

Willington PTA Meeting Minutes

Willington Public Library, 6:30 pm

October 20, 2011

Board Members Present:

Tracey Anderson, President

Jennifer Doughty, Assistant Treasurer

Rachel Pierce, Vice President

Valerie Moseley, Secretary

Donna Cook, Treasurer

Robin Campbell, Membership Chair

Attending Members:

Dee Gilbert

Philip Stevens

Gianna Stebbins

Erin Pelletier

Leo Mercado

Justine Hill

Deb Sullivan

Tina Gounaris

Osha Roller

Justin Roller

Sarah Bland

Danielle Iacampo

Melissa Cassells

Patti Locke

Jane DeMilia

Meeting Called to Order: at 6:30 by Tracey Anderson, President

Approval Of Minutes: (postponed to later in the meeting) Motion to fix September minutes by Justine Hill, seconded by Leo Mercado. Minutes were fixed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Jen Doughty, Assistant Treasurer. Small discussion took place about the adjustment and the "found money" in the changeover of officers.

President's Report: presented by Tracey Anderson. Mr. Harding would like feedback on the electronic newsletter, which can be found on the BOE website or in your email). Big Y Homework helpline is open. Tracey encouraged membership to sign up for Stop and Shop's A+ School Rewards Program which takes place from October 7-March 29th. Information can be found at stopandshop.com/A+.

Membership Report: presented by Robin Campbell, Membership chair. Since September's Meeting we have 13 new members. Membership cards are almost done. Next year, we are looking into other vendors to supply our goods at the Ice Cream Social.

Principal's Report: presented by Phil Stevens, principal of CES. Next coffee hour at CES is scheduled for October 27, 2011, from 4-5pm. Curriculum Night went well and he is looking for feedback to make it even better. A student council was just started and they are looking for ideas to make money. They decided to use the Turkey feather fundraising idea from Erin Pelletier to raise money to donate to the local food bank. They designed the turkey outfit to be worn by Mr. Stevens. On October 15, it is National Recycle Day. Look for flyers to request donations of old sneakers. Safety Patrol is starting back up. Thank you to PTA members who

planted the mums around the flag pole. There will be a safety drill on October 21. This will include bus safety, lockdown drill and high-wind drill. Deb Sullivan, principal of HMS presented. She is looking at data /blue ribbon assessments. Progress reports were just sent home for sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Looking to move toward eliminating progress reports and encourage parents to utilize PowerSchool more.

Committee Reports:

Garden Angels: Thanks to Melissa for the work!

Clip and Save: Danielle Iacampo is sending out flyers.

SCRIP/Giftcard: Lisette Haddad will coordinate this committee.

Family Fun Night: Christy Sleezer will report next meeting.

Election Day Bake Sale: Gianna Stebbins to coordinate. Jen Jefferies will set up again this year. They are waiting for volunteer forms to come back to create a schedule.

Yearbook: Dee Gilbert, chair, presented. The committee is made up of Dee, Amy Redding, and Jen Paulo. Dee brought copies of last year's yearbook. Students are voting on October 20 on this year's cover. The 3rd grade color spread is the same day as picture retakes.

Fundraising: presented by Rachel Pierce. Meadowbrook Farms fundraiser is in but there is no delivery date yet. Butterbraids and cookie dough will be coming out soon. All orders will be delivered to CES. Butterbraids and cookie dough is due November 4, they will be delivered November 16. Deb Sullivan raised concerns about 3 different fundraisers going on at the same time and suggested the organizations try to coordinate their times so that they are a little more spread out. A small discussion took place about the percentages that PTA makes off of the fundraisers. Most of them are 40% or more. Rada Knives is not going to be a fundraiser this year.

Directory: Office at CES has extra copies.

Family Ice Skate: Dee Gilber and Erin Pelletier have secured December 4 from 1:45-2:45. They need to give the arena a check for \$300, 3 weeks in advance. Motion to approve the \$300 deposit by Gianna Stebbins, seconded by Deb Sullivan. Motion carried.

Magnets and Tee Shirts: If we want to continue to sell magnets, we will need to purchase more. Small discussion took place and included suggestions for other non-perishable spirit gear from the same company. Small discussion took place with regard to getting new tee shirts and sweatshirts with screen-printed logos instead of embroidered. It is less expensive and we may be able to sell more as well as have them on hand at different events.

Unfinished Business:

ACT: This money, encumbered in 2004, was raised for a student to attend ACT, but then she did not, so the money was donated to the PTA for future students for wanted to attend ACT, and needed financial help. A motion was made to transfer this money to Friends of Hall School Drama and Music so that they can create a committee to put this money to use. Motion was made by Erin Pelletier, seconded by Gianna Stebbins. Motion carried.

We are looking for ideas for "No TV Week", April 23-April 27. The committee is trying to get different organizations in town to sponsor activities for one night each. PTA will host a Family Fun Night, and we need volunteers. There will be a meeting on November 4 at 4:00 in the conference room at CES and will include the Library staff, Willington Little League, and WYFSS.

New Business: One member suggested a viewing of the movie, "What's on Your Plate?" which researched where schools get their food. She thought that a school-wide showing of the movie would be beneficial and could link to health and wellness. Membership suggested bringing the idea to the Superintendent and/or Sean Conlin and Hope Charette, the Health and Wellness Committee chairs.

Announcements:

- Butterbraids due November 4th, delivered November 16th.
- next membership meeting is November 17, 2011
- next BOE meeting on November 8- we are looking for volunteers to go.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Moseley, Secretary