

Lakota West PTSO Minutes November 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President, Thom Branning. Those in attendance were Janice Branning, Thom Branning, Delia Dean Charlie Fisher, Sue Guttag, Lynne Hoover, Dianne McEachen, Marlene Munday, Lynda O'Connor, Gigi Parido and Tim Shaffer.

Guest Speaker – Officer Tim discussed security at the schools. The Greeter Program at the front door has improved and there have been no intruders so far. Teachers are very alert to questionable people entering the building. The new addition will include a security vestibule. We currently have 45 cameras in the building and they are successful in supplementing what teachers are seeing/hearing.

There was some discussion about the change in policy regarding the entrance to the football games and the sexual assault at homecoming.

Robin Piper will be coming before prom to discuss the legal ramifications of drinking when 17 vs. 18 years of age.

A question was asked about crisis plans in the event of terror attacks or other crisis situations. Officer Tim discussed the plans that are currently in effect including evacuation vs. no evacuation. Also discussed were procedures that have changed with construction going on. It was reported that the recent fire drill took only 20 seconds longer than those during non-construction periods.

Secretary - The October Minutes were approved as written

Treasurer's Report –Treasurer's Report for November is attached. The cash balance as of Nov. 9, 2006 is \$14,352.49 with another \$45,924.44 in CD's.

There was discussion about what to do with leftover non-perishable food items, as we currently have some from the craft show. The decision was for items that are not normally donated and would need to be purchased for another event, it was suggested that the items should be passed on for the cost that the next group would have to pay to if they were purchasing them (not what the 1st group paid for them). However for items that have been donated, the receiving group should not have to pay for those items.

Principal's Report - Mr. Shaffer reported for Mr. Hamilton, who was not present because he was attending a redistricting meeting. Mr. Shaffer sent out a broadcast email again today. People are not getting all of the emails so some gave Mr. Shaffer their email address. (Rest of report listed under New Business.)

DPC – Forums are being held on redistricting.

Lakota Festival will be held and sponsored (not funded) by DPC. DPC is asking for \$250 donation from each of the 19 schools to fund the festival. A motion was made by Dianne McEachen to donate \$250 to Lakota Festival and seconded by Charlie Fisher. The motion was carried. The Lakota Festival is scheduled for March 3, 2007.

DPC has created a "Presidents' Group" made up of PTA/PTO presidents, superintendent, John Weidlich and DPC Officers, which will meet four times per year to share information.

There was also discussion about helping new schools get their parent groups started. It has been suggested that each school donate a basket valued at \$300 to be raffled at the Lakota Festival.

The raffle money will then be used to start parent groups at the new schools. A motion was made by Dianne McEachen to donate a \$300 basket and was seconded by Gigi Parido. The motion was carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

After Prom – Tri-County Evening of Giving is Sunday, Nov. 12th and we still need two people to work the doors. The Train Show concessions were more successful than last year.

Arts & Craft Show – The Craft Show made \$400 less than last year and \$1500 more was spent on publicity. Natalie Reeder has volunteered to chair the Craft Show next year.

Staff Appreciation – We have provided dinners twice for teachers' conference nights. Plans are to host a Winter Party sometime in December.

OLD BUSINESS – Sue Gutttag reported that one student never claimed her \$500 PTSO scholarships from last year. It was decided to put the money back into the treasury and if the student requests it, it will be given to her. If not, the PTSO will just recover the cash.

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Hamilton has asked for \$1000 to go toward staff shirts along with the rest of the cost being donated by senior class, SGA, and Mr. Hamilton's fund (\$1000 from each group) It was suggested that \$3000 be donated by PTSO and \$1000 from Mr. Hamilton's fund instead of taking money from SGA and the senior class. Mr. Shaffer said SGA and the senior class have enough money to cover the requested donation of \$1000 each. A motion was made by Dianne McEachen to donate \$1000 toward the purchase of staff shirts. The motion was seconded by Gigi Parido and carried.

Mr. Shaffer also requested \$1985 to purchase Study Island, a computer intervention program to help students study for the Ohio Graduation Test. This would help us go from 75 to 125 licenses, which would result in more students being able to benefit from this program. Dianne McEachen made a motion to donate \$1985.00 to purchase Study Island. The motion was seconded by Gigi Parido and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting – Thursday January 11th at 7 pm.

Meeting Notes taken by Marlene Munday and Respectfully Submitted by Pam Guynes, PTSO Secretary