

Willington PTA Meeting Minutes

Willington Public Library, 6:30 pm

September 22, 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:

Stephanie Pippin	Deb Sullivan	Tina Gounaris
Dee Gilbert	Christy Sleezer	Barbara Gounaris
Erin Pelletier	Melissa Cassells	Jennifer Wantek
Lisette Haddad	Philip Stevens	
Sue Heacox	Leo Mercado	

Meeting Called to Order: at 6:37 by Tracey Anderson, President

Approval Of Minutes: motion to approve May 19 minutes by Lisette Haddad, seconded by Erin Pelletier. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: presented by Jen Doughty, Assistant Treasurer. Donna Cook, explained some new forms that can be found on the PTA website.

President's Report: presented by Tracey Anderson. We need to make a change in the Willington PTA's bylaws that states that we can no longer have "Co" officers. There has to be the titled officer, and the assistant to that officer. Tracey corrected the errors with regard to names and corresponding officers that were sent home in the initial PTA packet when school began. Tracey explained that things will look different at meetings as the PTA tries to go as "paperless" as possible. We will now be projecting the agenda, minutes and budget on a screen from a computer and have limited copies on paper. Minutes and agenda will be available on our website to print for those who prefer the paper copies.

Membership Report: presented by Robin Campbell, Membership chair. To date, PTA has 116 paid members. 42 are teachers, only 25 are inactive, and she will be picking up more forms from HMS this week.

Principal's Report: Phil Stevens, principal of CES thanked the PTA for the help with the new playscape. School got off to a good start. He will be hosting monthly coffee hours to get to know parents and to welcome ideas and feedback. This month's is scheduled for September

29, 9am-10am. The time will be rotated to accommodate parents, so next month's will be in the afternoon from 4-5pm.

Deb Sullivan, principal of HMS said the year began well. She also will be hosting "Muffins for Moms" and "Doughnuts for Dads" to be connecting with parents. Success assemblies will begin soon.

Committee Reports:

Ice Cream Social: went well and was successful. We had fewer numbers this year, but feel that the late start to the school year might have been part of the reason.

Clip and Save: Danielle Iacampo will head this committee again this year. Any help is appreciated.

SCRIP/Giftcard: Tracey explained the fundraiser to new members. Many gift cards are available and the PTA automatically gets a part of the profit. **We are seeking a chair for this committee.** It has the potential to be very successful.

Family Fun Night: Christy Sleezer will host a Candy Bar Bingo Night, but will need help. No date is currently set.

Election Day Bake Sale: takes place on election day, Tuesday, November 7. The money raised is for the Willington Scholarship Foundation. We pledge \$800 each year. We are in need of a coordinator.

Yearbook: Dee Gilbert, chair presented. Yearbook is already well underway. Please send candid group photos to her. The yearbook committee is committed to making sure every child is pictured in candid. We will be voting on the cover at October's meeting. The theme this year is "Bee-lieve and Achieve". Some discussion took place as to whether or not it could be managed to have students vote instead of PTA. Mr. Stevens would like to work that out.

Fundraising: presented by Rachel Pierce. Meadowbrook Farms fundraiser is underway. Butterbraids and cookie dough will be coming out soon.

Directory: came out today. Office at CES has extra copies.

Playground: after many fundraisers and direct donations, the Playground committee is about \$35.00 away from raising the \$6000 goal. PTA would simply like to donate the final amount and dissolve the committee.

Flea Market: We feel it is necessary to be a part of the flea market to show our support as part of the community, but it is not a fundraising event.

Unfinished Business:

ACT: was proposed that we form a committee to choose a student to receive ACT moneys for scholarships. This is a lot of work and we are unsure of its success. We currently have \$1100. (ACT is a part of EASTCONN, and is a private high school for the performing arts that children in willington may choose to attend).

It was suggested that we talk to the Booster Club and see if they are interested in having the money transferred and forming a committee to award the money to student(s).

New Business:

PTA Representation at BOE Meetings: We would like to have PTA representation at the monthly Board of Ed meetings to report back to PTA in order to stay connected. BOE meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is October 11.

Family Ice Skating: Dee Gilbert will coordinate a skate night at UConn. More information to follow.

School Store: this is an idea that we will table for a future meeting.

WYFSS: Tara Bergeron would like to present at a PTA meeting. We will schedule her to come address PTA at November's meeting.

Erin Pelletier: presented a fundraising idea to bring to schools and get children involved. "Top Turkey" is when the students buy feathers for teachers and whoever has the most feathers at the end of the contest wears a turkey costume right before Thanksgiving break. We will need to make sure teachers are on board and get some parents involved in selling "feathers". Will discuss more at next month's meeting.

Announcements:

-Fall Fundraiser is due 9/30

-next meeting is October 20

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Moseley, Secretary