

# MINUTES

## Marion Walker Elementary PTA Minutes

January 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tara Ripka at 7:02 p.m.

### In attendance

Tara Ripka, Jane Haranin, Katie Baney, Heather Dawson, Cynthia Naspinski, Angela Lombardo, Shannon Rados, Suzanne Dixon, Robin Sweka, Bikem Oskin, Kim Belcher, Megan Kline, Kim Kneas-Hilliker, Wendy Thomas, Cindi Bringer, Patty Correll, Stacey Slagan, Linda Cutler, Rebecca Lohr, Lisa Miller, Sharlene Yontosh,

### Approval of Minutes

Secretary and Treasure's Report approved

Heather Dawson (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Stacey Slagan (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### Budget

Reviewed and approved

Bikem Oskin (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Robin Sweka (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### Committee Reports

- Field Day – March 13<sup>th</sup> sending out order/volunteer forms for T-shirts. Visitors will need to present photo IDs. Date will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Held at Walker Township Park
- Fundraising (*Cynthia Naspinski*) – Gertrude Hawk Fundraising. Fall fundraising raised approximately \$10,116.54
- Holiday Store (*Suzanne Dixon*) – Great success. Profit of \$3,455.47. Still need Christmas wrapping paper and tape for next year. Need someone to take over for next year. Can buy items and turn in receipts to PTO. Would like everyone to store items until later in the year. Book buddies were a great success in helping younger kids.
- Membership – Down a little from last year. Approximately \$1,400. Usually \$2,000. Form is on the website. Suggested that we do send out the forms earlier in the year. Maybe resend PTO membership drive.  
Classroom Prizes: Mrs. Geyer 1<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Higgins 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Harchak 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Literacy *Wendy Thomas* – Nothing new to report. Next distribution in March
- Winter Carnival arrive at 4:30-5 p.m. Friday Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Kitchen: Katie Baney – Need beverages, salty snacks chips/potato chips? Snyders? Need hotdog/buns, pizza – Pizza Hut, chili not so popular. Ok on paper products. Can only use the ovens, none under 16 allowed. Does anyone know Walker Township Fire Department to clear snow in parking lot? Sending out help requests; letter coming out soon with item requests.
  - Games: Bikem Oskin – Will call Fun Unleashed for Bounce House and order prizes this week. Boy Scouts will bring own games/man it and give out prizes. Science U Might be interested; NVLL/YMCA.
  - Donations: Sent out letters to Businesses for sponsorship and raffle prizes.
- Ways & Means –
  - Bowling - is booked in March. Need to check on dates. Tentatively sponsored 100% by PTO. Sat. 1-3 p.m. Roller Skating? Ice Skating? Northland Bowl?
  - Cookie Jar – Dates need to be filled. Ask Cindi. 4 Dozen each.
- Yearbook – \$18 each. Order cash/check or online. Photos can be uploaded to the website for the yearbook. Add form to Website. Yearbook questionnaire going out. Please forward pictures to Tina. Andrea Harman taking over for next year.
- 5K – May 16, 2015. Everything is going well. Check to see who can run 5K? Ask Erin about ages and 1K will be 1 mile this year.
- Boxtops – December \$2,400 1<sup>st</sup> payment. Next payment is in March.
- Labels for Education – December Teacher wish list included kickballs and basketballs. 46,800 points left.
- Giant A+ Rewards – Received a check for \$200.95
- Scripts – Approximately \$5,000. Already achieved goals.
- Coke Rewards – NA
- Sunny D – NA. Can submit labels only once a year.
- Tyson Project A+ – Person needed

## **New Business**

- New roof was put on shed by Todd Ripka.
- Playground Slide \$8,100 to replace. It did not pass inspection. We need volunteers to remove the slide and footers. Check for other options and continue to research. Parents installed the current slide.
- Parent Council Meeting – Next meeting is Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the middle school library. It's open to everyone. Topics will be technology and parent portal being available for K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, math common core.
- Reading Counts labs now open from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Add to newsletters. Thanks to all volunteers.
- SWPBS – Mrs. DeCusati involving business. 32 have agreed to sponsor.

## **Principal's Report - Mrs. Yontosh**

- THON is May 8<sup>th</sup>. Jen Carroll is heading it up. Keeping it similar to last year. Raised over \$8,000 last year. May do a cut-a-thon at a hairdresser. Parents should take kids to see Penn State THON.
- Select 4<sup>th</sup> graders have been selected to take NAEP tests. Test is given every 4 years to compare testing results across the nations. Marion Walker testing team is coming in to do assessment on Jan. 27.

## **Announcements/Suggestions/Requests**

Dr. Potteiger will be at the next PTO meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

March 12, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Marion Walker Elementary Library.

Motion to adjourn was made by Cindi Bringer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bikem Oskin and was passed unanimously.