

Werner Elementary School PTA
5400 Mail Creek Lane
Fort Collins CO 80525

Minutes of the PTA General Meeting
March 23, 2010

- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Julie Grillo at 6:35 pm.
- Attendance** See attendance sign in sheet.
- Review of Minutes** Bre Wells moved to approve the minutes. Mindy Gee seconded the motion.
- Treasurer's Report** Bre Wells reported that according to the Colorado PTA any spending money needs to be allocated for a specific project – it needs to be earmarked. Bre will give her information to Dena Ewan and Wendy Banks the new PTA treasurers.
- Dena Ewan reported that Teacher & Me and the Classroom Baskets income was \$4,033.54. Bingo Nite (Spring) reported income of \$1,545 (including \$905 from the silent auction). Past PTA officers were invited to a meeting to discuss school priorities with Mr. Camp.
- Old Business Report** The PTA will share expenses with Werner when the PTA copier stops working. This option is the one that is most cost effective.
- New Business Report** Werner PTA Budget Requests:
1. Staff Development and Parent Education Opportunity – Offer training to any Werner staff member free of charge. The cost of \$900 (\$15 per person for 60 staff members) will be split by an anonymous parent who will cover \$450 and the PTA the other \$450. Parents wishing to attend can do so but will have to pay \$15 each. Tiffany Haag motioned to approve the request, Bridget Froelich seconded and the request was approved unanimously.
 2. Monetary Donation for Scoot Crandall – He has presented twice in PTA meetings, did an assembly for 5th and 6th graders last year and will be presenting to 5th graders this year. A request to give him a \$100 gift card was presented. Kathy Bergo suggested giving the donation to his organization (TEAM Fort Collins). Mindy Gee motioned to approve the request and Amy Hazlet seconded. The request was approved unanimously.

3. PTA Earth Day Committee proposed ideas:

- Decorate reusable cloth grocery bags next year at \$2.50 per child for a total of \$1000
- Have students offer environmental tips during announcements that week on on Earth Day
- Show an environmental theme movie
- Have students decorate their classrooms recycling bins

Bridget Froelich wanted the committee to check with teachers before choosing an option. Parents expressed that \$1,000 might be too much money and that bag donations could be requested. Dena Ewan suggested that the bags should be sold to the parents.

4. The Lego Robotics Committee is requesting funds for a Lego Club formation – The club was open for the first time to the entire Werner community with 20 students participating on the club and 18 on the team. Werner has 4 kits and ideally one kit is shared by three students. We would need six kits and each costs \$280. We would need to buy two for a total of \$560. One software site license is needed for \$339.95 and materials (table) for \$100. The total needed is \$995.95 and the club has collected \$600. Total outstanding is \$395.95.

Tiffany Haag said that one table is not enough for so many participants and that folding tables would be a better option. These would benefit not only the team but the club as well. Carol Wilusz motion to approve the request, Kathy Bergo seconded and the request was approved unanimously.

5. The Playground Improvement and Beautification Committee wants to improve the habitat for birdlife and increase the visibility and use of the natural areas. They want to provide education and awareness on native bird species. They want to promote environmental literacy and provide additional opportunities for instructing students in an outdoor learning environment. They are requesting 2 large feeders at \$30 each, 5 wren/small bird craft houses @10 each, supplies and bird food for \$70 and other costs of \$20 for a total of \$200.

Jeri Feaster suggested getting donations or discounts for the food. Parents suggested getting speakers from Birds Unlimited. Jeri motioned to approve the \$200, Bridget Froelich seconded and the request was approved unanimously.

The PTA board gave attendees 20 minutes to rank all activities done through the year and pick their three “must have” events for next year. The results will be given at the next PTA meeting.

Committees Reports

Spirit Sales will have the new order form going to parents in the Friday folders. GoJo Sports will provide a sample of each product.

Carol Wilusz, Odyssey of the Mind, reported that the tournament will take place on March 27th in Fossil Creek High School at 8:00am.

The Yearbook committee has the end of March as a deadline to submit pictures.

Principal's Report

The parent survey results will be published on the PTA website. 132 parents responded to the survey and the results showed that class size, literacy, paraprofessional, and specials are the main priorities.

The forecast is to have 479 students next year and the government is cutting \$80,000. This cut might be bigger next year. During the next two weeks, the principal will meet with the staff to decide where the cuts will occur.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm

Speakers Series:

"HERBAL FIRST AID FOR EVERY HOME" Presenter: Susan E. Mead, M.H.
Incorporated Medical Herbalist – She couldn't present at the meeting due to weather conditions.

Author and Medical Herbalist, Susan E. Mead, learn about the simple and super cheap ways to handle your family's common, everyday ailments—and when you should head to the emergency room.