

Willington PTA Meeting Minutes

Willington Public Library, 6:30 pm

December 15, 2011

**Board Members Present:**

Tracey Anderson  
Val Moseley

Donna Cook

**Guests:** Judy Anderson, WSF

Heather Kelly, WSF

**Attending Members:**

Lisette Haddad      Phil Stevens      Melissa Cowen

Melissa Cassells      Kris Schultz      Gianna Stebbins

Sue Heacox      Amy D'Agata

Justine Hill

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:36pm by Tracey Anderson

**Approval Of Minutes** Motion to approve November 17, 2011 minutes by Phil Stevens, seconded by Lisette Haddad. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Donna Cook. The library gave us our \$50 deposit back for the use of the Audio/Visual equipment.

**President's Report:** presented by Tracey Anderson with nothing new to report.

**Membership Report:** One new member to report since the November meeting.

**Principal's Report:** Presented by Phil Stevens. Center Stage presentation on December 14<sup>th</sup> was successful and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade chorus concert was great as well. Art teacher, Judy Meyers was featured on TV for her artwork. This video was shown at Center Stage. The December 3<sup>rd</sup> Kindergarten feast went very well, and on December 16<sup>th</sup>, report cards go home to CES students. \$280.00 was donated to the Willington Food Bank. This money was raised from the Top Turkey event at CES. There is a new rack for pamphlets and flyers near the front door of CES for any community event/ flyers that are approved by the Superintendent's office.

**Willington Scholarship Foundation:** Presented by Judy Anderson and Heather Kelly of the WSF. A brief history of the development of the WSF was given and it was noted that the roots of this foundation are with the Willington PTA. Each year the foundation uses the money raised by the PTA bake sale to add to the endowment to grow the interest as well as for the actual scholarship monies that are distributed. Awards are given to EO Smith seniors who have been in the Willington school system since Kindergarten. Of the three towns that attend EO Smith High School, no other town has a program such as this. Award certificates are presented at the EO Smith awards banquet, and then the checks are presented at a smaller reception only for the recipients. More information is available on the WSF website, which can be accessed through the Willington PTA website or the town website.

**Committee Reports:**

**Clip and Save:** The most recent collection of clip and save has generated \$500 which will arrive as a check in April. This money goes into the PTA general fund.

**SCRIP:** This month we profited \$277.88 from this program. This is very successful for this program compared with recent years! A new updated form will be going home soon as well as in the digital backpack.

**Yearbook:** Please send any photos from school activities to Dee to ensure that all students are pictured at least 2 times in the yearbook.

**Fundraisers:** Butterbraids was a debacle this year. Having an evening pickup time was helpful. These are usually distributed during parent-teacher conferences, but due to the storm, the order was delayed. Phil Stevens suggested that we utilize the district notification system with regard to pick-up times if there are issues in the future.

**Family Ice Skate:** this event had a good turnout despite the parking problem.

**Spirit Wear:** Presented by Amy D'Agata. We are using J&B Sports The in South Windsor. We have some new products being offered. Display items will be at both schools, and people will be able to see the products and order them online as well. We want to have water bottles available at sporting events. A small discussion took place with regard to the logo on the bottles, whether it should be a generic "Willington" logo or specific to the schools. Gianna Stebbins made a motion to spend the money on the water bottles. Justine Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Teacher Cookie buffet:** will be on December 21<sup>st</sup>, and it is going well.

**Unfinished Business:** No TV week: PTA needs to decide on our activity, and we are slotted for that Friday night.

**New Business:** Mel Cowen presented fundraising idea, "Beach Body". This is a company that sells nutritional products, vitamins, and DVD's that promote healthy living. A small discussion took place as to whether this type of fundraising would open the door to other small businesses, however, Mel assured the PTA that no money is made by her as the person bringing this to our organization. The idea was tabled so that more information could be gathered to make a well-informed decision.

**Announcements:**

12/21-Teacher Cookie buffet

1/19-next PTA meeting at the WPL, 6:30pm

2/4- Father/Daughter Dance

Meeting Adjourned: 7:32 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Moseley, Secretary