

WARNSDORFER PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 1/20/16

AGENDA - MINUTES

1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes from 11/11/15 General Membership Meeting
 - Minutes approved

2. President's Report
 - Lots of great fundraisers wrapped up a successful 2015: thank you for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair, Original Works & Vendor Day!
 - PTA recently purchased gifts for the school & the specials teachers:
 - Mats for lobby
 - Pedometers for PE
 - iPads for art room
 - Listening station for music room
 - Kindles for library

(Everyone was pleased with the gifts purchased by the PTA).
 - Future gifts:
 - Books for new 5th grade section of library (Approved by Mr. Csatori & PTA).
 - Student Council requested board games for indoor recess (Approved by Mr. Csatori & PTA).
 - Upcoming events:
 - Family Game Night – Fri, 1/29 @ 6:30pm
 - February's meeting will feature Mrs. McSween & Aaron Pickett (EBPL – Youth Services) talking about e-books & how they can enhance children's reading experience – Wed, 2/17 @ 6:30pm
 - International Night – Friday, 2/26 @ 6:30pm.
 - Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast – Monday, 3/7 @ 9:30am at East Brunswick Library, more info to follow.
 - Theater Week – 3/7-3/11; performance at Churchill on Monday, 3/14 - 2nd thru 5th graders, after school rehearsals since that week is half days for teacher conference. Flyer with all the info going out soon.

3. Treasurer's Report – Amy gave a quick breakdown of what we have collected/made so far: Membership \$2,482.60, Book Fair \$2,268.33, Yearbook \$228.89, Vendor Sale \$711.05, Original Works \$1,044.80, Spirit Wear \$831.00, Author's Book Day \$497. (but still need to pay out), BNL rebate \$1,727.46, Box tops \$187.50, and Cultural Arts Grants \$500.

4. Classroom Liaison Report
 - Holiday party recap - All went well no complaints, PTA will continue to supply water for the parties. No Valentine's day party but teachers will do something in the class with the students to celebrate, next party will be end

of year party. It was suggested bringing less food to parties. We donate leftovers to the teen's shelter.

5. PTA Membership Report

- Directories were distributed right before Winter Break
- Total Membership: 379 members! 😊 - Marla expressed that we can continue to accept new members all year long.

6. Fundraising Report

- Winter Family event: Game Night, 1/29 – Awaiting for families to rsvp, school gets 50% of games sold.
- Red, White & Brew – cancelled due to lack of venue. Looking to reschedule for spring 2017. – Lisa explained reason for cancelling, could not find a location within budget.

7. Cultural Arts Report

- Michael Patrick O'Neill visited on 12/9 – Good visit, PTA purchased two sets of books for Library, children are checking books out and enjoying them. Still time to purchase books.
- Franklin Institute – Feb 2016 – Space & Flight is theme of next assembly where one volunteer gets to get a real experience.

8. Principal's Report – Mr. Csatri gave his own list of suggested games to purchase. Mats in the front lobby are great and perfect for all weather conditions, receiving positive feedback. January 26th is the special Board of Ed meeting from 7:30-9:00pm @ Hammarskjold school; explained layout and what to expect. District has new website; all teachers are encouraged to set up a web page. Great Kindness Challenge is week of January 25-29th, a flyer will be going home which explains dress up schedule for next week. We are collecting coins for Kenya, large empty water bottle will be in the office for children to drop off their coins. Update on acts of Kindness given out 1,166.

9. Teacher Liaison Reports – Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Sarapochillo both expressed Author day was very good, children enjoyed it. Great pictures in the book! Regarding Vendor sale, didn't seem crowded, noticed barely any children. Good opportunity for children to buy gifts for the holidays. Thanked the PTA for the Holiday party, they feel that the dance party is too much and should let the teachers decide what they prefer to do during the class room party. They thought the mats in the lobby look great and reviewed their suggestions for purchasing games for all the grades.

10. New Business / Open Discussion – One parent, wanted to know how we find out about school closing/early dismissal and if we do a Field day event. PTA explained the protocol

and advised to check with the front office to make sure her name and contact numbers along with email was in the system for automatic updates. Explained Field day activities scheduled for June.

Another parents wanted to know when was last day of school. Mr. Csatari explained it was June 16th and it would not change because the school year was set and HS graduation was already confirmed.

In total we had 13 attendees present for this meeting, attendance sheet filed.