

PTO Meeting Minutes 10-13-09

- Welcome and Introductions
- Secretary's Report – report provided by handout. No corrections needed. Motion to approve minutes by Kim P and second by Rita. Motion carried with majority vote.
- Treasurer's Report – Available for review and questions. Kathleen went over the report. Motion to approve the budget for 2009-2010 was made by Cherish and second by Heidi. Motion carried with a majority vote.
- Guest speaker – Krista our teacher Librarian came and spoke about the AV cart project and the gift of \$10,000 from John Deere to start this project. The plan is to continue working toward AV carts for all teacher rooms. This helps to keep the clutter of all the AV contained in one area and frees up more room for the teachers for instruction.
- Teacher's report – Maggie Bengé and Lisa Bennett asked what was needed for Volunteers from Teachers for Fun night. We will need help with wristband sales and the silent auction from 4-7P. Still unsure if we can do the teacher raffle yet this year. Decision will need to be made soon. As far as the Chico bag “Go green” project, \$600 was spent on tree replacement at the school; the 5th grade classes wanted the grow labs for their plant units, but the first grade classes did not. The rest of the money will be spent on eco friendly books. This will be coordinated with our teacher librarian.
- Principal's Report
 - ❖ Playground completely finished now.
 - ❖ Everyday Math is going well. Kids are actively engaged in their math learning. The teachers have been working on assessments, reporting and report cards as well as working with consultants from the Everyday Math program as part of their staff development.
 - ❖ Late starts are very important- this has made a positive impact on teacher collaboration. Recent DM Register article focused on this and featured WW elementary.
 - ❖ Reminder that Spirit Night is Dec 18th at the boy's game for WW.
 - ❖ Need to get BB and Footballs autographed for Fun Night. Mr. Ford will work on this ASAP.
 - ❖ Reminder that conferences are the 10th and 12th of November. Reminder letters will be coming home to parents soon.
- Old Business
 - ❖ **Donate drive** as of date has raised \$9177.00. The first count showed that 148 families participated. Wendy and Anne are working on more information related to the donation drive for the November newsletter.
 - ❖ **Wendy's night** – Mrs. Bengé's class won with 44% attending. PTO raised \$263.17
 - ❖ **Entertainment books** went home on Friday, October 9th. This was available to parents if they wanted them. The classes with the most sales would receive a pizza party.
 - ❖ **Fun Run/Walk** had a great turnout. Fareway, Hy-Vee and Jen Street's Business donated items for the days events. We had a good turnout. We raised approximately \$200.
 - ❖ **Box Top Contest** – Iowa was the winner
 - ❖ **T-shirt Profit** – was \$809.00. There are a few t-shirts left for teachers and parents to purchase if they would like. We will put that information on the website.
 - ❖ **PTO website:** <http://www.ankenwestwoodpto.org>
- New Business
 - ❖ **Fun Night** – theme is Westwood County Fair on Nov 7th. Set up on Friday, Nov 6th. Karen will be contacting home room parents for assignments soon. Silent auction will be held in the lunchroom as the media center will be set up for the Book Fair the next week.
 - ❖ **Fall Party** – Reminder that the party is on Oct 16th from 2:00-2:45. Have fun and turn in your photos to the yearbook committee.
 - ❖ **Teacher appreciation meals** – CJ's will be doing sandwiches for the teachers. The cost comes to \$352.02 for both nights. All the extra items (chips, bars, etc) will be donated by parents. Motion to spend \$352.02 for CJ's was made by Jen B and second by Jackie. Motion carried with majority vote.
- Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be Monday, November 9th at 6:30PM in the WW Media Center