

Lakota West PTSO Minutes September 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Thom Branning. Those in attendance were Annmarie Amendolagine, Janice Branning, Thom Branning, Terri Fischer, Charlie Fisher, Sue Gutttag, Pam Guynes, Richard Hamilton, Lynne Hoover, Jason Jackson, Tammy Marshall, Dianne McEachen, Marlene Munday, and Lynda O'Connor.

Secretary - The August Minutes were approved by Sue Gutttag and seconded by Annmarie Amendolagine .

Treasurer's Report –Treasurer's Report for September is attached. The cash balance as of Sept 14, 2006 is \$9532.93 with another \$45,847.42 in CD's. The budget updates were reviewed and changes are as follows: Staff Appreciation wants a \$300 increase which brings them to \$1500 and Arts and Crafts requested more money because of increased advertising expenses expected for this year. However they increased booth rental for crafters this year by \$5.00 so this should offset most of the extra advertising expenses. The extra amounts requested will be taken from Classroom/School donations. A motion was made by Lynda O'Connor to approve the budget with the above corrections and was seconded by Dianne McEachen. Sue also reported that the books are now at the auditors and she hopes to have them back next week.

President's Report – Thom Branning has updated the web page. He is putting the PTSO Meeting Minutes on the web page. He can also send items to Todd Hummer to be added to the Lakota's Website. Thom has talked to Vanessa Nicely about printing and binding the PTSO Student Directory, but Vanessa felt that she cannot do this by herself. Dianne asked if Vanessa would be willing to call people from the Volunteer List to help her with copying and binding. Thom said that he would talk to Vanessa and refer her to the Volunteer Coordinator, Delia Dean.

Principal's Report – Dick Hamilton introduced Jason Jackson, the new assistant principal. He said that Curriculum Night went well. A question was asked about how Curriculum Night handled classroom visits for the zero period and Mr. Hamilton said that those teachers affected started at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Hamilton also said that Mr. Kessler (Science) requested \$100 to pay for a bus to take students on an after school field trip. He also said he expects other requests for bus payments to come in. A question was asked about the broadcast email system. Parents wanted to know if information about the PSAT, SAT, & ACT registration deadlines could be included, as well as other things going on in the school that parents would be interested in. Another suggestion was adding a school calendar. It was also mentioned that if volunteers were needed, they could be notified through the broadcast email system. Some felt that before we asked for volunteers through email, we should try to obtain volunteers from the Volunteer List, as people sign up and then are never called.

Mr. Hamilton will continue to work on improving the broadcast email system.

DPC - Annmarie Amendolagine reported with the new schools that are being built, redistricting will effect all elementary and middle school students. However, there has been no final decisions made yet about redistricting. Plans are to ask for community's input in October and a final vote will be taken on December.

She also reported that something similar to the Yes Fest from last year is being planned. The tentative date is March 10th at Lakota East and an indoor event is being planned. It is hoped to have many from the community attend. The following concerns were expressed by PTSO members:

East is not as visible as Lakota West and with moving the event indoors, it probably will not draw as many people, especially those from the community.

It was also brought up that there is a Train Show scheduled March 10th at Lakota West.

Annamarie reported that Dr. Phil Ehrhardt, Superintendent, is working on a pilot program for intramurals for grades 9 – 12.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

After Prom – Marlene reported that their first meeting will be Monday at 7 pm. Marlene said that Gigi was attending the Freshman PTSO meeting tonight to try and get some volunteers. The After Prom Committee will again plan to provide concessions for the Train Show on Oct 21 & 22, but they decided not to do the Bash. Instead they will be launching Advertising Boards for community businesses and this will be discussed in an upcoming newsletter. Marlene asked Mr. Hamilton if a decision had been made yet on changing the time of the prom to 8 -12 (instead of 9 pm – 1 am). He said that he will try to get an answer for her by our next meeting.

Arts & Craft Show – Dianne and Kate are in need of a couple of people to work with them this year in hopes of taking over as chairmen the following year. This is Patti Lopiccolo's last year and they are very concerned about this. Dianne and Kate do not feel like they have the experience to select crafters for a juried show. They are going to ask Patti if she is freed up from the business end of the show, will she still help judge the crafters. Also it was suggested that Lori and Nancy may be willing to help jury the show.

Terri Fischer asked if students could work the Arts and Crafts Show for service hours again this year and who should the students call to sign up.

Communications - Janice Branning said that Thom has been helping her with communications. They are very willing to send out information via email, and that they are working together with the school and their broadcast email system.

Freshman Liaison – Lynda O'Connor is encouraging freshman parents to step up and volunteer for some of our activities such as the Craft Show and After Prom. The Freshman PTSO changed their meeting night and now it is the same night as West's PTSO.

Staff Appreciation – PTSO provided teachers breakfast at the beginning of the year and that seemed to go well. Teacher conferences are scheduled for Oct 4 and Nov 6 and the PTSO will again provide dinner for them.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – The office staff has requested a three holed electric punch. Mr. Hamilton will fill out the required form so a check can be written to purchase one.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Note the next meeting date is a change of date – It will be Tues, Oct. 10th at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Guynes, PTSO Secretary