

**ISD PTA Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2017
Submitted by Jill Boen**

Meeting Attended By: Amanda Anderson, Carin Gulstrand, Agne Smith, Marcela Perez-Abreu, Bill DeWitt, Greg Gailen, Mila Horak, Anna Sandstrom, Kris Elfvin, Kasha Hanson, Betsy Jorgenson, Natalie Shaw, Brooke Youngdahl, Karen Obinger

Meetings

- Monthly meetings this year
 - Meet at 6 p.m. at School (ECFE Room): December 4, February 5, April 2
 - Meet at 4 p.m. at School (ECFE Room): January 8, March 5, May 7

Requests

- Amanda Barras has requested money for bus and driver to go to the Minnesota Science Museum. Waiting to hear how much is needed. We will vote on this at a later date once we know the amount needed.
- Bill DeWitt asked if we would be interested in adding a new branch under PTA for Community Ed. This would help with feedback for Community Ed. We will discuss this in our December meeting and then vote.

Book Fair – Wild West Theme

- We met our goal of \$4,000! We took the Scholastic dollars option, now have money for teacher requests.
- Send Thank You cards to NSFCU. Carin will get these to teachers for students to sign.
- Spring book fair we want to communicate more about the Book Fair to GES. Volunteer needed to go and talk with their classes.
- Spring book fair will be the same week as conferences. More volunteers are needed for this.

Spirit Week – Jr. Vikings t-shirts

- November 10 is Spirit Day at school. Wear your blue that day!

Memberships

- This year we have 50+ members! Magnetic calendars are here. They have been given to teachers and Carin will get them to parent/community members. Contact Carin at 370-8947 or carin.gulstrand@gmail.com if you haven't gotten your yet!

Early Childhood

- Have around \$2,000 in checking and \$3,500 in savings
- Family bowling night in conjunction with PTA. Equipment is here. Up to 8 lanes could be set up. Volunteers needed to make this night happen.
- Jaye Clearwater requested additional preschool items – toy cars, puzzles, rugs, books, chairs totaling around \$850. Bill, Amanda, Brooke, Betsy and Jill voted to purchase these items.
- Judy Schmidt is the new ECFE teacher. Open gym is Tuesday and Thursdays and two classes are held on Wednesday mornings.
 - The Y is working on a better storage option for the ECFE toys for open gym.
 - ECFE can also be brought into your home.

SPED PTA

- Kris has been talking with other parents/teachers. She informed us the school is a Unified School. We have a Unified Club with middle and high school students and hope to include the elementary too. This is a club to help build relationships.
- Starting a Bullying Team.
- There will be a dance performance in December.
- There will be a parent group forming soon with a grant that was received. HDC is working on this.

Balances

- Checking \$7,056.19
- Money Market \$2952.20
- Agne will move the money market into a savings account.

Movie in the ACA

- Going to do one December 8 – Early release day, if the ACA is available.
- Want to do a MS and elementary movies. Will add in with ECFE later on.
- Minimum of three volunteers needed to make these happen.

New Volunteers

- Many volunteers are needed to help make the PTA work
- Volunteers that come into the school to help with the students will have to fill out a form with their basic contact information. Depending on what the volunteering need is a background check may be required.
- Volunteers are needed for helping with book fairs, special lunches, posting flyers around town, taking pictures for the yearbook, movie day, fundraisers, project fair, etc.

Volunteer Appreciation

- We want to have a volunteer appreciation this year towards the end of the year.
- Send ideas to Amanda.

Food for Teachers

- Food for teachers during spring conferences. Soups, breads, finger foods, etc.

Fundraising Ideas

- Read-A-Thon – Will we do this again?
- Ice Candles in Harbor Park – During Solstice? Mila to help with this
- Winter Carnival – February
 - Taco dinner, bowling, magician, etc.
- Color Run/5K – Kasha
- Mother/Son event
- Family Dance
- Reading Camp
- Drive-in Movie with snowbank as the movie screen
- Give to the Max Day - Carin

Special Lunches

- Start with kindergarten in November. Agne is working on coordinating this event. Volunteers are needed with set up and clean up.

Project Fair

- Karen is the new coordinator. Amanda will see when this works for teachers. Volunteers needed.

Viking Vouchers

- Donate prizes for the Viking Vouchers. Amanda found Keychain Tags she would like to buy. (<http://www.spiritmonkey.com/>)

Have a great school year!!

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And on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PTAISD166/>