

Wamego Middle School PTO
September 26, 2011

In attendance: Lori Rice, Travis Hardenburger, Amy Schwein, Laura Fails, Vici Jennings, Angela Allenbrand, Michelle Simonsson, Chalee Braun, Jen Faulkner, Kelley Nordberg

Financial Report

Jen has received our EIN number from the state. She also opened our checking account with Bennington State Bank and has received checks.

Initial Deposits: \$30 for teacher treats and \$30 for dance snacks/water
Check written: \$16.50 to USD320 Food Service for teacher treats
Balance: \$43.50

Note: The popcorn for the dance was donated.

New Business

Parent/Teacher Conference Meal

October 20th at 4:00pm (Vici will confirm the time). Should serve about 35-40 people. Kimber Weisbender, Amy Schwein and Jen Faulkner will coordinate the food. So far the following are signed up: Lori Rice – soup, Jen Faulkner – pizza soup, Michelle Simonsson – veggie tray, Angela Allenbrand – cinnamon rolls. Jen Faulkner will ask Angie Bettencourt to make some “to go” bags of trail mix for the teachers to have for a later snack. We will also provide tea and water. Vici Jennings said that other than soup bowls, all the paper goods should be on hand.

Water Bottles

Jen Faulkner spoke with Kevin Bergstrom about matching the price of water bottles that she found online. He can match the price and print the new WMS logo on each clear bottle. We would prefer a flip top or straw type lid to minimize spills, so Jen will do some further research on available options.

Vici Jennings will confirm whether we will be able to borrow from the magazine fund to order at least 72 bottles in advance. We do not want to charge more than \$10 per water bottle. The amount of profit per bottle will depend on the kind of bottle that we select.

Amy Schwein and Jen Faulkner will work on creating a pre-order sheet to have available at Parent/Teacher conferences or for future order use should we sell out.

The motion was made and approved to proceed with this fundraiser.

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Fundraisers/Activities

We decided that our first "event" should be free family fun night. Vici Jennings mentioned the KSDE Team Nutrition grant for a Family Fun & Fitness night that she had applied for last spring. The dates for this event ended up not working and the state had extended the deadline for the event til this fall. It was felt that this was a great way to combine resources.

Vici Jennings, Amy Schwein, Lori Rice and Laura Fails will plan this event. It will be held on Friday, November 18th from 7:00-9:00pm. Ideas included: utilizing the promethean boards for Wii games, basketball games in the gym, zumba on the weights deck, a nutrition education game, and healthy snacks. Jen Faulkner will pass along the name of a sports trainer who might be available.

Popcorn/Water at Dance

The report from Michelle Simonsson and Jen Faulkner about the first dance was positive. The kids appreciated having something to drink and enjoyed the popcorn. Vici and Travis reported that the STUCO reps had a little cleaning up to do at the end but it wasn't too bad.

The popcorn was popped onsite that evening by Michelle and Jen. They used 9.5 cases of water.

The next dance is December 9th. We will definitely want to provide water again but we did discuss offering a different snack. Holiday themed snacks, pretzels, and trail mix were all mentioned. We will decide at the October meeting. Laura Fails needs to re-send the Dance Refreshment sign up list (complete with email addresses) to Michelle.

It was mentioned at the end of the meeting that many parents did not realize how to sign up through Power School to receive the daily announcements. Vici Jennings said that she would send a School Messenger email to parents with the instructions.

Next meeting: Monday, October 17th at 6:00pm in the WMS Library. All parents and teachers are welcome!