

Woodland Elementary PTO Meeting
March 9, 2010
Minutes

Attendance: Faith Plew, Shana Brown, Joni Shore, Lindsay Bucher, Laurie Gilman (teacher rep), Gerri Garcia (teacher rep), Liz Adams, Teresa Butler, Marie Koss Ryan, Jamie Blake, Lauren Huberty, Principal Sue O'Donnell

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Marie Koss Ryan to approve February's minutes. Second came from Liz Adams.

Treasurer: Joni Shore

- Reviewed budget. Motioned to approve made by Liz Adams. Seconded by Marie Koss Ryan.
- Asked teachers to inquire if any of their colleagues have any suggestions for how PTO spends the budgeted \$500 for "Building Improvements/Technology."

President: Faith Plew

- Expressed appreciation for the ongoing participation in the Box Tops for Education program, participation with last Friday's movie night, and support with Chuck E Cheese.
- Faith attends the PTO President's luncheon once per quarter. She shared info on the Kalamazoo area's ASK program which was discussed at the luncheon. She will leave a brochure and info sheet on this program in the front lobby.
- Faith educated attendees on the Portage Education Foundation's upcoming initiatives with a steering committee charged with raising awareness of the upcoming mileage election.

Vice President: Shana Brown

- Reported that after Spring Break we will start discussions on filling committee chair and board positions. She asked attendees to start thinking about what committees they will want to participate in next year.

Principal: Sue O'Donnell

- Reported that parent involvement is required for Title One programming. The Parent-Teacher-Student compact requires parent input. Parents have been placed on a sub-committee of the school's Improvement Team for Title One. Faith Plew added that it would be helpful for parents with kids involved in Title One programming to write something about their positive experiences. These write-ups can be submitted to Faith Plew.
- Reported that 34 parents signed students up for kindergarten screening at the incoming kindergartener's parent meeting which was held earlier this evening.

Teachers: Mrs. Garcia and Mrs. Gillman

- Thanked us for the money PTO reimburses them. Specifically thanked PTO for the financial support we gave to help make the 5th grade camp experience possible.
- Discussion ensued regarding Fifth Grade Fairwell. Teachers talked about the fact we will need 36 volunteers for the 5th grade Track and Field Day to make it work instead of the 24 which was reported last month. Room parents are working on publicizing this volunteer need. The Track and Field Day will be June 1 and the buffet and celebration on June 3.

Committee Reports:

- Box Tops – Mrs. Scott’s class won for March.
- Movie Night – Faith reported that Jo Ann sent out a thank you e-mail thanking all Movie Night volunteers. We made \$858. We think attendance may have been down from the Fall Movie Night.
- Kindergarten Screening – Wed., March 24th morning screening sessions will be added. Unsure how many volunteers will be needed for these sessions. Help is still needed on Tues., March 23rd from Noon until 3:45pm.
- Chuck E Cheese – we made \$448.93. We are all very pleased with the success of this fundraiser. With this success we discussed that it might be beneficial to plan yet another one sometime in May.
- Yearbook – Shana Brown reported that the yearbook sales went very well. The Yearbook will hopefully be uploaded to Lifetouch for publishing by Thursday, March 11.
- Daisy Dollars – Amy Engel is coordinating. Daisy Dollars order forms went home with students today and are due back by April 9.
- Ice Cream Social – Judy Powers is coordinating. It will be held April 28th at 6:30 in the gym. Incoming kindergarteners have been invited.

Other Business:

- Discussed how we are going to honor the retiring teachers, Mr. Lauritsen, Ms. Hoy, and Ms. Martinez. PTO usually gives a gift to each retiring teacher. Ms. Gillman said she’ll check with the staff’s “Friendship Committee” to see how they might like the PTO to be involved with the teachers’ send-off.
- Liz Adams reported the last Teacher’s Luncheon is scheduled for the last day of school, but with it being a full day now, a sit-down lunch is not an option. Discussed various options. Mrs. Gilman and Mrs. O’Donnell agreed to get back with the PTO on how we can best provide them with a meal.
- The school year’s final Texas Hold ‘Em tournament is coming up March 16-19. Angie Kennard is coordinating.
- Faith reported that Kloostermans (from whom we bought the popcorn machine) sells candy at a discounted rate. Faith is going to see about opening an account with them for purchasing candy for fundraising at movie nights, etc.