

WILKINS ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES FOR 2/8/11

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lukefahr, Theresa Pint, Shelly Beaver, Julie Grimes, Marilee McConnell, Lindsey Starmer, Lisa Drinkall, Lori Manley, Lisa Walker, Shannon Hampson, Anne Boussetot, Ann Renner, Elizabeth Wilson, Catherine Spencer

Meeting was called to order by Catherine Spencer at 6:33 pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report: given by Elizabeth Wilson: A copy of Budget vs Actuals submitted with info through January 2011. No significant changes from last month. No finance committee meeting. The gambling license has been received and posted so is in place for Family Fun Night.

Update on Linn-Mar District PTO: they are forming subcommittees for the following: - assisting the schools that are not finished with becoming 501c3 groups; - program called playfit; - strategic planning to determine why PTO's are here and what we want to become in the future.

Principal's Report given by Marilee McConnell:

- Update on supplies and technological purchases made by the school through funds made available from the Linn-Mar Foundation and the Microsoft Settlement Funds: They have purchased 15 document cameras which can be used in conjunction with the ceiling mount projectors. I-Pods and I-Pads for trial use. A grant was submitted to Intermec to purchase Read Naturally, which is a program to work on students' fluency. The 5th graders are trialling a new program - "Write to Learn" which can prompt the student at their level, gives the student their score and feedback and the teacher can get a printout. Also, every classroom has a Qomo which is a portable pad which wirelessly connects through the computer and can show items through the ceiling mounted projectors.
- The staff are getting field trips lined up for the rest of the year.
- A para-professional will be hired soon who is a certified person who will help students who need extra support. The district wants this person to work with 2 grade levels at a time.
- Report cards will be coming home on February 25.
- Online conference sign-up on the computer began this week
- Old Creamery Theater production of "What a Difference a Play Makes" will be performed in school on May 6th.

Unfinished Business:

- Family Fun Night: will be held at the school on Feb 25. There are still some opportunities to help if interested - please leave message on PTO e-mail. Some changes for this year: there will only be 2 wristbands - 1 for food and games and 1 for food. They will not be separate game tickets or a wristband just for games sold this year. More information re prices will be coming out soon. Also, instead of small prizes given out in each room, 2 medium sized prizes can be picked out by whomever has a food/game wristband. Donations for the baskets are being collected. Raffle tickets will be coming out by Monday 2/14/11. There will not be any free popcorn given out this year. The time for the event is from 5-7 pm.

New Business:

- Indian Creek Playground support paver: It was moved by Shelly Beaver and seconded by Mary Lukefahr to buy a paver for \$100. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.
- Linn-Mar stadium support paver: It was moved by Julie Grimes and seconded by Mary Lukefahr to purchase a \$100 paver for Wilkins PTO. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.
- By-Laws regarding budget timing: proposed change to by-laws was provided by Elizabeth Wilson. An e-mail re proposed change will be coming out with a vote on the change to be taken at

the next meeting on March 8.

Article VII - PTO finances currently:

The fiscal year for the PTO shall run from July 1 through June 30. It shall be the duty of the Executive board to prepare a budget for the fiscal year and submit said budget at the first general PTO meeting of the fiscal year for approval. This budget may be amended by majority vote at a general PTO meeting or by a majority vote of the Executive Board. All expenditures within the realm of the approved budget are to be considered authorized expenditures. The treasurer shall keep accurate records of all disbursements, income, and bank account information.

Proposed Article VII

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- Walk-a-thon Discussion: feedback is sought re whether to have walk-a-thon in the Spring rather than holding in the Fall. Discussion by Shelly Beaver re possibly moving Family Fun Night back to the Spring and holding it in conjunction with the Family Picnic. Any feedback is appreciated and can be sent to the PTO e-mail. Also, anyone interested in helping with Homecoming and a possible yearbook for next year can contact Catherine at the PTO e-mail.

Volunteer Update: given by Anne Bousselot

- Production lab will be coming February 14th and will be set up in the teacher's lounge. Help is needed. Grant Wood AEA owns a die cut machine which can cut out different shapes and can be laminated or non-laminated. The teacher's can place orders and the volunteers can process and package orders which will be distributed to staff.

- Book Fair at Family Fun Night

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday Feb 9 - Culver's Night

Wednesday Feb 16 - Pizza Hut Night

Thursday Feb 17 - Kindergarten Orientation

Friday Feb 18 - No School (report card prep)

Saturday Feb 19 - Skate Night, 4-6 pm

Monday Feb 21 - No School (Staff day)

Monday Feb 21 - Red Robin Night

Wednesday Feb 23 - Carlos O'Kelly's Night

Thursday Feb 24 - 4th Grade Music Program

Friday Feb 25 - Family Fun Night

Friday March 4 - Volunteer Workshop

Tuesday March 8 - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

NOTE: Snow Make-up Day is Friday April 22 with a 2 hour early dismissal

Suggestions for the Good of the PTO:

- A former Wilkins student and now a Sophomore at Linn-Mar, Megan Scott, was diagnosed with a brain tumor which has recurred. There will be a fundraising event for Megan at Prairie Hill Pavillion in Marion on February 19th beginning at 5:00 with a Dinner, hypnotist and silent auction and concluding with a dance from 8:30 to 11 pm. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids 3-18. If you can not attend and would like to help out, donations can be sent. Funds will allow Megan and her family to travel and spend some time together. For more information contact the Wilkins office or Danielle Grabe at 319-538-2090.

- Radio station 96.5 FM is looking for a Wilkins student for their Student of the Month program. If interested in nominating a student can go on their website.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.