

## January 9, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Amber Berglund at 6:01 pm with 10 in attendance including: PTO president Amber Berglund, PTO Treasurer Shannon Hampson, PTO Secretary Meredith Porter, Anna Kelly, Marcia Grassfield, Dana Wegmann, Jennifer Corporon, Jennie Telisak, Molly Jordan, and Jodi Norsworthy.

Amber Berglund reviewed minutes from November's Meeting.

**President's Report-** November's Open house went very well with over 550 slices of pizza being handed out to families that were present for this event. By choosing to have pizza instead of spaghetti we saved \$200 which will transfer over to STEM Night. The Red Cross Blood drive was also happening during open house with Wilkin's needing 20 donations but with the late arrival of the Red Cross and the parents and teachers that were unable to donate, we had 17 donations which saved 64 lives!! Movie Night will be January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, we will be showing the Emoji Movie with free popcorn and water for all guests; new this year will be a concession stand for movie goers to purchase extra snack! Amber discussed the safety hazard of children crossing 35<sup>th</sup> St at McGowan, discussed purchasing a lighted vest with the Kohl's Cares donation, all we in favor!

**Treasurer's Report-** Shannon noted that our Restaurant nights are going very strong this year, with still more nights to come! Box tops were submitted with a total of \$894.20. PTO has paid out money for prizes for the Paw Store Window. Many teachers have turned in their vouchers, we are encouraging all to utilize this voucher for their classroom as soon as they can. We are still currently waiting for the company matches from the Wilkin's Way Tech Trek!

**Committee Reports-** Box tops has earned \$894.20 and Hy-Vee Receipts have earned over \$700 dollars so far, this ends March 31<sup>st</sup> so send in those Receipts! For Holiday Staff Appreciation Tammy is brainstorming potentially providing a meal and a gift card for each Wilkins Staff member.

The Wilkin's First Grade Teacher Team presented tonight with a focus on the new strategy they have been utilizing in their classrooms called Phonemic Awareness Exercises. Phonemic Awareness is listening and hearing the sounds, attempting to manipulate these sounds. The teachers attended an education course Language Essentials for Teachers of Language and Spelling (LETLS) on how to implement these into their classrooms and have seen great success from the students! This benefits all ages and levels of readers by breaking down sounds and adding movements of mouths and tongues with some hand movements to supplement the sounds. These include Rhyming, Ending Sounds, Blends, Beginning Sounds, Directionality, Part break offs, and counting words and syllables.

We need volunteers for STEM Night in February to help run and plan this event! Volunteers are also needed to help at Culver's night. Meeting Closed at 6:40pm.

### Upcoming Events

January 12 at 6 pm is Family Movie Night showing the Emoji Movie

January 20 from 4-6pm is Family Skate Night- Pajama Themed

January 23 from 5-7 pm Wendy's Night 10% back

February 5 from 6-7 pm PTO Meeting

February 6 from 4-10 pm Culver's night