

WILLOW BROOK PTO



Meeting 9/01/09 Willow Brook Library

Jenny Meyer, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Approximately 30 were in attendance, 24 signed attendance sheet.

Welcome / Introductions – Jenny thanked all the parents for coming, and explained that she would be serving as PTO President for the 2009-2010 school year. Beth Wasserstrom, former President has moved to another school district. This year's officers were introduced and everyone in attendance was given the opportunity to express their expectations for PTO.

Approval of Minutes – Approval of May 2009 and September 2009 minutes will be on the October agenda

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie presented the Treasurer's Report for approval, including a brief overview of many specific categories including Ways and Means. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion passed.

Principal's Report – Mr. Aaron reviewed the upcoming calendar. The following additions were mentioned:

- 10th – 6:30 pm 5th Grade Camp Parents' Meeting
- 11th – 7 pm Elementary Night at the Pirate's Football Game @ PHS
- 15th – Open House – entertainment will be provided for K-5 children while parents meet with teachers
- 17th – Picture Day

Mr. Aaron also explained the different methods of school to home communication that are in place, addressing the parents' concerns about the recent "Stranger Danger" letter and assuring that the staff and students are well prepared for any potentially dangerous situations, including natural disasters and intruders, through drills and assemblies.

Staff Report – Mrs. Maria Farmer shared all the thank you notes and cards from the teachers for the extra funds they received at the end of last school year, expressing a "Thank you" on behalf of all teachers. She will represent the teachers and staff during PTO meetings and events this year.

Event Feedback – Linda Shead thanked all parents and teachers who attended the Family Picnic, particularly the teachers because of the students' excitement at seeing their teachers at a school event.

Upcoming Events –

Fall Festival and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Still in need of parent volunteers – areas to help include supervising a game or activity, decorating, donating used books or silent auction items, preparing signs. Watch for sign-up or contact PTO .

Trunk or Treat is set for October 23rd.

Fundraiser is set for the week of October 5-12. Mr. Z's is the fund raising company for the catalog fundraiser. Orders need to be turned in by October 16, and delivery is November 11th volunteers needed for delivery night. The Fundraiser goal is \$4000 for this year.

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Ongoing Items –

MAP Test Data – Mr. Aaron explained MAP testing in depth, and included test data showing Willow Brook's scores in comparison to other Pattonville schools. Discussion was held over ways to better prepare the students and families for the test in order to achieve better testing results.

Membership – Jenny Meyer indicated that all PTO membership information would be sent home in a packet.

Room Parties – Wendy Ryan passed out information about room parties, and explained the functions of the various room parents. Three parties will be held throughout the school year – Fall, Winter, and Valentine's

Market Day – fundraiser changes will be discussed at the October meeting.

PTO Marketing – Jenny Meyer discussed ways to plug-in to the Willow Brook PTO, including utilizing the website (to submit a question or suggestion, send an email to Nichole at wbpto@psdr3.org). Julie Harter is in charge of the bulletin board in the front of the building – give her copies of any fliers, pictures, announcements, etc. and she will make sure to include them on the board. Wildcat Chat – get any PTO information to the school by Monday or Tuesday to have it printed in the weekly Wildcat Chat.

New Items –

Linda Shead reminded all parents that there is childcare provided at no charge for PTO meetings for school-age children.

Jenny adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Meeting Minutes submitted by:
Laura Sunderman, PTO Secretary

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