

MINUTES

Willard PTO

Date | time 3/2/2015 6:32 PM | Meeting called to order by Vickie Robertson

In Attendance

Stacey DeNardo, Maria Malone, Melinda Zgorski, Vickie Robertson, Heather Pignatella, Laura Ramirez, Aimee Blair, Kim Kelly, Charai Bellini, Lisa Massirio, Natalie Hammond, Stefanie Gagnon, Sheila Riley, Caty Gambite, Aimee McBride, Missy Ferland, Sue Burghoff, Kelly Jakiel, Jaymee Miller, Matt Correia, Eileen Cutler, Melanie Lawson, Jen DiGrandi, Carrie Fowler, Nicole Pappa, Dawn Allen, Jenn Hartan

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the February meeting and approved.

New Business

Treasure's Report - \$11,133 in checking, \$40,596 in savings

Staff Representation – Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Cutler shared that kindergarteners are reading nightly and recently published a concept book during writers' workshop. Kindergarten classes are currently studying and celebrating Dr. Seuss. They requested money to purchase items on the Teachers Paying Teachers website. Four gift cards at \$100 each were approved.

Mrs. Lawson shared that 4th and 5th grade band students are preparing for spring concert. She requested money for a field trip to get together with other 5th grade band students on March 25th. Her request for \$222.07 for a bus and ice cream was approved.

Mrs. Vernon requested \$500 from Children's Programming money to be used for an in-house field trip. A representative from the Florence Griswold Museum will be coming to Willard to work with students. An email was sent out requesting donations of paper, wrapping paper, glue sticks, etc.

Committee Updates

Membership – No changes reported.

Cub Scouts – Pack 5 is doing great. 10 boys went to the Pinewood Derby District finals. Blue and Gold Dinner will take place in March. The Pack's focus this month is bike safety. The Pack will hold a bottle drive at Willard on March 28th.

Box Tops – Mr. Dunn's class was the winning class with 1,487 box tops. The class will choose a prize from an approved list. A check for \$1,480 was received for box tops. February was the last time to get a check for this year.

Fundraising Update – Gift card purchases available in April and May for Mother's Day, Graduations, etc.

Bounce U - \$210 was raised from the last event. The next Bounce U event will be on April 13th, school vacation week.

Stop & Shop – Campaign ends in March. 589 cards have been enrolled in the program. \$4,900.58 has been raised. Price Chopper will be looked into for next year, it works the same as Stop & Shop.

Pies - \$572 was raised from pie sales and approximately \$1,000 was raised from the sale of cookies with the new company.

5th Grade Committee – Yearbook is well under way. 3 new students enrolled in 5th grade. T-shirts are done and look great. Great response from sign-up request for party. McGee bags are being worked on and a 5th grade gift to the school is in the works.

Pasta Supper – will be on March 26th at Berlin High School from 5:30 to 7:30. Last chance for advanced ticket sales. 25 adults and 27 students have signed up to volunteer in addition to volunteers from Upbeat. Over 60 raffle prizes have been donated. A photo booth will be available this year for \$2 per photo. Ultimate sports battling cages tickets with advanced purchases.

Family Fun Night – BINGO Night will be on Friday, March 6th at 6:30 in the cafeteria. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Pizza will be available for \$1.50 per slice. This free event has reached the capacity of the cafeteria and has a waiting list.

Book Fair – Next week in the Library Classroom. Conference/Family Book Fair Night is March 11th from 6 to 8pm. Looking for parents to work shifts. A flyer will be coming home. Set up will be on Monday, March 9th after school. Take down will be Friday morning.

Kindergarten Orientation – 2 nights, incoming students will meet teachers and see classrooms. Refreshments will be provided. Kelly Jakiel will be looking for volunteers to provide baked goods.

Principal's Report

February was a short but busy month. The 5th grade trip to Nature's Classroom was successful. In house teacher training continued. It is budget season and the budget will be tight this year. Nature's Classroom is a concern. A bigger dollar amount is needed to keep Nature's Classroom for next year. Budget cuts could be staff cut from here. Legal limit for class size is 28.

Technology Budget - \$5,000 in budget. Mr. Correia's request to purchase 10 I pads, cases and storage for \$5,139.95 was approved unanimously. He will match the amount with money from his budget to purchase 10 more for a total of 20.

Announcements

March 6th: Family Fun Night – BINGO

March 9th – 13th: Scholastic Book Fair – March 11th (6pm to 8pm) Conference/Family Book Fair Night

March 26th: Pasta Supper

April 6th – 20th: Gift Card Fundraiser (Mother's Day / Graduation Gifts)

April 7th: Bill's Pizza Night

April 8th: Kindergarten Orientation

April 13th: Bounce U (10:30 to 12:00pm)

April 13th – 17th: Jump Into a Good Book – Hop/Jump/Read-a-Thon

Next Meeting

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

Staff Representatives: 2nd Grade

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully,

Stacey DeNardo