Wentzville Middle School PTA

**November 17, 2016**

**OFFICERS**

 President - Kelly Rowan, Vice President – Carrie Hitzfeldt, Treasurer – Jean Goldstein, Secretary – Merri Moore & Erica Way

**ATTENDEES**

Jennifer Powers, Kelly Matnz, Hannah Shayer, Erica Way, Carrie Hitzfeldt, Nikki Mulvaney

**WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER**

Carrie Hitzfeldt started the meeting at 7 pm. Motion to approve October minutes by Nikki Mulvaney.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Carrie Hitzfeldt spoke for Jean Goldstein – Budget report was not available due to an emergency.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Current membership is at 157 members. There are no new members since last month.

**FUNDRAISING**

Carrie H - The Andoro & Sons fundraiser went home with students on November 14. Packets are due back on December 1. Orders and money will be counted after the basketball games on Friday, December 2 and turned in to Andoro the next day. Parents can pick up orders at Andoro & Sons between December 12 and 16. There will be no leader board on the website and no password to enter in sales. Online sales will still be taken. Dr. Mantz suggested the teachers keeping a tally for friendly competition of sales. She also proposed an incentive to allow electronics during lunch to teams with the highest participation. Members present agreed that this was a great idea.

**SPIRIT WEAR**

This will be tabled until we receive results from the Andoro & Sons fundraiser.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Jennifer Powers has offered to count the Box Tops for Education! She would love any help with this. Dr. Mantz has an IA who is currently helping with this. Teacher supply requests will be held off until January. Minutes from the PTA meetings will be posted on the website.

**STAFF APPRECIATION**

Nothing to report at this time.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Nikki Mulvaney gave an update on the ice skating social event on January 22 at the Meadows ice rink. The cost to rent the facility is $330 and hour, totaling $600 for the two hours. PTA will set the price for skating and snacks can be purchased from the food trucks on site. Presale tickets will be sold before Christmas break. Nikki will find out what the rink normally costs to skate and/or skate rental fees and then the PTA will vote at a later time on what price to charge students.

**BASKETBALL CONCESSIONS**

Carrie H. for Vicki Keegan. Basketball concessions will take place on December 2 and January 5. Volunteers are still needed for January 5. Kelly will purchase Chick-fil-a sandwiches with other candies, drinks, and snacks. Dr. Mantz suggested checking with Linda Cox regarding snack estimates from past games.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dr. Mantz spoke about the recent professional development day where “Positive Student Referrals” were implemented, and well received. “Kindness Counts” will soon start with quotes of the week and random acts of kindness. The WMS building theme is “Teamwork Makes the Dream Work.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Holiday cookies for staff will be on Tuesday, December 20. A Sign Up Genius has already been created and will be sent out on December 6. Cookies, treats, and coffee bar items will all be provided. Set up will be in the conference room in the main office by the mailboxes. A few volunteers are needed the day before, on December 19, in the afternoon.
2. Archery was discussed as a possible intramural sport at the school. Discussed the PTA possibly purchasing equipment for this. No vote was taken. Nikki will check on costs.
3. Beautificationwas discussed including concerns and maintenance. Grass cutting at the school is outsourced and the gardening club at the school is only an intramural activity. There are memorials on the side of the building that need to be addressed as well as a previous Eagle Scout project out front. There are current plans to make a sensory garden on the north side of the building. Concerns came up including the small planted area in the front that can get salt/snow shoveled into it (thus killing the plants), who will provide maintenance, and watering. Hannah said that native plants grow better and need less water; and, grasses are easier to take care of because they take less water than flowering plants. She also stated there are grants available for native plants.
4. Next meeting will be Thursday, December 15, at 9 a.m. Dr. Mantz will lead a tour of the building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Minutes prepared by Erica Way.