

**Winterset Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes—Approved**  
**January 8, 2013**

**Present:** Janet Temple, Jen Tonapi, Sara Mudd, Joan Baker, Erica DiPaolo, Theresa Tracy, Yvonne Rammel, Diana Marcil, Gail Nelson and Mariama Freeman

- I. **Call to Order**—Joan Baker called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm in the Winterset Library.
- II. **Approval of the December 11, 2012 minutes**—Motion to approve by Joan Baker, second by Jen Tonapi.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report**—Janet Temple reported that we raised \$265.00 from the Unfundraiser, plus three additional checks came in on January 8. A check for \$75 came in from McDonald’s Restaurant Night. Expenses covered included Science Club, holiday gift cards for Winterset Staff, Spiritwear and childcare during PTA meetings. Starting balance was \$8,377, and current balance is \$7,000. Expenses coming up include Fun Fair (\$2,000 in/out), deposit for fall 2013 COSI on Wheels, February conference night dinner, teacher appreciation, Artists in Schools and potential teacher grants (only two teachers have used their grants to date). Principal Tracy suggested that the PTA do a Spring Fundraiser in late February/early March, in conjunction with the Book Fair and Readathon. There will be testing in late April. She offered to let the PTA do a magazine sale, which she has successful in the past.
- IV. **Principal’s Report**—
  - i. Principal Tracy has attended some training this month.
  - ii. The Columbus Symphony Orchestra (50 musicians) are scheduled to come perform on January 16 at 2:15 pm.
  - iii. The Spelling Bee will take place on January 17 at 1:30 pm. The winner will go on to compete at the district level.
  - iv. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade NOVA test reports have arrived and will go home with report cards.
  - v. January 30 and February 12 mark the second parent-teacher conference. The PTA will provide dinner for the January 30 night. Jen, Erica, Diana will bring soup, etc. for staff, to arrive at the school by 4:30 pm.
  - vi. Science Club has been successfully kicked off. Thanks to Mr. Bullinger! Eleven children attended. Two additional students are signed up.
  - vii. Winterset will be looking to fill the parent consultant role for the remainder of the year.
- V. **Calendar and Committee Updates**—
  - i. Spiritwear – set to arrive the week of January 14. Joan will help out. PTA owes one of the bus drivers some money. Mrs. Tracy will help identify who that is.
  - ii. Destination Imagination – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades – Mrs. Palmore and Diana Marcil heading up Winterset’s team. DI is a nonprofit that hosts an annual tournament to challenge student teams to solve problems using creative and cooperative approach. There are six challenges, and an additional main challenge that teams can work on for several months. More information can be found by visiting [www.di.org](http://www.di.org). The Winterset team must register with DI and pay a \$135 team fee,

plus a \$35 fee to compete at the regional level. Diana asked if the PTA could cover these fees, along with her background check. The regional tournament is scheduled for March 16. After this, the team will present to all students at Winterset. Those in attendance proposed that the funds to cover the background check come from the "other" line item in the budget, and since Winterset will not have any boys' sports this year, to change that line item to DI to pay for the registration and competition fee. The motion passed unanimously.

- iii. Readathon – The Readathon will take place March 4 through 15. Joan Baker, with the help of the officers and other parent volunteers, will lead the efforts. Joan suggested having a house naming contest (theme will be Harry Potter again) to get the kids excited about it. Joan can come in on Tuesdays to count points and Janet can come in on Wednesdays. Joan will send a call for volunteers home with Friday folders next week.
- iv. COSI on Wheels – February 4 is deadline to pick the next topic and Gayle reported that she is planning on picking ecology. She is also trying to coordinate possible dates for next year: October 10 or 25.
- v. Artists in Schools – Gail provided an update that local illustrator of Giants Beware (awarded 5<sup>th</sup> best graphic novel) charges \$500 for two sessions (divided by age). Raphael Rosado is his name and he has worked on Dora the Explorer. He is starting to schedule for next year. Gail and Shannon Riley will get more information. Mrs. Tracy also suggested we start scheduling Children's Theater visits for next year as well.
- vi. Labels for Education – Winterset currently has 2,100 points (not much). The group decided that Box Tops are more worthwhile to collect.
- vii. Restaurant Nights – Jen Tonapi reported that the next nights are scheduled for February 11 (McDonald's) and February 25 (Bob Evans). April's will be at Subway, date to be determined.
- viii. Joan Baker brought grant opportunities to the group's attention. The grants are funded through the local news stations. At least one had to be submitted by the principal. There were grant categories and one was for fitness and activity, which would apply toward the PTA's goal of upgrading playground equipment.
- ix. Next year's officers must express interest by April, and voting will take place at the May meeting.
- x. Carriage Place movie matinee – Jen Tonapi reported that if a group of students and parents wanted to attend a 10:30 showing, the cost would be around \$5 and include a small popcorn and drink. The PTA/participants would have to pay up front to reserve the theater.
- xi. Fun Fair – Joan reported that between 15 – 20 volunteers have signed up to help.

- VI. **Adjournment**—Motion by Janet Temple, second by Erica DiPaolo. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.
- VII. **Next Meeting: February 12, 2013 in the Winterset Library.**