

Wilkins PTO meeting 9/5/2017

Called to order @ 6:02pm Present: Amber (President) introduced herself and the PTO board, including Becki Tinder (Vice President), Shannon Hampson (Treasurer), Tammy Evans (staff appreciation) and thanked everyone for coming. Meredith (Secretary) present after introductions. Staff members that were present introduced themselves and each had a nice word of thanks to the PTO for all they do (ie \$100 vouchers, technology for classrooms, meals).

**Attendance:** Anna Kelly, Krista Wiley, Carol Kesl, Lori Manley, Lisa Drinkall, Vicki Pitstick, Molly Rykhoek, Katya Allen, Becki Tinder, Jennifer Corporon, Amanda Potter, Tammy Evans, Aaron-Marie Thoms, Kris Peterson, Shannon Hampson, Meredith Porter, Krystal Miskell, and Amber Berglund

**Old Business:** Amber reviewed last year's events and meeting summaries including the Carnivals success, changes proposed for the next carnival (charging for pizza and possible dunk tank). She talked about food selections and changes for the Open House to minimize expenses leading into raising money for technology and a gaga ball pit. Donuts and drop off was a success, may need to consider increasing budget for more next year due to great student turnout!

Motion to approve: Shannon, Second: Becki All were in favor.

**New Business:** Amber presented new events that the PTO was going to host this year.

**Wilkins Way Tech Trek** (new name for lap attack, fund run) September 29th; volunteers are much needed for stations! Forms and info will be going out soon for kids to bring home. Funding going toward I pads and Laptops for classrooms.

**CheMMusical** October 2nd – presented and funded by Mount Mercy, they perform different science experiments with and for the kids. Pizza will be provided for this science night musical. Volunteers were requested to hand out food, direct people to “stations” and clean up.

**Trunk or Treat** Oct 30th -need people to participate with decorated “trunks” to hand out candy, need donated candy and decorations. Fliers to be coming out for people to sign up for space.

**STEM Night** February 23rd – still waiting to hear from Rockwell Collins to respond. They may provide an engineering Club to participate along with a monetary donation for us to purchase all the items needed to make hands on science “kits”. Amber will keep us advised on this.

**Family “Kick Off To Summer”** Kickball May 31st - Bring your family and join in a kickball game

**Principal's Report:** Amanda Potter, new Wilkins Principal talked about the Bond issue and the upcoming vote on Tuesday, September 12th. Encouraged us all to get out and Vote. Wilkins will receive much needed upgrades if the bond is approved. It is also important to consider that the vote includes School Board members, there are 6 candidates. She is excited for the new year and everyone is getting into their daily school day routines! She has seen a lot of positive vibes from students and staff about this school year!!

**Committee Report:** Budget recap-we fell short last year but expenses were also short so we made budget. Some restaurant night checks came in late so we are starting with some cushion this year.

We were down in Hyvee Receipts last year but we are already ahead this year.

No restaurant nights this month but HyVee is offering a free kids meal all of September for each paying adult, don't forget to bring back your HyVee receipt from your dinner! Restaurant Nights begin in October!! 8 teachers have used their \$100 vouchers so far.

Save Around the City books as of today we sold 63, down a little but we are optimistic that we will hit our goal.

Our Box Tops goal is \$1800, this is important in funding class fieldtrips and 5th grade send off! Contests and incentives are coming for classrooms and teachers.

Staff appreciation was discussed. Tammy has some ideas she would like to go over with Amanda and the PTO committee, possibly monthly themes. It was felt that monthly was "too much". Staff expressed how much they appreciate the food and being spoiled, staff also expressed that if cost was high they would prefer kids needs came first!

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Meredith Porter, PTO Secretary