

Willington PTA Meeting Minutes

Willington Public Library, 6:30 pm

November 17, 2011

**Board Members Present:**

Tracey Anderson      Jennifer Doughty      Robin Campbell      Rachel Pierce  
Valerie Moseley      Donna Cook

**Attending Members:**

Sue Heacox      Patti Locke      Monica Dorey      Jan Castle      Phil Stevens  
Lisette Haddad      Stephanie Pippin

**Meeting Called to Order** at 6:40 by Tracey Anderson

**Approval Of Minutes** Motion to approve minutes by Lisette Haddad, seconded by Sue Heacox. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** presented by Jen Doughty. Bake sale brought in more than \$800.00. ACT money has been transferred to Friends of Hall Music and Drama.

**President's Report** presented by Tracey Anderson. Thanks to Donna and Robin for getting membership reports in early (by October 15). Our PTA received "Early Bird" recognition for this. Rachel went to the Board of Ed meeting, and reported that the board talked about the shelter during the storm power outages. The board felt that it was a great community effort, that many people utilized the shelter, but that better communication was needed between the Hall School shelter, and the Mansfield Community Center shelter.

**Membership Report** no new members to report.

**Principal's Report:** Presented by Phil Stevens. The "Top Turkey" fund raiser is going very well. Over 1000 feathers were sold and the students met their goal. The first "Digital Backpack" went out this past Friday, and will be coming out every Friday. There was a meeting for "No TV Week" by organization in the community to come up with ideas and ways to sponsor activities during this week. Next week, there will be minimum days, Monday, 11/21, Tuesday, 11/22, and Wednesday, 11/23 due to Parent-Teacher conferences and the holiday.

**Presentation by Willington Youth and Family Social Services (WYFSS):** Presented by Tara Bergeron. It is important for our townspeople to know what services are provided by WYFSS. Ms. Bergeron believes that if more people knew what services were offered, this organization could help offset some rural poverty that exists in our community. Willington's current poverty rate is over 14%. **Services Provided:** The Fuel Bank- This service provides emergency heat to families in need. This is supported strictly by private donations. The Food

Pantry: The community food drive goes to this, and this service provides emergency food to families in need. Transportation Service: fills the need for specialized door-to-door trips. Case Management Services- helps to provide solutions to problems within the system. Youth Services: there is a girls group at Hall and CES, enrichment programs at affordable prices, and other programs geared to help kids connect to the community.

**Committee Reports:**

**Clip and Save**: Danielle Iacampo will be picking up clip and save from schools.

**SCRIP/ Gift Cards**: presented by Lisette Haddad. This order form will be included in the Digital Backpack, and updated before Christmas.

**Candy Bar Bingo**: Was cancelled due to power outages. Will be rescheduled by Christy Sleezer for a later date.

**Election Day Bake Sale**: We reached our \$800.00 goal.

**Yearbook**: the winners of the cover contest were announced at the Center Stage Assembly.

**Fundraising**: Meadow Farms brought in over \$3000.00. Rachel asked for any suggestions on how to get some orders to family. Jan Castle suggested that families receive them during conferences.

**Unfinished Business**: PTA ideas for "No TV Week" include: Bingo night, Family Fitness night, Board Game night, an activity at River Road with a DJ and karaoke, a Trails Clean-Up day, and talent show. Other ideas welcome!

**New Business**: Sue Heacox brought up the issue of how many papers are sent home. Hopefully the Digital Backpack and the Superintendent's Monthly email will eliminate much of this and getting our district as paperless as possible.

**Announcements:**

12/4- Family Ice Skate at UConn

12/15- Next PTA Meeting

12/21-Teacher Holiday buffet

2/4- Father/Daughter Dance

Meeting Adjourned: 7:44 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Moseley, Secretary