

WILKINS ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES FOR 3/8/11

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julie Grimes, Deana Benson, Shannon Hampson, Kelly Alexman, Marilee McConnell, Tammie Tomash, Jenny Clark, Kelly Schultz, Vicki Barnidge, Shelly Beaver, Deanna Howard, Mary Lukefahr, Tracy Read, Catherine Spencer

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

Minutes from previous meeting in February were approved.

Treasurer's/ Finance Committee Report given by Elizabeth Wilson: Another column has been added to the treasurer's report to show the net amount for each category to make it more clear about the status of each area. We are currently short on box tops by around \$1200 but ahead of budget in the other areas. There will be a finance committee meeting at Mr Beans on March 21 at 7 pm for 1 hour to begin to discuss the budget for next year. All are welcome.

Linn-Mar District PTO: the District PTO has been setting up sub-committees in different areas, one of which is Strategic Planning. This committee is designed to work on determining the direction of the PTO's and to assist other schools that may need more help with determining their vision and direction. One of our members is on this committee.

Unfinished Business:

- Bylaw vote as discussed at last meeting to alter the budgeting process to pass the budget at the end of the current year instead of the beginning of the next year to allow for money to be available for activities that take place before the first PTO meeting of the new year. Motion was made by Shelly Beaver and seconded by Tracy Read to amend the bylaw as stated. Motion passed.
- The pavers for the Indian Creek Elementary playground fund and the Linn-Mar stadium have been purchased.
- A donation of Scrip that we already had purchased were made to the Mane Event.
- Family Fun Night was held on February 25. The PTO is in the process of gathering comments and will set up a survey monkey on-line which will be sent out in the next few weeks. A paper copy of the survey will be available in the office for those that do not have on-line access. Consideration is being given to move it back to the Spring and to have it in conjunction with the Wilkins picnic to allow for everyone to have a free meal to help lower the cost of the event for the students/families. Also, discussing again having game tickets in addition to wrist bands. The time cannot be moved later due to the district requirement that all buildings be closed by 8 pm although this may be a little more flexible if it is moved to the Spring and some portion of it is held outside. Anyone with input may also send an e-mail to the PTO website. Anyone interested on being on the committee next year are welcome and can notify the PTO board on the website.

New Business:

- Boy Scout Charter Organization: Wilkins PTO has been the charter organization for a cub scout pack for some years. Due to the PTO now becoming a 501(c)3 organization and the requirements of the Charter that they use our non-profit status in addition to multiple other requirements in the Charter paperwork it is felt that we are not able to fulfill the requirements as stated. The pack 360 Assistant Cubmaster Peter Volk was present at the meeting to give more info re the pack and to answer any questions. It was moved by Elizabeth Wilson and seconded by Deana Benson that the PTO no longer serve as the Charter organization for this pack. The motion passed.
- Nomination of Officers - VP: The only office currently open for next year is VP. Mary Lukefahr nominated Deanna Howard for this position who accepted the nomination. Elections will be held at the April meeting and any further nominations will be taken up until that time.

Principal's Report given by Marilee McConnell:

- Wilkins is fortunate to be selected by the Linn County Safe Kids Coalition to have the

opportunity for every student to be provided with and/or fitted with a bike helmet. This will take place at the school on April 8. Students that currently have a helmet are asked to bring them to school that day and they will be examined for safety and proper fit. They will be re-fitted at that time or a new helmet will be issued and fit for the student. Any students that do not have a helmet or whose helmet is unsafe or not fitting properly will be provided with a new helmet. The PTO will provide lunch for the volunteers that will be there that day. The Safe Kids Coalition is a not for profit group and anyone interested in giving them a donation can send a check to school that day but there is no obligation to do so.

- "Everyday Math" and "Math Trailblazers" are two math curricula that are being trialed at Wilkins this year by a committee of teachers. The books are on display in the hallway outside the office if any parents are interested in looking at them. A decision on which curriculum is preferred will be made by the committee this Spring and the information re the decision will be forthcoming.

- New document cameras which were discussed at last meeting have arrived. These will be used in conjunction with the ceiling mounted overhead projectors to replace the old overhead projectors. They are more portable and have many more uses including a webcam to facilitate student learning.

Volunteer Update given by Marilee McConnell: the production lab was here and did well.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, March 9 - Culver's Night

Thursday, March 10 - last day for chess club

Friday March 11 - Friday March 18 - No School (Spring Break)

Monday, March 14 - Zio Johnno's Night

Wednesday, March 16 - Pizza Hut Night

Monday, March 21 - Red Robin Night

Wednesday, March 23 - Carlos O'Kelly's Night

Saturday, March 26 - Skate Night, 4-6 pm

Wednesday, March 30 - Spring Pictures

Thursday, March 31 - 2nd Grade Music Program, 6:30 pm

Friday, April 1 - Volunteer Workshop

Friday, April 8 - Movie Night with Despicable Me showing.

Tuesday, April 12 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm Voting for new officers

Monday, April 18 - Art show at Wilkins - everyone of invited to walk through the school and see the art projects by the students which will be displayed.

NOTE: Snow Make-up Day Fri, April 22 with 2 hour early dismissal

Suggestions for the Good of the PTO:

- There is a bookcase in the Media Center with the books purchased this year for the Library by the PTO. They also have a new stamper which is being used inside each book to identify which books were purchased by the PTO.

- The crossing guard at 35th St will be resumed after Spring Break.

- The Wilkins Day at the Kernels will be on Sunday May 8 at 2 pm. More information will be coming out in the next few weeks.

The meeting was adjourned by Mary Lukefahr at 7:40 pm.