

WINTERSET ELEMENTARY PTA MINUTES—Approved
TUESDAY, October 9, 2012

Present: Mrs. Tracy, Joan Baker, Jen Tonapi, Sara Mudd, Janet Temple, Ken Smith, Diana Marcil, Tara Ware, Amanda Lamberti, Lexi Brofford, Kim Bullinger, Mariana Freeman, JoEllen Cline, Shannon Riley, Miracle Reynolds and Darcelle Walker.

- I. **Call to Order**—President Joan Baker called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm in the Winterset Library.
- II. **Approval of September 11, 2012 minutes**—The minutes were approved as submitted. Motion by Kim Bullinger, second by JoEllen Cline.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report**—Co-Treasurer Janet Temple gave an update on income and expenses that occurred over the course of the month. Income included membership dues and Kroger Cards, expenses included COSI on Wheels, the annual PTA audit (mandatory), AIM liability insurance and staff grants.
- IV. **Principal’s Report**—Mrs. Tracy provided the following updates:
 - i. The community is choosing Winterset; the school is very full! Both kindergarten classes have 32 students. There will be a third teacher placed soon, as the maximum is 29 students per class.
 - ii. Various field trips are taking place (apple orchard).
 - iii. 3rd grade testing is beginning (will retake in April).
 - iv. Photo retakes are coming up. Watch for information in Friday Folders.
 - v. Camera Club (3rd – 5th grades) will have an organizational meeting for students and parents on October 23, from 3:15 – 4:15 pm. This is the first meeting to gauge interest in the program.
 - vi. November 6 is Election Day, Winterset is a voting precinct. There will be a Bloodmobile also on November 6, the van will use the Winterset parking lot.
 - vii. November 12 and 13: Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place.
 - viii. 4th Graders will be taking the NOVA tests the first two weeks of November. The Math score is very important because it determines the middle school math track.
 - ix. Thanks to all of the parents who participated in the Cookie Dough sale, which generated approximately \$17,000. We will need parents to volunteer to help on October 24, when the order is delivered to the school. Roughly two hours will be needed (starting around 1:30 pm) to get the orders organized.
- V. **Calendar and Committee Updates:**
 - i. COSI on Wheels: We could use a few more (2 or 3) volunteers.
 - ii. Membership Directory: Ms. Dobbs and Amanda are well underway on creating this.
 - iii. Library and Teacher Grants: Two teacher grants have been used to date. All teachers are eligible.
 - iv. Kroger Cards: \$104 received to date. Remind your family members that they can designate their card to benefit Winterset as well. It’s not limited to parents only.
 - v. Restaurant Nights: Jen Tonapi reported that these are going well. She’ll need some help scheduling the 2013 restaurant nights, if anyone is interested in volunteering. Volunteers need to call local restaurants to schedule a date and determine what percentage of sales will go toward the PTA. The Donatos restaurant night brought in \$68.
 - vi. Spiritwear: Amanda and Janet will choose 10 items to put on display. Need to pick dates to sell. Parents enjoy giving these as Christmas presents. This will be a fundraiser for PTA during the parent-teacher conferences. In prior years the string bags and tie-dye shirts have sold well.
 - vii. Election Day Bake Sale: Ms. Dobbs and Amanda made a flier that will go in Friday Folders. Need volunteers from 3pm until voting closes (7 or 8pm). Kim and another parent volunteered to help in the morning.

- viii. Basketball: Mrs. Tracy reported that Mrs. Mueninghoff (who would have coached the girls' team) has accepted a position at CPS' Special Education Office. A parent may coach the boys' team. Diana said she might be willing to help with the boys' team as well. Parents are encouraged to ask around and let the PTA know if they know of someone willing to take this on.
- ix. Sign: Winterset School of Excellence—Joan has received some estimates and will select a vendor soon. (Old sign blew away during the storm.)
- x. PTA-sponsored dinner: The PTA will provide dinner for the teachers during the November and February Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- xi. Teacher Appreciation: This is scheduled for a week in May. We will look for a local church that may be willing to donate food. If none identified, the PTA could just order pizza or something simple.
- xii. Fundraisers: No updates at this time.
- xiii. Read-a-thon: No updates at this time. We will need some leadership for this fundraiser.
- xiv. Science Club: Kim Bullinger reported that she has identified three candidates interested in volunteering 1x per month for 4th and 5th graders. If there is a great deal of interest, they will explore expanding the program (frequency and grade levels) next year. Winterset also does the Invention Convention every other year. Mrs. Tracy suggested avoiding the third week of the month (would conflict with Camera Club). PTA would need to create permission slips and send information home in Friday Folders to kick it off. Mrs. Tracy suggested including guidelines for the timeliness of parent pick-up, or if parents are ok with child walking home, etc.
- xv. Skating Party: Is there interest? If so, contact Joan Baker. We tentatively have this planned as a spring event.
- xvi. Fun Fair: May 17th will be the date as long as it doesn't conflict with Centennial's prom (so that we can be sure to have high school volunteers).
- xvii. Winter Concert: Scheduled for December 13, 2012.
- xviii. Spring Concert: Scheduled for May 2, 2013.
- xix. Camera Club Auction: Scheduled for May 9, 2013.
- xx. 5th Grade Recognition: Scheduled for May 28, 2013.

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by Jen Tonapi, second by Janet Temple.

VII. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2012 in the Winterset Library.