

Willett Elementary PTO Minutes

June 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Kirsten Mailhot at 6:05pm.

In attendance

See Attendance List.

Approval of Secretary Report

The minutes distributed via email from the June 2015 meeting and approved.

Officer's Reports

a. Mission Statement: Mission Statement: The Willett PTO serves to create a collaborative environment between parents, teachers, and administration to enhance the educational experience of our student population. We provide extracurricular experiences - both in and out of the classroom - through community activities and fundraising efforts. If you are interested in volunteering for an event contact Jessica Irwin at jess21091@comcast.net. Make sure you take our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K78TZK7> this helps the PTO to make improvements or adjustment when possible. You will be getting more information regarding the upcoming fundraisers in the next few weeks. Make sure you look out for them in your child's folder.

b. Treasurer's Report: Ric spoke about his role as Treasurer. He is in a support role/advisor to the group. We currently have \$6,000 in our account that we can earmark for certain things. He would like to see us really evaluate how we spend our money for fundraisers and events. Look at how many people it took to run an event and how much money we spent to run and make sure that we are using the money productively.

c. Liz Alves is now our new recording secretary taking over for Kirsten Mailhot.

Committee Reports:

- a. We have the following events coming up: Make New Friends Luau Dance (9/25), Harvest Fest (10/24)
- b. We are still collecting box tops as we raised a little under \$2,000 last year. Every Box Top is worth \$.10 and we have contests by child and by grade so start collecting!
- c. Keep an eye out for more information regarding the Book Fairs. We will have one in the fall and one in the spring.
- d. Technology- Barbara Sierota spoke about gathering a committee to generate ideas. What businesses can we reach out to donate money for technology. To be fully equipped we need to raise \$40,000. This would include having Kindergarten and 1st grade having iPads, grades 2-4 would get chrome books. This would also include carts to hold all the technology. We will start chipping away at our goal with our first fundraiser which will be the Willett Whale Wishes. More information to follow. Barbara would like to have her first meeting by the end of September. If you are interested you can email Barbara at Barbara.Sierota@comcast.net.

Principal's Report:

- Mr. Cateon thanked everyone for coming. He started off talking about how our enrollment in our school is rising we are at about 425 and still enrolling. There have been budget cuts and this affects our staff and supplies. He shared with us that our school will be completely wireless by the end of December. We have also been chosen to be a Feinstein school. We can get \$2500 for doing things like collecting cans. Curriculum night will be September 17th. The PTO will be set up in the Library, Mr. Steinberg will be giving a demonstration on Parent Portal and Aspen, Mr. Cateon will be in the Cafeteria. Teachers will be set up in their classrooms so that you can meet the teacher and see your child's class. Our teaching garden and the buddy bench will be dedicated on Saturday 9/12 at 9am. Mr. Cateon is looking for parents to get involved in school council, a group that works on making improvements in the schools. This would involve attending a few meetings during the year. If you are interested you can email Mr. Cateon.

New Business

- a. Motion was brought to the group purchasing 13 iPad covers for the iPads that we currently have. The total amount would be \$250. Motion was accepted by all.
- b. Motion was brought to the group in to pay for busses for a 4th grade event being held at Gillette Stadium. The total cost is \$352.60. Motion was accepted by all.

Next Meeting

October 8th at 6pm in the library

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10