

WARREN STREET PTA MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2010 at 5:30pm in the Warren Street Library

Attendance: Brandi Maye, Nicki Morton, Tracy Diviyak, Donna Trajlinek, Amy Hale, Mike Long, Lavina Town, Scott Ziomek, Melissa Miles, Judy Licciardo

Secretary's Report: Tracy Diviyak made a motion to approve the October minutes, seconded by Mike Long. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report. Mike Franko, treasurer, unable to attend meeting. Mr. Ziomek requested a \$50 donation check for the Brennan Humane Society and Nicki Morton requested a \$50 donation check for Holy Trinity Parish. Donation checks will be deducted from the allotted Fall Festival Budget. Brennan Humane Society presented during the daytime fall festival festivities. Holy Trinity Parish lent us the use of many of their games, which were used during the evening fall festival. Thank you letters will also be sent to each. Financial issue of bread day also discussed by members. Brandi Maye presented a request that PTA consider financing the cost of bread bags and bread days. In the past, teachers/staff have been requested to contribute money (4 teachers/staff contribute \$5.50 each for a total of \$22.00). Bread day occurs approximately once per month and bread is baked by Letitia Van Heusen/the cafeteria staff for the entire student body. A popcorn day has already been designated in May, 2011 to cover portions of the bread day costs. Mike Long made a motion for PTA to pay for the cost of the bread bags (\$45.87) and to sponsor two bread days (during the months of November, 2010 and January, 2011). This motion was seconded by Melissa Miles. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: A note will be sent to the student council to thank them for their help with the fall festival. A card will be sent to Jan Intellisano, a BOCES staff member and parent of pre-kindergarten teacher, Nancy Edwards. Jan is having knee surgery. Cards will also be sent to Lucy Blanchard and Neil Martin for their assistance with popcorn days.

Central Council: Mrs. Sullivan discussed the various programs that occur throughout the district to prevent and address bullying issues. Discussion had occurred regarding teaching the students the difference between tattling and telling for a safety reason. Central Council is sponsoring a sports injury prevention presentation by Dr. Solby, on November 17, 2010 at 7pm in the JHS Lecture Hall. Jennifer Hall may attend a future Central Council meeting to discuss the current special education programs in the district. The mentor program was also discussed. JHS athletes will come to Warren Street School again this year.

Memberships: Currently have 80 members. A check for \$280 was mailed in for membership. Amy Hale will place membership forms in the teachers' mailboxes to help promote membership.

Committee Reports:

- A. Apparel Sales- Orders should be in the end of this week.
- B. Zipper Bags- Orders have been placed.
- C. Picture Day- Went well.
- D. Fall Festival- All seemed to enjoy the daytime and evening festivities. Worked well to limit festivities to one area of the school. Kids liked having a DJ.
- E. Original Artworks- Orders will be mailed to the company on 11/8/10.
- F. Missoula- A \$500 deposit will be sent to Missoula. We have booked the week of 2/7/11-2/12/11. Nicki Morton is the contact person.
- G. Box Tops- Nicki Morton continues to count the box tops. Mr. Ziomek will post a graph or chart to indicate the collection progress for each classroom.

Unfinished/New Business:

- A. BINGO Night- Rita and Mike Franko are chairing. Will be held on 11/18/10 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.
- B. Holiday Parade- Christina Jaquish is chairing. The float will be decorated after BINGO. The holiday parade is 11/19/10. Theme is Grandma got run over by a reindeer.

General Discussion:

- A. Popcorn Sales- Costs have been an issue. We are not selling as much popcorn. The price of popcorn will remain the same.
- B. Goderie's Tree Farm Wreath Sales- A possible fundraiser was discussed. Lavina Town made a motion for us to conduct this fundraiser. Melissa Miles seconded. Motion carried. Ellen Roehl will chair the fundraiser. Brandi Maye and Lavina Town offered to assist Mrs. Roehl.
- C. Stuffable Creations- A flyer was sent to us. It was decided we would not opt to do at this time.
- D. Make-a Wish Foundation- A flyer was sent to us. This can be done in the community on individual basis.

Upcoming Events:

- A. Santa's Workshop- Lavina Town is chairing (12/2-12/3 during school and 12/4 during Breakfast with Santa).
- B. Breakfast with Santa- Tracy Diviyak is chairing (12/4 @ 9am-11am).
- C. Winter Concert- 5th and 6th grade band and chorus students will perform on 12/13 @ 7pm.
- D. Holiday Baskets- Rita Franko is chairing. We will try to provide baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mr. Ziomek will inform Rita as to how many baskets will be needed. A canned good item/non-perishable item will be requested as admission to BINGO Night and also to the Winter Concert. We will also implement a classroom contest to promote collection of food items.

Announcements: The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2010. The fall fundraiser was delivered this evening.

Principal's Report: School Board members were presented with gift bags during School Board Recognition Week. Some board members also came to Warren Street School to read to students. Mr. Ziomek discussed the Gold Medal Standards that are being implemented. Five standards are posted. If students meet the standards, they will participate in a roller skating event with Olympic Silver Medalist Trevor Marsicano at end of the school year. Mr. Ziomek also reported we have signed up for the Goodsearch.com. He is waiting to hear further information. Mr. Ziomek also noted he expects the Arts in Education committee should be resuming soon. The need for new plastic tables was also discussed. The tables we currently have are quite old and need to be replaced. A motion to buy four new plastic tables was made by Judy Licciardo and seconded by Tracy Diviyak. Mr. Ziomek will look into purchasing the tables.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Submitted by,
Nicki Morton
Co-President