

WRMS PTO Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2009

Present: Cenanne Sanders, Michele Beasley, Tammy Guilmain, Trish Sawicki, Carolee Longley, Sue Berry

1. Welcome – Michele welcomed the group.
2. Review November Minutes – The minutes were reviewed by all those present. Tammy Guilmain made a motion to accept the November 13, 2008 minutes with a small notation and Trish Sawicki seconded the motion. We unanimously accept the minutes with the notation that the December dance was unable to be held due to snow and so there was no donation made to Cash N' Cans.
3. Review Treasurer's Report – Deb Martinson is unable to attend the meeting and there is no treasurer's report.
4. Discussions Re January Dance – There was discussion about the ticket sales for the dance being low and attendance going down. After this dance we may need to re-evaluate how successful dances are for fundraisers. Chaperones should be at the middle school at 6:30. Teacher chaperones will be: Cenanne Sanders, Sue Berry, Ronna Cadorette, Chris Hampe, and MJ Martin. Parent chaperones will be: Tammy Guilmain, Deb Martinson, Michele Beasley, Greta Cote, and Wendi deSousa.
5. Tracking "In-Kind" Hours and Volunteering – Carolee shares the forms that she has started to keep track of our volunteer hours. Tammy asked if we could have a volunteer tracking form in the office for when parents sign in to volunteer.
6. Shaw's Receipts Submitted – We just received a check from Shaw's for \$49.66.
7. Lowe's Toolbox Project – Tammy shared this idea. Lowe's gives out grants twice a year. Their grants are for \$5,000. Tammy was thinking we could use the money to work on the outside athletic area by the softball/soccer/field hockey field. This is something we would have to run by Pam and possibly the school board. Trish Sawicki made a motion that we allow Tammy Guilmain to research the Lowe's Toolbox Project. Carolee Longley seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.
8. Other Fundraiser Ideas – Smitty's has fundraising opportunities. Tanger Outlet centers run a program called Tanger Bucks. Tammy shared that Union Sanborn/Southwick PTO reportedly sold a minimal number of coupon books and received a substantial check. This was because the program was run nation-wide. The money raised was divided by the participating schools. Tammy will check into the details and find out about our PTO becoming a participant.
9. Custodian Appreciation Day – We brainstormed some ideas. Michele suggested Dunkin Donuts gift cards. Sue suggests we have the custodians' pictures and put them on the bulletin board with information about them. Sue will have some students interview the custodians. We will have our appreciation day on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Food for the custodians will be available from 1:00 – 4:00. We will also get them some small candies and snacks. Sue Berry made a motion to purchase \$10 Dunkin Donuts gift cards along with mugs and goodies. Tammy Guilmain seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

10. Other- Teacher Appreciation Week, Spring Book Fair and Next Dance – We will discuss these things at our next meeting.
11. Other – Tammy asked if the PTO could have a section of the newsletter. Cenanne will e-mail Tammy a newsletter schedule so she can add something to the newsletter. Cenanne will write something up for the newsletter this month. Cenanne will include something in the newsletter about having volunteers sign in the office to help track the volunteer hours. Cenanne will also include that the next Box Tops collections date is February 28<sup>th</sup>.
12. Next Meeting – Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 in the media center.