

Willoughby Eastlake School of Innovation

Parent Teacher Organization – General Meeting

Minutes – September 28, 2015

In attendance: Bill Boxler (President), Al DiFranco (Vice-President), Steve Adkins (Treasurer), Diane Lloyd (Communications Secretary), Kristen Werden (Recording Secretary), and Brian Patrick (Principal)

Members: Rena Perchinske, Stacey McGuigan, Melissa Toppings, Aubrey Licht, Julie Pattie, Denise Bortnick, Maureen Frey, Tammy Wynn, Carly Martin, Jeannie Fleming, Sasha Ukmar, Laura Drotleff, Katie Burgham, Jenna Senol, Angela Garbiso, Raven Proctor, Matthew White, Heather Russell, Debbie Kalamar, Dawn Obrenski-Riffle

7:05 PM meeting called to order

Introduction of Board Members – sign in sheet passed around to gather contact info.

Brian – State of the school

- All is going well
- Working on upcoming curriculum night
- Conferences will be early November; **Child led!**
- Vision of the school – Collaborate, share everything we know, etc.

Steve – Treasurer’s Report

- \$1,167.52 (This is \$337.52 from Bake Sale and \$820 from Spirit Wear. We still need to pay vendor’s invoices from this money.)
- Successful bake sale and spirit wear sale, yet we still need to raise funds

Andrea Penn – former Washington PTA President

- Donated excess funds from the now dissolved Washington PTA. Evenly distributed among the 3 schools that Washington children were moved to.
- Total donation to WE SOI PTO: \$2,500

Bill – Budget

- Fall Fundraiser at Willoughby Brewing Company

- Spring Fundraiser at LaVera
- SpiritWear
- Insurance ~ \$100/yr.
- 501c3 (Can't remember the cost? \$175?) – one time cost
- Budget – Approved unanimously

Al – Fundraising

- We are NOT selling stuff (via brochures sent home with the children)
- Marco's Pizza – Willoughby location only; tell them 'SOI' 15% of phone orders and 20% of online orders
- Chuck E. Cheese – March
- SpiritWear – Oct 9th – Pop-up shop at SOI
- LaVera – Spring reverse raffle. Adult's only, 50/50, sideboards, reasonably priced tickets
- Willoughby Brewing Company – Nov 20th

Parent Comment/Suggestion: Walk-a-thon

Parent Comment/Suggestion: Grant from Lowe's. Gave package of information to Bill.

Parent Comment/Suggestion: Prefers us to ask for donations instead of having fundraisers that are not environmentally friendly.

Parent Comment/Suggestion: Donations of items to resell, i.e. Schoola

Al suggested that if anyone has ideas for fundraising, they are encouraged to join the fundraising committee.

Brian invited all to visit the school. They will also accept anything anyone wants to donate. Even if the item(s) are not used right away, they will find a way to use them eventually.

- Do not BUY anything. They will ask for donations as they need them.
- Anyone is welcome to tour the school.
- Tours will be led by the students next year.

Steve – Reviewed changes in bylaws and asked for approval. All proposed changes were voted on and approved by a majority vote. **Steve emailed the final draft of the bylaws on 9/28/15. Bill can keep this paperwork on file for safekeeping.**

Parent Comment/Suggestion: What is the conflict of interest?

Diane – Three For Me challenge

- We need volunteers.
- We need a database for contact info.
- Please fill out form and return.

Steve – Social Events committee

- Purpose is fun, not profit
- Builds fellowship
- Ideas for events: Movie Night, Internet Safety Night, Science Night, Reading Night, Rock Climbing event, Laser Tag, Bowling Night
- **Brian will notify people on the 'Climate Committee' about joining our contact list.**

Diane – Communications Committee

- She runs the FB page and website.
- Needs volunteers to build our website.

Parent Comment/Suggestion: Holiday Parties

- Need Volunteers
- Parties separated by 'House'
- Ask the kids what they want to do for these holiday parties.
- Brian does not know yet how many parents will be permitted to attend.
- Parents will not need a background check to attend parties. However, they will need background checks for anything more than that such as chaperoning or any circumstance where they may be alone with a child.
- Background checks last 5 years.

All SpiritWear ordered at the previous bake sale was available for pick up during the meeting. **Al will work on an upcoming date to have items available for pick up at SOI.**

Email questions to board@wesoipto.org.

Next meeting is October 26th at 7pm. Meetings are the fourth Monday of every month except December.

8:00 PM meeting adjourned.