

Werner Elementary School  
5400 Mail Creek Lane  
Fort Collins CO 80525

Minutes of the PTA General Meeting

March 8, 2011

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<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order by President Tiffany Haag at 6:24 PM
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	President Haag welcomed everyone and everyone attending introduced themselves.
<b>Review of Minutes</b>	Rebecca Creech motioned to move the minutes. Ann Zollman seconded the motion. Minutes approved.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Co-Treasurer Dena Ewan reported:</p> <p>February 1 – March 7, 2011 Beginning Balance \$28,611.82 Income \$4,724.82 Expenses \$2,937.56 Ending balance \$30,399</p> <p>Income: King Soopers - \$440 Bingo - \$1520 (including expenses for pizza of \$172.50 Werner Nights (Cozzolas) - \$200 Silent Auction - \$372 (will be 700) Birthday books - \$90</p> <p>Expenses: Family activity night - \$167 PTA membership - \$506 Printing - \$286 Hospitality - \$80 Specials Grant (Media ipod and docking station) - \$379</p> <p>Looking ahead to upcoming expenses: CSAP snacks ~\$400 Teacher and Me baskets Money we have not spent from \$5,000 last year, ~\$2,000 for art boards Printing costs ~\$1,700 (use of copy machine) ~\$12,000 between today and end of year ~\$5,000 operational reserve ~\$1,000 Little Shop of Physics grant</p> <p>Estimating \$12,500 at end of the school year</p>
<b>Principal's Report</b>	Mr. Camp was not present as he is attending a board meeting because one of our teachers Mrs. Niel Smosna from ILS (formerly ASP) won the Mary Hull award for Special Education Teachers in the district. She is being recognized at the board meeting. The Principal's report was presented by Tiffany Haag and Connie Johnston.

**Coffee Talk** - Next Coffee Talk is Friday, March 25, 9:00 am in the Teacher's Lounge

**Budget** – Currently, PSD is expected to take a 9.4 million cut from state. We have optimism going into next year because of the mill/bond that was passed and a healthy projection. We are currently projected at 527 students for next year (as compared to being projected at 479 for this year).

**Staffing Prioritizations** - We are in the process of getting staff and parent input on staffing prioritizations for next year. Parents can still provide input until the end of this week by going to [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Werner\\_Spring2011](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Werner_Spring2011). After spring break, we will begin the staffing process.

## Old Business

### **Committee Updates**

**Bingo** – Rebecca Creech reported on the March 4<sup>th</sup> Bingo night. Should make around \$2,000. A majority of winners were boys. Need to find a new chair to take over Bingo. If you know of anyone who is interested let Rebecca know.

**Community Service** – Renee Cohn-Jones reported that we might do a neighborhood cleanup in the Spring. Hoping to connect with the Wildcat leaders, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts.

**Odyssey of the Mind** – Odyssey of the Mind is coming up in two weeks. We have several teams this year. There is a flyer on the wall and information in the newsletter.

**Science Fair** – Science Fair was last week. They had a few more entries than last year.

**Nature Center** – The Nature Center has new rocks.

**King Soopers cards** – We are making around \$400/month.

**Yearbook** – Yearbook order forms are due in early April. They will not be ordering extra, so be sure not to miss the order form.

**Scholastic Bookfair** – the last book fair of the year is coming up.

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**Valentines Raffle** – We raised \$1,533 in Valentine's Day raffle efforts.

**Stewards of Light** - Setting up a child sex abuse awareness training for staff/parents, hosted by Stewards of Light.

**Expanded Enrichment** – Ann Zollman explained the Enrichment Program. The registration was very successful. We signed students up for two days, before and after school. Classes start Tuesday after spring break, and will run for 6 weeks total.

- 232 classes registered and confirmed
- 15 classes scheduled and ready to go
- 4 classes cancelled (2 – Chess, Creative Writing and Poetry, and Be a Clown)
- 4-6 kids affected by Kids in the Kitchen wait list, most found other classes to take

Need volunteer help with Jr. Lego League on Tuesday afternoons for smaller kid/teacher ratio.

If interested, please contact Ann Zollman 226-5163 or [Ann.Zollman@juno.com](mailto:Ann.Zollman@juno.com)

## **New Business**

### **Funding Requests for member vote:**

- \$152.64 – First grade advanced readers – comments “There are always a very high group of readers that Treasures does not accommodate. These learning links provide a challenging appropriate set of lessons to meet these learner’s needs”. (Spangler – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
Renee Cohn-Jones motioned to grant the first grade teachers the money they requested for the learning links. Wanda Molinary Knipp seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion was approved.
- \$426.98 – portable stereo amplifier – music room (this is not the entire cost of the amplifier, the music budget will be paying for some as well.) (Swanty – Music) Dena Ewan explained what she is looking at. Dena said, we can also take \$150 allotted for Jazz Cats and lower the cost as well.  
Ann Zollman moved that we approve the portable stereo amplifier. Rebecca Creech seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion was approved.
- \$1,500 – PTA match of raffle monies raised for teacher budget grants. This would allow teachers a \$100 grant each, with some smaller programs getting a \$50 grant. (PTA Board)  
Leta Behrens moved to grant a \$1500 match for classroom budgets. KatieTychsen seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

**Officer Nominations** - We are looking for parents to fill our Vice President roles (VP of enrichment, VP of programs), the Events Coordinator role and a co-treasurer for next year. All positions are a two year term. We have a large number of officers remaining so it would be a good time to move in. If you, or if you know anyone who is interested, please let Tiffany or any of the Board members know.

**2011 – 2012 Budget** - Treasurers are working on 2011 – 2012 Budget and it will be presented at the next PTA meeting.

**By-laws** need to be revised this year and the Board will be working on that.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

*Speaker Series - "Creating Meaningful & Lasting Rituals with your Family"*  
Presented by: Leta Behrens

We all know the struggle of wanting to 'do it all' with the true end goal of creating meaning, time, and relationships with our kids, family, and friends. Rituals are a part of our lives whether we are intentional about them... or not! Many of us may still structure our days, traditions, holidays and vacations around either what we did as a kid or what we wish we did! Come explore some ideas for creating intentional rituals that connect our lives to those we love.