

WEST NEWBURY PTO MEETING
Monday, November 15, 2010

6:45pm Social

7:00pm Welcome and Opening Statements: Lisa Ward welcomed everybody to tonight's meeting. Introductions were made.

7:05pm Acknowledgments and Thank Yous

- **Wrapping Paper** – Denise Olson and Jill Gambon. This fundraiser was very successful and all products have been delivered.
- **Craft Fair** – Pam Endyke, Jody Feudo, Diane Marks, Tanya Vecchi. Pam reported that approximately \$11,000.00 was made. After expenses, total profit will be approximately \$9,000.00. Beth Smith will take over the bake sale table for Tanya Vecchi next year.
- **WNYL** – Terry and Tracy Hartford were thanked for their coffee/muffin sale each soccer Saturday in the snack shack. \$1200.00 was made and all the proceeds will be donated to the PTO.

7:15 pm Approve October Minutes and Treasurer's Report.

- Dona McGovern made a motion to accept the October meeting minutes. Carolyn Jackson seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- The October Treasurer's report will be tabled until the January meeting.

7:20 pm Business Updates

- **Destination Imagination**–Carolyn Jackson reported that there are currently 7 teams which will be registered at the beginning of December. A sixth grade parent coach is needed.
- **Fall Book Fair** – Chris Reading and Geraldine Vanderhoff. Chris Reading reported that the Fall Book Fair will take place Monday November 29th through Friday, December 3, 2010. Coincides with parent/teacher conferences. Volunteers are needed to help catalogue and cover the books.
- **Holiday Shop** –Jeanne Kelleher reported that the Holiday Shop will be combined with the Holiday Breakfast. The Holiday Shop will take place in the room next to the before/after school program room off the cafeteria.
- **Holiday Breakfast** – Jeanne Kelleher will send out a save the date email. The Breakfast/Holiday Shop will take place on Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 9:00 to 11:30. Jeanne and Kristin Bucco are looking for people to shadow her and potentially take over.
- **Social Committee** – Jeanne Kelleher/Meg Beriau. Jeanne Kelleher reported that there will be movie night this coming Friday, November 19, 2010. Toy Story 3 will be shown. This will be from 6:00 to 8:00. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

- **Cultural Arts Update:** Pam Ellis and Terri Bashaw. Jeanne Kelleher. Annawon Weeden was here last week presenting about the Wampanoags to the second grade. Neil Nichols, from Geography Game Show will be coming to present to first, second, third and fifth grades this coming Thursday. Lisa Hutchings from Mass Audobon, "All about Birds" is coming to speak to the Kindergarten.
- **Ski Program** – Lisa Cloutier and Wendy Willis will be taking over this program this year. Lisa Cloutier reported that the program registration was last Tuesday. Seventy-seven students have registered for the program. There is a limit to the number of students who can participate due to safety concerns. There is a waiting list for the program. Fourth grade parent volunteers are needed to help out with the program, and thanks to those who are already volunteering.
- **Square One Art** – Erin Young stated that orders were due today and the orders will come in around December 13, 2010.
- **Auction**-Pam Atwood reported on donations from local businesses that have been made toward the auction, such as a vacation home on Marco Island, an autographed football from Doug Flutie, and Red Sox tickets. The Auction will take place at Atkinson Country Club on Saturday, March 12, 2011. Volunteers will be needed for sewing and quilting the classroom quilts for the auction. Centerpieces are being coordinated through different Garden Clubs.
- **Amesbury Sports Park**-Anna Marie Beech reported that a sledding night has been scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2011 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. The cost is \$23.00 for 3 hours of tubing and people need to say that they are supporting the Page School.
- **Theater Workshop**-Rebecca O'Brien reported that John (Jape) Payette is on board to direct the play this year and the show will be Aladdin.
- **Green Team**-Christine Skibbee and Stacy Tew. Lisa Ward reported that water bottles are being sold in the cafeteria on Fridays.
- **Birthday Book Club:** Marcia Soulos and Kathy DeWitt. Marcia reported that information was sent out via email regarding the book club. The librarian has been spoken to about this fundraiser. These books will also need to be catalogued and covered in order to be in the library.
- **Box Tops** – Diane Marks. No update available.
- **Kidsack** – Sue Hersey reported that sixteen Kidsacks were sold and \$80.00 in profits were made for the PTO.
- **Insurance** – Sue Hersey reported that the PTO's insurance company requires that an affidavit needs to be updated and signed every year pursuant to Massachusetts Insurance Laws. An error was made in the affidavit. An updated affidavit was sent to the PTO to be reviewed and signed.
- **Greetings by Design** – Dona McGovern reported that this will be a new fundraiser through Greetings by Design on Winter Street in West Newbury. An email update will be sent out. Starting today through Sunday, December 5, 2010, 20% of what is ordered will be donated to the PTO. Deb Greene is the owner. The store sells Christmas cards, custom coffee mugs, pens, and stationery. This fundraiser will also apply to the purchase of gift certificates.

*8:05: Pam Atwood received a text from her husband reporting that the Page School Bond vote passed by 100.

- **Coat Drive and Santa's Helper** – Ann Maderia. Page School parents have donated over 80 coats. The Santa's Helper program is an effort to collect gifts for children who have little hope for normal holiday season. Participation is voluntary. Five volunteers are needed to help sort and organize the gifts and transport them to Salisbury on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 from 8:30 to 12:00.
- **Oregano's** - Lisa Ward reported that Oregano's restaurant in Newburyport will donate 20% of proceeds to the Page School on orders and meals purchased on November 16, 2010.
- **Sue Hersey** reported that all appropriations were approved by the Pentucket School Committee. Jeanne Frash is in the process of going to each room and doing detailed lists to go out to bid on all the appropriations from the October Appropriations Meeting.

7:40pm New Business

Volunteers needed for 2010-2011 school year:

- **Executive Board Member** for (2011-2013) to replace Sue Hersey for a two-year term.
- **Volunteer to shadow Holiday Breakfast** this year and take over in 2011
- **Road Race Co-Chair** for 2011
- **Coordinator for Bowling Program**
- **Volunteer for Ink Cartridge**, cell phone recycling
- **School Supplies Program** – Carolyn Jackson reported that several companies have expressed interest in ordering school supplies through their companies, and a portion of profits would be donated back to the PTO.
- **Spaghetti Supper/ Murder Mystery Comedy Night** – Sue Hersey reported that an adult Murder Mystery/Comedy Night as a Spaghetti Supper. A date for this is still being solidified.
- **Giving Tree** – Meg Beriau has suggested that a Giving Tree be set up for teachers to write things that they need for their classrooms at school.
- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** – a shadow is needed for the Lisa (?) and Robin (?) this year.
- Margie Graninger asked if any money for computer cleaning is being set aside.

8:00pm Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM

