

January 11, 2011 Meeting brought to order at 7:03

Last month's meeting notes were motioned to be approved by Jen Sardeson. Tessa seconded the motion. Motion passed uncontested.

Treasurer's report: Jen Sardeson motioned to approve, Raquel seconded the motion. Motion passed uncontested.

Polar Plunge: Linwood will not participate in the Polar Plunge this year. There was not a lot of participation this year and not a lot of items needed to jump for. We will look at it again for next year.

Parents Night out: We made \$250 less \$27 expenses. All kids showed up, despite the warnings of the late night snowstorm. Everyone was well behaved and crafts, Jailbreak and the movie all went over very well. We used the last of the hot dogs, buns and fruit drink. This is an easy fun raiser to do. We had 7 adults helping and that seemed to be a perfect amount. Boys stayed in the Jailbreak for most of the four hours. The hour change from last year was well received. Many parents mentioned that they liked the 5-9pm better. We had one parent try to bring a preschool student. We unfortunately had to turn them down at the door.

Science night: Kathy Dow mentioned that there were no sign ups this year, but they expected a good turnout. They were doing homemade lava lamps and many other things. Set up starts at 5pm or so. Kathy mentioned doing a Science fair this year. It is currently scheduled for 5/19. It may be mandatory for 4th grade. It will be an art and science fair, probably an all day event. The public will be welcome from 6-8pm. Mary Tenjack has done this before. Kids could create an invention or some type of art. Each child may be able to do more than one project. This will be an opportunity to view projects made by the kids, it is not intended to be a competition.

Book Fair: The book fair will start on 2/28 and run through the first week in March. We will do set up most likely on Friday the 25th. We will need people to help set up and break down.

Carnival: The carnival will be held on 3/25. Tami is putting together a team of people to assist with putting the carnival together. We need folks to run the concessions, do baskets, silent auction, etc. Kelly Steuernagel said she would help. We need to research new jump houses, last year's were very moldy. Molly will get Tami a phone number of a local resident who owns a jump house business. June 9th is the all school carnival. Some suggestions were: give the teachers a list of basket themes that have been successful in the past, put the sign ups on the teacher's lounge door instead of the nurse's office door, and perhaps on the sign up list include a column that asks if the teacher will need a basket or not. Kelly will look to see if she can pick up some baskets at Taymark. What is the best way to communicate with the teachers? It seems as though email is the best, most effective way. This in conjunction with having the sign up lists in the teacher's lounge will help communicate the carnival baskets most effectively.

Box Tops: Jen will get together with the girl scouts in February and get the box tops done. There is a submission deadline in February.

FPI: Food Perspectives is a way to raise money for Linwood School. It has to be funneled through a non-profit group like the PTA. Anyone can sign up to participate in this program. If they choose, they can indicate that they are helping to raise money for Linwood School. The individual doing the sampling can earn between \$25 and \$175 dollars for their time. Linwood PTA would make an additional \$10 each time a participant volunteered to try a product. If an individual makes over \$600 participating in this program, it must be reported to the IRS. Linwood needs 30 people to sign up. Each individual must fill out some paperwork, which can be done online, before they start. FPI does all the rest. It usually takes 45 minutes to participate in each volunteer opportunity. An individual will be called to see if they want to participate. You can decline to participate at any time. If you do not participate in any opportunities within a two year time period, you may be removed from the program. Kids can participate once their paperwork is completed by a custodian. PTA will be in no way liable for anything pertaining to this program. You may not participate if you have food allergies. There were no concerns from the PTA members about this program, so Tessa will get us set up to participate. Chris motioned to approve setting FPI up as a fundraising opportunity, Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried uncontested.

Mr. Martin: NWEA assessments are being taken this week and next week. This will help us get a handle on how kids are doing. NWEA testing is 3x a year. MCA is a federally funded test. NWEA is a tool that the school uses to see who may need additional help. If kids go up we get points. The Wargo classes have been going well; the 5th and 6th grade have them this week. There is no school on the next two Mondays. We will be having the peaceful bus sessions starting up soon. 1/25 will begin the 5th grade health classes. Conferences are 3/1, 3/3,3/4. Pride celebration will be on Wednesday 3/2. There will be no school for Spring Break from 3/5-3/15. School will resume on 3/16. 2/21 is an in-service day for the staff. The medallion hunt will also start that day. Clues will be posted at Linwood School and at the Linwood town hall. Some folks would like the clues to be posted on the website, but this will not happen this year. At 6pm before the next PTA meeting there will be an immersion meeting held for those that are interested.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm. Those in attendance; Jen Sardeson, Kelly Steuernagel, Amy Pappe, Raquel Berg, Kathy Dow, Chris Wert, Mr. Martin, Tessa Abrahamson, Jody Berg, Tami Halliday, Molly Schoessow.