PTSA General Meeting
9-20-2011
6:00pm

1. Heather called the meeting to order at 6:00pm; Lynn seconded the motion
2. All present shared brief introductions
3. Secretary Report
   a. Lynn shared minutes from previous PTSA Executive Board meeting
   b. The executive board will meet on alternating months
   c. There will be a general meeting on alternating months
   d. Heather shared decision-making process for PTSA
   e. Questions form the previous minutes were addressed
   f. James Pray moved to approve the minutes; Laura Kroeker seconded this motion
4. President's Report
   a. Heather shared a summary of registration
   b. Magazine fundraiser report – not as good as we've done in the past.
   c. Talked about the possibility of a second fundraiser to support Healthy Schools initiative
   d. Lynn will email out a final total
   e. John's request is $5,000 to support the new tech lab
   f. Heather talked about the use of pedometers → challenge to walk 26 miles/month and students could ask for supporters.
   g. Heather explained the change in dues cost: it was noted as $7.00 on line; the bylaws read $10.00; the national dues went up to $6.25; thus, we moved to $8.00
   h. Bylaws need to be updated by January 2012
   i. Heather explained what the current situation is regarding the bank
   j. Heather asked for volunteers to support words of encouragement for our teachers – Moira Lurbbert agreed to help out
5. Treasurers Report
   a. Cathy shared the current budget standing
   b. Cathy requested volunteer support to serve as our Financial Review Auditors
6. Principal John White
   a. There is a 2-year plan to replace Mr. B's lab that will be finalized at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. The cost to replace the lab is $25,000. John is requesting $5,000 this year and may request $5,000 next year. Teachers have reportedly endorsed this proposal. Most WCMS students are enrolled in this class for at least one trimester.
   b. Lynn asked what activities will not be supported if this proposal is approved. The mission of the PTSA was shared: "to impact all kids"
   c. A PTSA line item was added to help support the 7th grade trip to International Town. There is already a line item to help support the 8th grade trip to Boondocks
   d. John suggested waiting to make a decision until we get clarification on the outcome of the magazine sales. Heather made a proposal to vote on the $5,000 proposal in November; Bobbie moved to do so; Steven seconded this motion.

e. The PTSA operating balance should be $1,000. We have a $500 savings account for scholarship awards; we hope to increase this to $750-$1,000

7. Other Information
   a. Heather requested volunteers to help in the LMC – Ms. Miskimmon needs our help!
   b. Laura Kroeker volunteered to serve as the PTSA Vice President – all present voted in favor of Laura serving in this position
   c. Heather is still talking with folks about the position of Second Vice President
8. Principal's Report
   a. John shared his stance on kids as salespeople
   b. The administrative motto: "changing the game!"
   c. A parent shared her thoughts about the exclusive nature of the celebratory event. Another parent asked about the feedback that has been received from the kick-off event for the magazine fundraiser. Other parents present shared their thoughts on the messages that kids receive from this type of fundraising event.
   d. Back to School Night and Registration
   e. Accountability Meeting at 7:00pm this evening –
      1. Resources to emphasize literacy
      2. Healthy Schools initiative
      3. Student Healthy Schools team – breakfast awareness program
      4. Unified Improvement Plan
      5. CSAP scores
      6. Capacity of WCMS is 588. We are unexpectedly up from 325. With the closure of Zerger, we are expected to grow.
9. Other Things That Came Up

a. Reflections Program (a national competitive art program for kids) – we haven't had a parent willing to take this on in the past. Kids would turn in their projects between 10/17-10/19. Projects would be judged in one of the six outlined categories and the theme this year is "What Diversity Means."

This meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM; a parent moved to do so and Cathy seconded this movement to end the meeting.