

West Elementary PTO

September 2, 2010

In attendance: Angie Matthews, Joanie Doperalski, Cathy Wilber, Christine Chainey, Tami Shults, Jantzie Bluethart, Amanda Beason, Amy Flinn, Jennifer Faulkner, Andria Zimmerman, Christina Gamino, Roshelle Moore, Kim Newell, Jill Hupe, Katie Fritz, Amy Schwein, Laura Fails, Amanda Jantz

After introductions, Amy Flinn gave a brief overview of what West PTO does for the school and students. As soon as we know more about the Intel award, we will need to set our new financial goal. Three ideas were mentioned: computer lab needs (mobile or stationary), Promethean Boards, netbooks for students. PTO is still dedicated to its goal of improving and increasing the amount of instructional technology available to our students.

Financial Report:

Checking Account:	\$1,913.75	
Savings Account:	\$4,104.53	
KVSB CD:	\$4,526.74	(matures 9/18)
FNB CD:	\$4,500.00	(matures 9/25)

A motion was made to transfer the money from both CDs into our savings account when they mature later this month. The motion passed. Jill Hupe will open a savings account at FNB for that CD to roll into. We have one invoice outstanding. Angie Matthews reminded the group of our agreement to split the money raised through Terracycle with Central PTO. Jill will write them a check for \$37.82.

Carnival:

The West Carnival will be held Friday September 24, 2010. An alternate location should not be necessary as it looks like we are on track to have the gym/stage cleared of bats and cleaned in time for Carnival.

Advertising: Jantzie Bluethart and Laura Ebert

- Posters have been made and posted at West and Central
- They will set out a large plywood sign at Hwys 99 & 24
- Papers have all been contacted
- Slips will be going into statements at FNB, Landmark & KVSB
- Flyers will be going to local businesses soon

- Carolyn Griffitt will make and distribute the reminder labels for each student
- They will contact those businesses who have digital marquees.

Silent Auction: Crissie Gamino and Sarah Bloom

- KSU players will sign football and basketball if we purchase the balls. It was agreed to do this.
- Sramek's are donating NASCAR tickets
- Many local businesses have already donated items
- Roshelle Moore suggested including VIP seats to all school functions. Crissie and Amy F. will figure out how many functions will need to be included. We discussed also having a reserved parking spot as well.
- More prizes will need to be purchased. With the exception of the Lollipop Tree, we are trying to avoid purchasing candy this year. Many suggestions were made as to where to purchase mass quantities of inexpensive prizes.

Classroom Baskets: Amy Schwein

Amy has the flyer ready to go. She's going to contact a copy store about running color copies. It will go home on September 7th and items will be due by Thursday September 23rd. We will have a basket wrapping session at 7:00pm in the conference room on the 23rd. Amy S. will get buckets from either Home Depot or Tractor Supply to hold all the donated items.

Pre-Sales: It was decided not to pursue this option this year. The factors that made it so successful at Central, don't necessarily apply to West. We will reevaluate for next year.

Meal: Laura Fails, Eric Schwein, Dossie Langford

The menu this year is hot dog or hamburger, chips, baby carrots, cookies, and water. Dossie has lined up a sponsor who will cover the cost of all the hamburger and hot dog buns. Laura has priced out hot dogs, hamburgers and buns. The baby carrots are being donated by USFoods. We also have volunteers donate the cookies. Laura will contact Andria Zimmerman about a potential source for donated hot dogs.

Hamburger meal is \$4.00. Hot Dog meal is \$3.00

Volunteers: Laura Fails

All of the volunteers from parent sign-up sheets that were made available during Open House and Parent Night have been entered into the schedule. There are still many spots available. Laura had prepared letters for each classroom with the times and number of parents needed. She will email this to Amy F. so that the teachers can get them up on their blogs.

Amy F. also mentioned that we will have a new source of volunteers. West Elementary has been matched with the Apache 1-1ARB out of Ft. Riley. We will be working with the men and women of this unit over the next year. They are eager and willing to help in any way they can. We're excited about building this new relationship and look forward to meeting many of them at the Carnival.

Games: Jen Faulkner

Jen will do a walk through of all the games as soon as she has the okay from Amy F. that the stage and storage area are released. She needs to purchase a few supplies (silly string, hairspray and gowns). She will also determine if new signs need to be made for some of the games.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday September 30, 2010 in the West Elementary Library at 6:00pm. **Please note the date change.** All parents and teachers are welcome!!