

## WILKINS ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES FOR 4/12/11

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marilee McConnell, Julie Grimes, Deanna Howard, Anne Bousselot, Theresa Pint, Mary Lukefahr, Sarah Gostonzik, Shannon Hampson, Joslin Hanna, Betsy Hardy, Tracy Read, Tiffany Kinzenbaw, Catherine Spencer

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

Minutes from the previous meeting in March were approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report** given by Elizabeth Wilson: The Finance Committee has met twice and will be meeting again before the next meeting so old and new officers can make up a budget to vote on at the next meeting. At this time we are behind budget in box tops but have recently received one check and will be getting another check which should bring us close to the budget. It is anticipated that we may have more people attending the family picnic than in the past since it is combined with the art show so will plan on the normal attendance at the Spaghetti Supper. Family Fun Night netted more than budgeted for. It was moved by Mary Lukefahr and seconded by Theresa Pint to use \$150 from misc funds for the 5th grade send off as they have more items needed which will put them over budget. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Principal's Report** given by Marilee McConnell:

- The school art show on May 12th will run from 2:45 - 7:00 pm with art displayed throughout the entire school. The PTO picnic will run from 5:00 - 6:30 and we hope to be able to hold it outdoors. We hope that we can keep this combination as an annual event.
- A \$2000 grant from intermec will be combined with other funds to make a large purchase called "Read Naturally" which is a great fluency reading program.
- National volunteer week: Wilkins motto is "volunteers leave their mark". A volunteer recognition brunch will be held April 15 at 8:30 am in the multipurpose room and volunteers will be presented with a beaded bookmark. All are welcome to attend.
- We are honored to have a LION award winner from our school - Elizabeth Wilson will be awarded the "Optimizer Award" at a reception on April 20th.
- Several staff members will receive the Years of Service award
- The bike helmet fitting went well. Anyone who didn't receive a helmet due to needing more of certain sizes - they will be coming in soon.

**Update on Linn-Mar District PTO :** there was a Strategic Planning Meeting held last month with Mary Lukefahr, Elizabeth Wilson and Julie Grimes attending for Wilkins. It was a very informative meeting with future meetings to be planned to develop a clear mission and vision for the future of the PTO. The surveys to be distributed to each Wilkins family and staff were gone through.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Vote for officers: the office of Vice President is currently open. A nomination for Deanna Howard was received at the last meeting. Ballots were distributed and with a vote of 11-0, Deanna was elected as Vice President. **Officers for the school year of 2011-2012** are as follows: President: Mary Lukefahr, Vice President: Deanna Howard, Treasurer: Elizabeth Wilson, Secretary: Julie Grimes
- Movie Night : The movie Despicable Me was shown

### **New Business:**

- Kernels Game: Wilkins will be attending on Sunday May 8th 2:05 pm along with Novak and Hiawatha Elementary. Mrs Peterson and the music teacher at Novak are working on performances by a joint chorus for at the game. Ticket order forms are to be received by the Kernels on April 21 which will be sent home with orders to be received back to school by May 2.
- PTO Spring Clean-Up has been cancelled. Will look at having the Character council doing this as they did last year.

- Reminder that Staff Appreciation week is coming up in May. They will be looking for volunteers and for donations for lunches.

- Camp Learn-A-Lot which is a summer reading and math program was discussed by Tiffany Kinzenbaw and Joslin Hanna. There will be 8 sessions held this summer. It will run from 12:30 to 2:45 on Tues and Thurs for 4 weeks. Lunches will be provided by the FLY program and Quaker Oats has donated several cases of granola bars. They will be lining up 4 guest speakers to come in and read to the students. They will have technology available for the kids to use. So far they have 120 kids signed up with registration forms continuing to come in - about 250 kids were invited to attend. The library will be open for their use. They are looking at sewing the bags to be used by the kids instead of buying them so anyone who can sew and would like to volunteer to help with this will be appreciated. The district is providing funds for this program but it was discussed that the PTO would have some unused funds in the Enrichment Activities fund that could be used to supplement this if needed.

**Volunteer Update:** by Anne Bousselot Thanks for the staff and lunch provided for the helmet fitting day. Volunteer Recognition brunch April 15 at 8:30 am. Will be looking for volunteers for the Speak Up for 5th grade students. Volunteers will be used to come in and help give the students feedback. This will be held May 10-13. The 5th graders will also be having Colonial Day on May 19th and some volunteers may be needed for this event.

**Upcoming Events:**

Friday, April 15 - Volunteer Recognition Brunch, 8:30  
Monday, April 18 - Red Robin Night  
Tuesday, April 19 - 4/5 Chorus Concert 6:30  
Wednesday, April 20 - Pizza Hut Night  
Friday, April 22 - Snow Makeup day - 2 hour early out  
Monday, April 25 - NO SCHOOL (Prof Development day)  
Wednesday, April 27 - Carlos O'Kelly's Night  
Thursday, April 28 - 5th Grade Music, 6:30 pm  
Monday, May 2 - Volunteer Workshop  
Sunday, May 8 - Wilkins day at the Kernels  
Tuesday, May 10 - Final PTO meeting of the school year, 6:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned by Catherine Spencer at 7:49 pm