

Meeting Minutes

Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO

Date: May 14, 2015

Location: EW Media Center

Meeting Called to Order by: Paul LaPerriere **Time:** 7:05pm

Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report – Michelle Bosco

The April minutes were submitted for approval. Martin motioned to accept the minutes and Nathalie made the second motion. The April minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Holly Dyjak

The check from Puerto Vallarta from TV turnoff week has not been received yet

We received \$325 from a United Way donation

A local brownie troop donated \$25 to each elementary PTO

Teacher Representatives – 6th Grade: Rhea Emmanuel & Ali Reynolds

The 6th graders have the Pine Lake Challenge course coming up. It used to be ROPE but the funding was lost so they now have Pine Lake, which is similar. They come to do half-day activities at EW and then the kids will spend the day there.

The Ancient Fair is coming up on June 5; it's the 6th graders "right of passage" and all the other grades come to visit and parents can visit as well.

Committee Reports

Cheer/Teacher Appreciation – Darka Jara

Went well

Community Outreach – Sharon Koziol

No report

Media Center – Shana Smith

Going great

Sixth Grade – Karen Dicenso

A \$38 donation was requested from the 6th grade parents for activities and 50 out of 64 families donated, with some families donating more

Budget Committee – Holly Dyjak

Proposed budget was presented; Nathalie is taking over the box tops fundraiser next year so that can stay in the budget

Nomination Committee – Leslie Williams

Nominated so far are: Holly Dyjak for co-president, John Williams for treasurer and Shana Smith for secretary

WSPC

No report

BOE – Martin Malicki

The town budget was passed with the money for the gym and cafeteria floors in it
Tim Howes and Andrew Parker from the business office are leaving

An article reported that some teachers were overpaid; some returned the money but one did not

Tiger Topics – Chris Thompson

This weekend is the deadline for submissions

Suggestion Box – Shana Smith

Someone suggested receiving all the PTO information electronically

The CT Science Center is donating tickets for our raffle but they also have a fundraiser that we can do; all tickets would be sold at kids' price; Leslie offered to do this fundraiser

Shana suggested buying plants wholesale and selling them as a Mother's Day fundraiser

Fundraisers

Box Tops

No report

Jog –a-thon – Darka Jara

Waiting for date from Mr. Coursey

Labels for Education

No report

Strawberry Fest – Holly Dyjak

Taking place on June 6 from 10am-2pm; the committee is meeting weekly now; Paul created a volunteer website and has ordered the prizes; admission will be \$5 as usual; Janet Carbo is the chair for the food committee; Darka is running the cake walk; they are working on getting the fire truck; there will be strawberries this year; the next meeting is at Panera Bread on Monday at 6:30

Yankee Candle – Darka Jara

Went well; set up for Sept. 4th for the fall, selling candles, wrapping paper and popcorn

New Business

Nathalie attended the PTO expo and brought information from 3 different fall picture vendors: Barksdale, Coffee Pond and Geskus; Coffee Pond gives each kid a free class picture; she also brought information on a color-thon and a Dave & Buster's fundraiser

Martin questioned the time it took for parents to be notified of the incident that happened regarding a child being followed home; the incident happened on Thursday but EW parents were not notified until Friday

Darka thanked the PTO for the WSPC award nomination

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39pm

Minutes Compiled by Michelle Bosco, PTO Secretary