

WSO Meeting Minutes September 11, 2017

- Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
- Approval of Agenda - Lyndsey Simonds (m) Traci Block (s)
- Approval of Minutes - Nicole McRickard (m) Megan Carrier (s)
- Approval of Treasurer's Report - Traci Block (m) Michelle Tansley (s)

Committee Reports/Old Business

Portillo's Fundraiser

For the second fundraiser that was held at Portillo's the school raised \$171. There was two fundraisers because the first one that was held was the same day that Portillo's was having their .49 cent cake day.

Culver's

The fundraiser was a huge success for the night. There were lots of helpers that showed up which was really appreciated. It was a huge turn out. There were times that there were no seats open for the customers. Everyone had a great time. We raised

Bookfair

The theme for the fall book fair is Wild West. Book Fair will run from Nov 9th to Nov 17th. The children will be able to view the books during their library time to make their wish list. The bookfair will be open from 8:00am to 3:30pm. There is \$481.23 dollars that will be expiring on Oct 3rd. Lyndsey is going to see if she can get them banked until bookfair time. There is \$3032 scholastic dollars that the teachers can still use. For the spring book fair it is buy one get one free.

New Business

WSO Co-President 2017-2018

Lyndesy Simonds is the Co-President with Vanessa Saam

WSO Committee Chair Openings

Spirit Wear

Mardi Gras Kitchen

Possibly Holiday Shoppe and Soup Supper

Bookfair - The new person would be trained now and shadow in the spring. Then next fall Lyndsey would shadow the new person.

Walk West Fundraiser

Packets came home in the WOW Folders for the Walk to West fundraiser. Volunteers can sign up through Signup Genius. If you cannot help the day of the walk then you can sign up to

donate a snack item through signup Genius. Postcards were sent home in the packet and they are due back to the school by Tuesday Sept 12th. The children will have a t-shirt to wear that day and if they are not walking then they will have the opportunity to do different activities that will be happening throughout the school. Looking to have at least 18 helpers with crossing guards and walking with the students. If you can help either a half day or full day that would be great. The children were introduced to the Vortex that is in the office. The children can bring in change any day and put it into the Vortex. The goal this year is ten thousand dollars. The walk is the biggest fundraiser event for the school. It helps pay for field trips and different supplies for the school.

SEF Donation

SEF stands for Sycamore Education Foundation. There is a fundraiser that helps the Sycamore schools every year. Each school donates \$100 dollars to the event. The money that is raised comes back into the schools. There is going to be live music, appetizers, silent auction, live auction, and cash bar. The event itself really pays for the tickets. The tickets are \$40 dollars per person.

Fifth Grade Springfield Trip

This is a trip that the fifth graders look forward to every year. This year's Springfield trip is scheduled for Nov 3rd. The children and staff will take a coach bus and will be leaving the school at 7am and returning at approximately 9pm. WSO helps with tipping the driver for their time in driving our students for the day. The children will be visiting to Lincoln Presidential Museum, Capitol building, Lincoln's House, and end at Lincoln's Tomb. This is a very meaningful day for the children. They will go to McDonald's for dinner on the way home. The teachers ask if WSO could help with snacks for the children while they are there since they will not be having lunch until 1pm. WSO will be able to help with this. The teachers would like to thank everyone for the coach bus and making this all possible for the children. The children are not going to be allowed to bring any kind of electronics on the day of the trip.

Yearbook

There are changes happening for the yearbook this year. The school gets the yearbooks from Inter State Studios. This is the same company that takes our pictures. There is a new program that is more user friendly and the yearbooks will be in color! If parents would like to share pictures that they have taken at school events please email them to Vanessa at saamfam03@yahoo.com or text to 815-761-9989. The yearbooks will be a dollar or two more this year and that is to cover the cost of it being in color.

Mardi Gras

Megan Carrier will begin looking for donations for the Mardi Gras baskets early this year. Mardi Gras will be at the end of February or beginning of March. If you work for a company see if there is anyway that they can help with donating something to help with the baskets. Examples could be Jewel, Spa, Hair Dresser, or Restaurant. The classrooms will still be doing baskets as well. The money that is raised off of the baskets helps cover the cost of Mardi Gras. Any extra money will go back into the school for extra field trips for the children.

Butter Braids

Butter braids will be happening in November. The sell dates are Nov 15th to Nov 29th. They will be delivered to the school on Dec 14th just in time for the holidays. This year there is also cookies. There are seven different kinds of butter braids and six different kinds of cookies.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Crawford would like to thank everyone for all the beginning of the year activities. The staff loved their t-shirts this year.

There are three Kindergarten classrooms this year. This has helped take numbers down to 18 or 19 students per classroom, which is wonderful for Kindergarten. Mrs. Crawford wants to thank Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Willard for working with such a full classroom until this was resolved. We would like to welcome Mrs. Lockhart to West school.

Mapp testing is done. This will help the teachers know if the children are in their reading level and provide extra help in reading if needed.

Picture day is tomorrow Sept 12th. Newsletters went out via email on Monday Sept 11th.

SEF is on Sept 23rd. It is a Hoedown Theme. There will be a band and silent auction. Everything benefits the schools in Sycamore. The cost is \$40. This will cover your meal and drinks. It's a fun night for all that attend.

Teacher's Report

The teachers want to thank everyone for tonight with the Wildcat Welcome Night. It was a great opportunity for all the new family's and Kindergartners.

Comments/Concerns

There was concern about the children having computer lab each week because of the addition of a third PE class. They will still have time to go to the computer lab but it won't be an assigned special like art, music and library.

Adjournment

8:17 p.m. Traci Block(m) Michelle Tansley(s)

Next meeting October 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.