

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

Minutes of the PTA General Meeting

November 9, 2010

- Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 6:22 pm by President Tiffany Haag.
- Review of Minutes** Minutes from the October Meeting are on the tables for review. Rebecca Creech motioned to approve the minutes Wendy Banks seconded that motion.
- Welcome & Introductions** Welcome – make sure everyone has a nametag
Introductions of Officers
- Membership** Membership Update – 95 members – goal is 130
Pick up your membership card that is in the basket on the refreshment table. If it is not in there, let Tiffany know and we will get one printed for you.
- Treasurer's Report** Profit and loss from August 1 – November 9, 2010

Net Fundraising

Community (Target and painter)	767.89
Spirit Sales	236.00
Gold C Books	3,256.80
King Soopers Gift Card Program	350.75
Fall Festival	8,741.43
Bingo – Fall	1,898.46
Werner Nights	363.37
Werner Bags	30.00
Total Net Fundraising Income	15,644.70

Net General Income **2,763.24**

Other Expenses

Classroom Expenses	2,061.51
Community Expenses	145.59
General Expenses	844.28
Operating Expenses	554.61
Total Other Expenses	3,605.99

Total Net Income **14,801.95**

Principal's Update

Math

Principal Camp challenged us with a math problem illustrating that “thinking outside the box” is increasingly becoming more important because of technology. He brought this up because in a world that is changing quickly, we have to respond differently with mathematics for kids – as a school, in the coming years, we are going to be working more on math. How does math at Werner look like now, how will it look at the next level, and next, etc...

He asked if we would be interested in a family math night in the future.

Traffic

Principal Camp had some district people come look at the traffic. Some things that members noticed are

1. kids are being blindsided when crossing the streets (High Castle)
2. speed – even with the yellow blinking lights – speed is too fast
3. So few ways in and out – there is not a lot of parking

Some suggestions:

Speed bump

Authority figure present that slows people down

The district people looked today at the front lot and some of the things that they noticed/commented on:

1. overall it is a pretty efficient system in comparison to a lot of other schools
2. parked cars in red zones
3. curve area should be a no parking zone
4. people picking up kids in the middle lane
5. people leaving their cars

Education will be important in building awareness with what should be done.

Old Business

Committee Chair Updates

Bingo – Thanks to all who attended. Net income was just under \$1900, which was what was intended for both fall and spring. Looking at ways to earmark proceeds for spring. We changed it a little bit each time, based on feedback each time.

Birthday Books – Susan Bettis is going to be putting names up throughout the year of all the birthday books for each month. There will be a half sheet reminder after Christmas for second half of year birthdays. Mrs. Webber has put together a list of books that she needs, or you can pick a topic of a specific book your child will like. There is a form on the PTA website.

Book Club – First meeting is November 18th at Reader's Cove. Hoping to set up a monthly meeting time and the book in the newsletter.

Chess Club – Going great. Got new t-shirts.

Community Service – This month focusing on Meals that Matter (complete packaged meals). Each grade will be asked to bring a certain item. Meals go first to Werner families who are having hardships, then to Putnam Elementary families. Non-perishables on Monday – Thursday, Perishable items on Friday.

Directory – Katy Tychsen will chair next year as last year – if anyone is interested in chairing let her know.

Gold C Books – Over \$3,000 in profit. Need to distribute the prizes, and then we will be done.

King Soopers Cards – October’s profit was \$426.35. If we continue this pace, could make close to \$5,500.

Nature Center – Purchased the boulders, should be delivered soon. The goal of the committee is to refresh the Nature Center and make it easier for teachers and students to utilize the area more effectively and more often.

Newsletter – Deadline submissions for this month are a little earlier.

Odyssey of the Mind – This year 3 Division I teams will get started in December and 2 Primary teams will begin after Christmas. Still need one coach, so if you know anyone who is interested, let Carol Wilusz know.

Spirit Wear – Another deadline is coming up – keep your eyes open for that.

Volunteer Coordination – We need a chair for this committee. It is a great job for someone who wants a “behind the scenes” job. If you are interested, let Tiffany know. Could be a team approach.

Yearbook – It is going...not much happens until next semester.

Scholastic Book Fair – Coming up December 6 – 10. Will have ability to order online, wish lists, etc...

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

Carol Wilusz moved to adjourn. Ann Zollman seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Speaker Series

Setting Limits, Establishing Boundaries and Enjoying the Results

Vic Smith

While we would like to be on the same side as our children, we sometimes find ourselves in disagreements with them, heading toward a deadlock. We will address concrete ways to help parents work with their children to set limits and create boundaries while at the same time maintain dignity and power for everyone. We will introduce ways to help our children become strong, self-assured, capable adults while we feel more successful as parents.

About the Speaker:

Vic has been a therapist in public mental health and in private practice. He is the director and co-founder of Oakwood Elementary School in Ft Collins and is currently teaching and working with families at the school.