

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 2008

New Teacher Welcome Kits: Courtney Oviatt reported that she assembled four “welcome kits” for the new teachers this year and that they were well received. Most of the supplies used were donated from staples. Items included were post-it notes, staplers, pens, paper clips, etc. A picture of the kit and thank you notes from the teachers were passed around for all to view.

Teacher Thank You Event: Katie Fritz reported on the success of the ice cream social event that PTO sponsored to thank the teachers for being so accomadating during the gym renovations. The event went very well and PTO saved \$95.00 because the Wamego Historical Society donated all of the ice cream. Toppings, bowls and spoons were donated by parents. Katie suggested that PTO put a public thank to the Wamego Historical Society in the paper. The teachers in attendance commented on how nice the event was.

Parent-Teacher Conference Meal: Yolanda Howard reported on the progress and planning for the Fall PT conference meal. The meal will be on Thursday October 23rd at 4:15p.m. 30 teachers are expected to attend. The meal will consist of various soups and chili, relishes, dessert, and drink. All items have been donated. A sign-up sheet for helpers/servers was passed around.

Build-A-Book: Mrs. Doperalski reported on the plans for Build-A-Book. The event will take place on October 28th. Letters were sent home to all students. 93 students and 19 siblings are currently signed up to attend. Set-up will take place after school on the day of the event. Everyone that can is encouraged to come help with set-up. Amy Schwein is working on donations for a “sharing table” that will have recycled items such as: buttons, material, yarn, pipe cleaner, etc. that students can use to assemble their books. The suggestion was made to provide cookies to those that attend. Food service could provide the cookies at \$4.00/dozen. At least 300 cookies will be needed.

Fundraiser report: The Christmas picture ornament fundraiser that was supposed to be in the picture packets did not happen. Kim Newell is looking into why that fell through.

Family Science Night: Amy Sramek reported on the planning process for science night. This event will take place on November 20th. The same experiments that students did last year will be done again because they went over so well with a possible addition of an experiment with gears. Amy suggested that we advertise the science fair at this event to get families excited about it. She is looking for volunteers to help with different things to help make this event a success. A sign-up was passed around for volunteers to set-up, clean-up, help with experiments, donate snacks/materials, make a advertisement poster, find book donations (for door prizes), and 3 people were needed to do a science fair experiment of various levels to show parents how it is done.

Science Fair: Mrs. Stroh updated the group on exciting news related to the science fair. Shane Neel and Bob Johnson are the science fair representatives from the high school and middle school and are willing to help with Central's science fair and donate \$1000.00 of the science funds to help with costs related to the event. Those funds will be used for supplies/materials for the event and used to purchase medals for each child that has an entry. The science teachers at the high school and middle school are also willing to help find student volunteers to help the elementary students with their projects. It was decided that we would have a "work night" where parents and students can come to the school and actually work on their experiment with the assistance of the student volunteer and teachers. Several dates were discussed. It was motioned by Jantizie Bluthardt that the science fair be set to take place on January 29th and the science fair work night be set to take place on January 15th.

Spring Family Fun Night: Ideas for a spring family fun night were suggested and passed around by Kim Newell. Ideas were "Get Movin" and "Family Arts and Crafts." Discussion took place on whether or not to have a spring family fun night related to abundance of activities and if we did which "theme" would be better. Several dates were discussed on when the event could take place. It was decided that February would be a good month and that the "Get Movin" theme would go over best. Mrs. Stroh agreed to check on possible dates and gym availability. Jantzie Bluthardt agreed to serve as chairperson for this event.

Dates for Taco Dinner: Kim Newell wanted to set a date for the Taco Dinner in April. Mrs. Stroh wanted to check the school calendar prior to setting a date. Mrs. Stroh agreed to bring in dates that would work to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Tami Schults reported that for the month of October the only transaction that has taken place was the purchase of National Geographic for the 1st grade and that our current balance is \$3130.60.

PTO meeting dates for March and May: Kim Newell reported that there are no PTO meeting scheduled in March and May due to spring break and the end of school. She suggested that we go ahead and put the meeting on the calendar for those months. The meeting for March will take place on March 9th and the meeting for May will take place on May 18th. It was suggested that officers be voted on during the May meeting. Mrs. Stroh discouraged electing officers in May because of the likelihood of excluding upcoming kindergarten and preschool parents.