

WILKINS PTO MEETING MINUTES 10/8/13

Our meeting was called to order by President Ellen Teller at 6:30.

Those present:

Heide Sletteland, Ellen Teller, Kelly Schultz, Marilee McConnell, Andrea Peery, Lori Manley, Krystal Miskell, Debi Wells, Tammy Evans, Shannon Hampson, Betsy Hardy

Approval of minutes from last meeting: approved & passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Heide Sletteland shared that the Enjoy the City coupon books fundraiser brought in about \$3200. WOW! These coupon books are available for other cities as well. Look for the books and more information on purchasing them to use in other cities at the very beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. Thanks to Kelly Schultz for chairing this fundraiser!
- The PTO provided spaghetti for 600 at the annual Spaghetti Supper. Thanks to Eli at Zio Johnno's for cooking the wonderful meal for us that evening.
- Lap Attack made roughly \$3500-3700 depending on matching funds totals & fees from the Linn Mar Foundation for processing the matching funds.
- \$200 was moved from the volunteer recognition fund to staff appreciation luncheon budget.
- Money originally designated for homecoming float costs were moved to buy a lion costume. The lion costume used in the past for events had to be rented; owning a costume would enable us to use it more frequently and without further additional costs.
- Box Tops for Education collection is going strong! Our goal is to raise \$3,000 which is 30,000 Box Tops for this school year. At this time, we have collected over \$1300 worth of Box Tops so far. Thanks for continuing to bring them in! Each Box Top is worth a dime and they really add up fast!
- Thank you for collecting your HyVee receipts as well. Last school year we received a check for over \$1400, making Wilkins the highest amount of money raised out of all the Linn-Mar school buildings! Every receipt from every HyVee grocery, drug, and gas station in the CR/Marion area counts...including Starbucks and Caribou coffee receipts from inside HyVee stores. With every \$200 in receipts, HyVee will pay us \$1. Thanks for your support!

Principal's Report:

- Marilee McConnell shared about a few changes in classroom parties this year. Parties will begin on Thursday, October 31 at 2:15! A room parent may be contacting you if you volunteered to provide supplies. If you do not get a call, we have already lined up what is needed. Thanks for your generosity! In order to keep our class parties safe and fun for everyone, we are asking that parents who are planning to attend the party, **please call the office by Wednesday, October 30**, so we can add you to the guest list. On the afternoon of the party, we will have staff members and volunteers at the front door starting at 2:00 to assist with signing in. We appreciate your cooperation in calling ahead if you are planning to attend the fall party. This safety measure will be in place for all of our upcoming class parties.
- The 5th grade Character Council students did a great job of representing Wilkins at the Homecoming Parade!

New Business:

- Walking/Mileage Club ideas are in the works. We could use the lanyards purchased for students to use at the Lap Attack for this activity.

Upcoming Events:

October 15 th	Late conference night
October 17 th	America Reads Day
October 17 th	Third Grade Music Program
October 17 th	End of first quarter
October 18 th	NO SCHOOL
October 21 st	NO SCHOOL
October 22 nd	Wilkins Night at Marion Tomaso's
October 29 th	5/6 Orchestra Concert
October 31 st	Fall Parties

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. by Ellen Teller.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debi Wells.