

**Unity West PTO
Minutes for April 6, 2010**

Attendance: Mary Denney, Jennifer Price, Vickie Frank, Deanna Spivey, Amanda Wilson, Josh Didier, Jeff Cox, Valerie Cousins, Angie Anderson, Janet Ellis-Nelson

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mary Denney. Introductions were made by all.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Angie Anderson reporting. The proposed budget for 2010-2011 is ready for review. Family Fun Night didn't have a budget so we went with what was spent last year which was \$900. We will budget \$3000 every other year for playground equipment, so we will put that in the budget again in the 2011-2012 school year. Janet requested an increase to the Assemblies budget because we have to have two assemblies in order for all of the students to participate. The PTO decided to move the budget for Assemblies up to \$700 for 2010-2011.

Committees:

Open House: Mary Denney reporting. The tentative date for Open House is Thursday, September 2, 2010. We have given that date to Clubs Choice because they will be coming out to cook and provide samples again.

Fundraising: Mary Denney reporting. Jennifer Price and Mary Denney attended the Clubs Choice banquet at the Holiday Inn in March. We have signed a contract with Clubs Choice for next year's fundraiser. Clubs Choice has agreed to provide the limo and pizza for the prize winners next year, as well as providing pizza for the night that volunteers come to the school to count the fundraiser money. The fundraiser kickoff will be Friday, September 3, and we've already talked to them about some things that need to change for next year.

Box Tops: Janet Ellis-Nelson informed everyone that 3 Smart Boards have been purchased-one for the Media Center, one for the art room, and one for Mrs. Kamradt's room.

Book Fair: Jennifer Price reporting. We sold \$6043.47 during the spring book fair-it's in the top 3 book fair sales we've had. We sold \$159 in Family Fun Night raffle tickets, \$636 in apparel sales, and \$252 in pre-orders for sunglasses.

There will be a buy one get one free book fair in May. Delivery will be on the 17th, set up on the 18th, and the book fair will be on the 19th, 20th and 21st. There will be no classroom preview since there will be no new products at this book fair. We have \$1024.18 to roll over from the last book fair, and the majority of that will go to the library. We will only get 10 percent of the sales since it's a buy one get one free. The book fair will start at 8:00 a.m., but probably will not run until 9:00 p.m.

Playground: Janet Ellis Nelson reporting. The 5th grade would like to leave Unity West with a tracks so Josh is getting prices on different options. They are going to have a dance and pizza party to raise money, and they have money in their student council account to help get this started.

AR: Valerie Cousins reporting. Mary Denney and Valerie Cousins are working on AR procedures and will be contacting Rachel Wenzel to make sure that nothing is falling through the cracks with the program. We have a list of people who are willing to volunteer to help with AR. We're getting organized and will have everything straightened out for next year, and as we do this we may need to reassess the prize structure.

PR: Josh Didier reporting. Talent Show auditions are set for Thursday, April 22 3-6, and the Talent show is scheduled for Thursday, April 29th at 6:30 p.m. Amy Hansen and Diane Ducey Anderson are co-chairs.

Family Fun Night: Amanda Wilson reporting. We will start setting up games right after school and could use volunteers to help. The Taco Shack is coming and will be selling tacos for \$2, salsa for \$4, cookies for \$1.50, and cinnamon rolls for \$2.50. We need to get cups, napkins, and forks. We have bottled water that has been donated, and we can use the school ice machine. I have volunteers from the U of I lined up to work the games so that parents can be with their kids. Please be sure to turn in your pre-sale raffle tickets before Friday.

Teacher Appreciation: Jill Raven reporting. We are getting ready for Teacher Appreciation week in May. We'll do something different each day of the week- similar to last year, but we'll change it up a little. We will give each teacher a goodie bag again on the last day. We will get as many things donated as possible and then purchase anything else we need. Marilyn Chancellor has been working on donations already. Contact Jill Raven if you are interested in helping out.

Fun Day: Deanna Spivey reporting. Fun Day is currently scheduled for June 2nd. We are planning to do everything the same as in past years, and have a plan in case it rains. There will be inflatables, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, relay games, tug-of-war, face painting, tattoos, parachute, kick ball, DJ, and cake

walk. We will use the money we have in the budget for water, ice cream, and extra candy. We are going to wait until after Family Fun Night to ask for volunteers so that we aren't bombarding parents about donations and volunteering. Email any questions or suggestions to Deanna Spivey or Vicki Frank.

Apparel: Mary Denney reporting. The sunglasses are on their way, and we're not planning to purchase any other apparel until June for sale at registration in August.

Principal's Report: Janet Ellis-Nelson reporting. Kristy Duncan and all the students and parents did well raising money for the American Heart Associate and we surpassed our goal of raising \$14,000. Therefore, Janet will be kissing a pig and Josh will have 15 pies thrown at him. The PBIS celebration is an extra recess this month and maybe we'll incorporate the pig kissing and pie throwing into this. We are not sure yet where we are getting the pig from.

We have hired a new music teacher for next year. Her name is Victoria Kinsick. She is a voice major and can play all instruments. We are looking forward to combining what kids are learning in the classroom with what they are learning in music.

We have hired Amy Gaines to be the new 1st grade teacher. She already knows the curriculum and works well with the other teachers.

Old Business: Field Trips—Janet indicated that the confusion concerning the field trips has been cleared up and everything is fine.

Classroom parties—Mrs. Burwell came to previous PTO meetings with a suggestion for handling classroom party volunteer sign-up. Teachers would put out a sign-up sheet during Open House and during their classroom meetings. We are asking teachers to try Mrs. Burwell's suggestion for one year and see how it works out. We all agree that the current process is not working. We will be revamping the PTO survey and removing the classroom party section.

New Business: Elections.
2010-2011
President-Elect-Mary Denney
President-Jennifer Price
Secretary-April Downen
Treasurer-Angie Anderson

K-Jill Raven
1st Jennifer Price

2nd Mary Denney
3rd Angie Anderson
4th Valerie Cousins
5th Vicki Frank

Jill Raven made a motion to accept the elected positions as read and a second was made by Amanda Wilson.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Amanda Wilson and a second was made by Jeff Cox.