

Wauconda Grade School
PTO Board Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2010 (7:00 p.m.)
Meeting held at Wauconda Grade School Library

ATTENDANCE

Nicole Henley, Susan Walkowicz, Kelly Kledzik, Kathleen Winkiel, Kathy Poynor, Judy Sullivan, Bonnie Deboer, Lillian Halloran, Brooke Groelle, Melissa Svoboda, Shelly Redensek, Kathy Bianco, Allison Vodicka, Debbie Monroe, Kim Biestek, Patty Modica, Cherie Janik, Kirsten Daun, Monyca Hill, Cathleen Rich, Arja Brown, Dana Plunkett, and Kim Husko.

Susan Walkowicz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Motion to Approve Minutes: Shelly Redensek approved motion and Judy Sullivan seconds the motion.

TREASURER REPORT

Susan Walkowicz discussed the items in the report. A detailed report was available at the meeting. Nicole Henley filed the Treasurer Report.

PTO MEMBERSHIP

The PTO Membership sign up is going well. The deadline for sign up is September 17th. If you are a chairperson for a PTO event, you must be a PTO member. The cost of membership is \$5.00.

MEET AND GREET

The PTO had a table at Meet and Greet for registration. It went ok. The PTO provided popcorn to parents at the registration table. It did bring parents and students to the table, but did not get a large number of parents wanting to become PTO members.

SPIRIT WEAR

As of today, we have met last year's fall sale numbers. So far the total sale is \$326.88. We may not have profit to start, because the water bottles already purchased still need to be sold. The tie-dye shirts are the most popular. The staff has also purchased the majority of the items. There are many new items this year for purchase.

FUNDRAISING

Because of low sales last year, we are trying a new spice and olive oil fundraiser this year for the Fall Fundraiser. The items can be used for teacher gifts, Thanksgiving and

Christmas. We can also continue to purchase items after the fundraiser is done and the profit will go to Wauconda Grade School. The products have no MSG, no food coloring and are all natural. The contact person for the Fall Fundraiser is Tony. He is interested in having a table at the Wauconda Farmer's Market. He is looking for volunteers to help work the table and would give the PTO 30% of the profit. The fundraiser for Spring is still undecided. We may do cookie dough or frozen pizzas. We may also have a fundraiser night with Barnes and Noble.

BOX TOPS/CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS/COKE REWARDS

Kathy Bianco is the chairperson. We will need a new chairperson next year. The school gets a huge benefit from box tops. Last year we earned \$1,125.00, which \$400.00 is still not yet paid to the school. Avery has now added box tops to their products. We have 30,000 Campbell Soup points. We should maybe have the teachers create a wish list to have a goal for collecting the labels. The idea of having a contest per classroom was again mentioned. There is a new program through Sunny D. Kathy Bianco is looking into that program. It is a program where if you collect 20 labels, the classroom can collect 20 books. This program ends in November. Mrs. Monroe is still collecting and entering the Coke Rewards points.

ROOM PARENTS

Kathy Poynor is the chairperson. We will need a new chairperson next year. The documents needed for the new chairperson will be on a zip drive. There are 6 classrooms missing room parents. We are working on getting room parents for those classrooms. The packets for the room parents are prepared and ready to hand out. The 5th grade classes will be watching a movie again this year instead of having Valentines' Day parties.

RESTAURANT NIGHTS

The total profit from Honey Hill restaurant night was \$14.00. The total profit from Lindy's restaurant night last year was \$90.00. The total profit from Dairy Queen's restaurant night last year was \$30.00. The idea of having a Community Liason was mentioned to contact local businesses for fundraiser evenings. Other possible fundraiser ideas are Nut and Chocolate Company, Side Outs and a Bowling Alley.

ICE CREAM/POPCORN

Ice Cream day was last Friday. It went well even though an announcement was not made in the office as a reminder. There is currently no profit because of the supplies purchased for ice cream and popcorn already this year. It is negative \$26.70.

MARKET DAY

Kim Husko is the chairperson. Angela Truesdale is the contact person for the Middle

School. We are still going to split the profit between both schools. Market Day is the second Thursday of each month. Volunteers are needed for this school year.

ASSEMBLIES

An assembly is planned for Wednesday, October 27th. It is an assembly on Character Education and Laser Lights. It will be 20 minutes of educational material and 20 minutes of lasers set to music.

We are still planning other assemblies. Susan Walkowicz made a motion for \$1,000.00 for each assembly. Shelly Redensek and Cherie Janik second motion.

FIELD TRIPS

The PTO funds all transportation for student field trips. Each grade level is allowed 2 field trips per year (excluding kindergartners). Susan Walkowicz made a motion for \$350.00 per field trip. Kathy Poynor seconds motion.

DONUTS WITH DAD/MUFFINS WITH MOM

Volunteers are needed for both events. Susan Walkowicz made a motion for \$500.00 per each event. Allison Vodicka seconds motion.

GYM NIGHT/MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night is Friday, September 10th. The movie will be Diary of a Wimpy Kid. A chairperson is needed for both events to place work orders, get volunteers (sell candy/sell tickets, etc.) The idea was mentioned of selling the Gecko water bottles at these events.

BOOK FAIR

A chairperson is needed for this event. Judy Sullivan offered to help the new chairperson. The responsibilities for a chairperson include teacher sign up chart, set up Friday before, attend Scholastic meeting, etc. The book fair is in November. We will not be doing a Spring Scholastic book fair this year.

USED BOOK FAIR

The used book fair last year went very well. We had about the same profit as Scholastic book fair; which is cash and can be spent as needed without restrictions. We are collecting donations for this year's used book fair. We already have boxes of books donated. We will need many volunteers for this event. Allison Vodicka will co-chair the

event with Susan Walkowicz.

HOLIDAY SHOP

The holiday shop is not a fundraising event. We basically break even. All items are priced low and are of quality. We are looking for a chairperson for this event. Susan Walkowicz made motion for \$500.00. Kirsten Daun seconds motion.

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is September 9th. Volunteers are needed.

TRACK-A-THON

We are looking for a chairperson for this event. The event is usually in April. It is one of our larger fundraisers. Cherie Janik was our chairperson last year. In the past we have been able to purchase outdoor playground equipment, laptop carts, flip camcorders, two-way walkie-talkies and many other needed items.

OLD BUSINESS

The Wauconda Grade School sign still needs to be replaced. Building and Maintenance is going to cut the wood for the sign. Susan Walkowicz made a motion for \$400.00. Patty Modica seconds the motion. Patty Modica offered a name of a sign company if it does not get done by Building and Maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS

Birthday Books - We are looking for a chairperson for this event. Mrs. Monroe does not want the books wheeled in carts to the classrooms. It will cause too much distraction.

Bulletin Board - We are looking for a chairperson. The Bulletin Board in the front hallway needs to be updated.

Some of the items the PTO has purchased with raised funds are: 10 two-way radios, 30 flip camcorders, wooden chairs and tables for the library, shelving for the library, and miscellaneous items for individual classrooms.

CLOSING

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Susan Walkowicz approved motion to adjourn and Nicole Henley seconds the motion.