

**Winterset Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes—Approved  
December 11, 2012**

**Present:** Janet Temple, Jen Tonapi, Ken Smith, Molly Bean, Sara Mudd, Joan Baker, Rachel Concitis, Erica DiPaolo, Theresa Tracy

- I. **Call to Order**—Joan Baker called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the Winterset Library.
- II. **Approval of the November 13, 2012 minutes**—Two minor changes were noted. Motion to approve with this change by Ken Smith, second by Joan Baker.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report**—Janet Temple reported that we raised \$115.67 from the Election Day Bake Sale. Mama Mimi’s Restaurant Night on November 11 raised \$170. Spiritwear has been ordered. We will pay half now, and half upon delivery of the items. There are some details that need to be cleared up. Janet is working on these and should have them resolved within the next few days. Attendees discussed the need for a Spring Fundraiser, and decided to revisit the topic in January 2013.
- IV. **Principal’s Report**—
  - i. Winterset hosted the Children’s Theater again, who performed “The Ugly Duckling” for 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grades.
  - ii. The Cardinal Health Symphony Orchestra performed for students on December 4, featuring music from the Nutcracker.
  - iii. MH on Tour (Many Hands on Tour) will perform for Winterset students on December 19. This is a group of students with disabilities who put on an inspiring performance.
  - iv. The Ridgeview Orchestra will perform for Winterset students on December 20.
  - v. Holiday Break will begin on December 21. School will let out 30 minutes early. School will resume on Monday, January 7, 2013.
  - vi. January 11 marks the end of the grading period.
  - vii. Science Club has been successfully kicked off. Thanks to Mr. Bullinger! Eleven children attended. Two additional students are signed up.
  - viii. Mrs. Tracy introduced Erica DePaulo, Winterset’s new parent-teacher liaison.
- V. **Calendar and Committee Updates**—
  - i. Artists in Schools: No updates at this time.
  - ii. Spiritwear – Will most likely come in right after Winter Break.
  - iii. PTA Membership Cards – Members should receive their cards soon. We have 86 members.
  - iv. Library Grant – Mrs. Seghal is purchasing books and should use this grant up shortly.
  - v. Student Directory – Erica has the flash drive and just needs to print labels and print copies. Should go home in Friday Folders before Winter Break.
  - vi. Box Tops – Molly reported that the next time to turn in Box Tops is either February or March. She will find out and confirm with the PTA. We have received our latest Kroger Rewards check in the amount of \$269.94. We

currently have 34 families enrolled. Up from five from the last cycle. Down from 44 at the end of the previous academic year. She has prepared a new set of forms to send home in Friday Folders. Consider promoting further in January.

- vii. Holiday “Unfundraiser” – Sara prepared a handout to promote an unfundraiser to go home in Friday Folders before the holidays. The group made a few edits and approved it.
- viii. Community Early Education Event – Sara also shared that Atonement Lutheran Preschool was interested in hosting an event that would bring local preschool, Kindergarten and First grade teachers together to discuss the latest standards and methods—and what preschool educators can do to best prepare students for Kindergarten. Mrs. Tracy asked that the Director of Atonement contact her directly to discuss further.
- ix. School Improvement Committee: Still would like to plant shade trees around the playground. Joan suggested that we wait to see what money we raise from the unfundraiser and revisit in January.
- x. Winterset Sign: Joan is still working on the sign for Henderson Road.
- xi. Computer for Winterset staff – Joan asked if it would be helpful if the PTA purchased a computer for staff to use. Mrs. Tracy indicated that the issues lie more within the network and server capacity and speed, rather than the actual hardware that staff members have access to. The group discussed and came to the conclusion that this might not be the best use of PTA funds at this time.
- xii. Restaurant nights: The next McDonald’s night is December 17. Bob Evans has been scheduled for January. The February 11 restaurant night at McDonald’s will include Ronald McDonald and posters.
- xiii. Read-a-thon: We still really need a few volunteers to lead this effort. Other possibilities include having a Math-a-thon concurrently for kids who maybe aren’t crazy about reading. What’s involved in the Read-a-thon:
  - 1. Ask for donations from businesses to purchase prizes for kids.
  - 2. Create a time-tracking sheet/form (we have from past years), also track
  - 3. In past, we’ve had contest for t-shirt design with sponsors’ logos on the back. We’ve had a Harry Potter themed one, with two competing houses. (Sara Mudd has all of the files for the printed materials and can share/help if we want to do the Harry Potter theme again. Joan Baker has also chaired. Both are happy to assist.) The top-reading-classroom has passed a trophy around...
- xiv. The group discussed Movie Night, spring picnic, and a Chili Cook-off as possible spring fundraisers. We can reserve Winterset’s soccer field through Mrs. Tracy.

VI. **Adjournment**—Motion by Ken Smith, second by Erica DiPaolo. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

VII. **Next Meeting: January 8, 2013 in the Winterset Library.**

