the opportunity to cut out their cars at a Pack cutting clinic. Scouts went caroling at Margorie Moore in December. The Pack is also looking forward to a Wolf Pack game and an overnight at Battleship Cove.

Membership/Unfundraiser: no changes

Box Tops: Next collection closes on February 7th. A flyer was sent home with students

Magnets: ongoing, 4 more have been sold

Meadow Farms: Stefanie Gagnon is coordinating.

Wolf Pack Night: Katie Niemiec is coordinating. March 16, 2018. Flyer went home with students. Fifth grade will be singing.

Little Caesar’s: Susan Burghoff is coordinating. A flyer went home with students. The sale will run from January 8 to January 19. Pick up will be on February 1, 2018.

Vendor Fair: Stefanie Gagnon and Carrie Nelson are coordinating. The fair will be held on March 24th from 9:00 to 2:00. A flyer went home with students. Looking for vendors and crafters. Good feedback received from the flyer. 30 vendors were reached out to, contracts were emailed. 1 contract has been signed so far.

Spirit Wear: Sherry Rice is coordinating. All items have been delivered. Another sale will be held in the spring. Sherry has a couple of items available to purchase. Sale ran very smoothly, vendor looks good.

Book Fair: Erin Kelly is coordinating. Dates have been booked for the spring.

Holiday Shop: Stacey DeNardo and Erin Kelly coordinated. Went well this year. The vendor was great to work with and the merchandise was well received. Had plenty of good volunteers to help classes shop. The shop raised approximately $2,500.

Stop & Shop/ Price Chopper: Stop & Shop has raised $2,501.10. Price Chopper will make 10,000 points. 2 people registered for Shop Rite. Will remind teachers to register their cards.

5th Grade: Melissa Urrunaga and Brenda Wall are coordinating. Pasta Supper will be held on February 28th with a snowdate on March 1st. January 11th is the next meeting. Class dues have been set at $45. A letter will go home to families next week.

Bill’s Pizza Night – February 20th and April 3rd

# Principal’s Report

Dr. Corriea thanked parents and families who helped out with the Holiday Shop and supported it. He received good feedback. Budget cuts at the elementary level are expected. Staff are looking forward to supporting the pasta supper, he is pushing for staff to attend.

# Announcements

January 10th and January 24th – early release

January 15th – MLK Day No School

January 19th – Little Ceasar’s fundraiser closes

February 20th – Bill’s Night

March 16th – Wolf Pack- ticket orders will go home the first week of March. 5th Grade Choir will sing *God Bless America*

March 24th – Craft/Vendor Fair

Next Meeting: February 5, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 7:28.

Respectfully,

Stacey DeNardo