

UNITY WEST PTO
Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2011
Respectfully submitted by: Cheryl Howell; Secretary

ATTENDANCE:

President – Mary Denney

President Elect – Jen Davidson

Secretary – Cheryl Howell

Principal – Janet Ellis-Nelson

Asst. Principal – Eric Hillman

Diane Ducey Anderson, Vickie Frank, Jill Raven, Sarah Perry, Jenny Amias, Sarah Lorbiecki

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm by President Mary Denney

Introductions were made by all present.

Secretary's Report – no report, Angie Anderson will be forwarding her notes from last months meeting to Mr. Hillman to post on website.

Treasurer's Report – no report distributed. Angie Anderson not able to attend, but reported the following:
A check will be deposited for approx. \$1,350 for box top collections, there are some outstanding bills that need to be paid, 3 class field trips, and fun day expenses. An accurate report will be sent to Mr. Hillman to post on the website.

Committees:

Open house – Jen Davidson reporting. Scheduled for 9/1/11 5:30-7:30pm. The Unity West PTO fundraiser kick-off will be on display.

Fundraising – Mary Denney reporting. Clubs Choice, the fundraiser company that we used last year is on the “negative” list. Poor or NO communication is coming from them. Clubs Choice is under contract with Unity West PTO and Angie Anderson and Mary Denney are aggressively active in trying to get reimbursed for product damaged, missing or returned, as well as, their failure to come through on providing inflatables, which was a fundraising award, and other issues. Since Clubs Choice could not provide Inflatables for Fun Day, because they rented them all out, another company has been called upon, Action Inflatables Mega Events. Quote was received for \$1,600 for 4 inflatables. Angie and Mary are going to push Clubs Choice to reimburse Unity West PTO for cost of inflatables.

Motion made by Sarah Perry for PTO to pay for inflatables to have for Fun Day until we get reimbursed. 2nd by Jenny Amias

Another downside to the inflatables awarded us from Clubs Choice is that it was to come with a DJ, since that didn't come through, Diane Ducey has volunteered to step in and take the task as DJ for Fun Day! Thank you Diane!!

Motion made by Jill Raven to pay Diane Ducey \$100 for her time. 2nd by Sarah Perry.

Suggestion came from Vickie Franks that we take the Clubs Choice issue to a higher level and involve an attorney to make the phone call to Clubs Choice. Sarah Perry is going to touch base with her uncle who is a judge to make the call so we can get our money and move on.

Unity West was also awarded a BMX Bike Show which is currently scheduled for the morning of 5/24.

There will be a special presentation to PTO officers from possibly 4 companies to present their products. They will vote on who we go with for our fundraiser.

Box Tops In addition to the deposit that was mentioned in the Treasurer's report section. Mrs. Nelson reported that there was a contest for all classes who brought in the most box tops last month. There were 2 classes awarded a pizza party: Mrs. Udry 2nd grade and Mrs. Noerenberg 3rd grade.

Book fair Mary Denney reporting. There is no date set for the Fall Book Fair, but the Theme will be Space!

Playground Mrs Nelson is requesting money for paint and supplies along with volunteers to paint the playground. Mary Denney will check with Laura Walsten to find out where the playground templates are. Vickie Frank suggested that this be a possible service project for student council? Art class? High school? Target date to work on painting is requested to be completed over the summer. Topic is tabled and communication will continue through email.

Accelerated Reader/AR Mrs. Nelson reporting. Friday May 13 is the last day to count AR points. So far 7 students, maybe 9, are going to lunch with Mrs. Nelson for earning 200+AR points. "Sweet Pickles" will be used to chauffeur the kids, driven by Mrs. Nelson

PR Diane Ducey Anderson reporting. Nice thank you notes were passed around to read for the teacher appreciation pampering week. Talent Show was a hit, mentioned below. Diane has been doing a GREAT job maintaining the bulletin board in the hallway! Christine Walsh has been doing a great job covering our events and putting pictures and write-ups in *The County Star*. Reptile assembly that was held May 5th was well received.

Family Fun Night /FFN Jen Davidson reporting. We will be moving the date of the event from April to February for next season. Date has been set for Feb. 17, 2012 6-8pm

Teacher Appreciation Jill Raven and Sarah Perry reporting. All done. Nice job and appreciated!

Fun day Vickie Frank reporting. Scheduled for Friday, May 27th Flyers are printed and will be sent home with kids. **Need volunteers** any amount of time that can be given will be welcomed. We need cash donations, bags of candy (no chocolate), Hostess/Little Debbie cake donations and prizes. Diane Anderson will post on Facebook for Unity West PTO, Mr. Hillman posting on Unity West website. Family Video is letting us borrow Wii game systems. We will need game controllers and games such as; guitar hero, dance, etc, for indoor out of the sun games. Cheryl will check with Tolono Library about renting games. We are set for popcorn and have extra tattoos from FFN. Family Fun Night is A LOT of work, but A LOT of fun!!!! Please contact Vickie vfrank@volomail.net if you can volunteer or donate! Rain plans are in place if needed.

Apparel Mary Denney reporting. New jackets are in the works for next season. There will be clearance items listed soon. Out with old, in with new!

Talent show Diane Ducey Anderson reporting. Friday, April 29th we had 66 students performing 44 acts of talent. What an awesome show it was. Extra thanks to Jenny Amias and Miss Kensek (and others involved) for helping make this a successful night! Next year's Talent Show is scheduled for April 20th, 2012 with auditions on April 4th & 5th from 3-5pm.

Principals report Mrs. Nelson reporting. Kindergarten screening has been taking place, classes have been going on year-end field trips, lots of reading by students trying to get more AR points. 1st hour of Fun Day is school-wide awards. End of Year fun! There will be Monday summer reading nights will begin once school ends 5-7pm Students can read and take tests, the points will count for individuals next school year AR points. Mrs. Noerenberg, 3rd grade teacher, is retiring after 32yrs. There will be a party held Wednesday, 5/18. PTO usually gives the retiree a gift...Does PTO want to give at retirement party OR end of award assembly on Fun Day. Mrs. Nelson suggested maybe planting a tree in her honor for next school season during West Woods planting. Mrs. Nelson said a big THANK YOU to all PTO members and volunteers for all they do.

Motion made by Diane Ducey Anderson to print a certificate to plant a tree in her honor for next school season during West Woods planting and getting gift card for \$32 @ Prairie Gardens to honor Mrs. Bev Noerenberg @ awards day. 2nd by Jill Raven.

Old business Mary Denney mentioned that there are Kindergarten-5th parent reps needed. At the August 9, 2011 PTO meeting we will have elections. Parent Rep duties include contacting the appropriate teachers of their grade and ask if they have anything they want brought up at each PTO meeting. If you are interested in being a Parent Rep for your Grade, please email Jenny Amias at jennyamias@yahoo.com to nominate. Teacher reps, one for each grade group K-2 and 3-5 are needed as well

New business Diane Ducey Anderson talked about Tolono fun day which is scheduled for Saturday June 25, 2011. Suggested PTO to participate with a float or hosting Carnival Games at the park. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Diane at dianeducey@yahoo.com There will also be open talent/performances during Tolono Fun Day. Contact tolonofunday@yahoo.com or facebook Diane for more information. Tolono Fun Day Parade is at 11am.

Diane also suggested a free swap and trade of clothing items / 2 weeks before school starts, hosted at unity west? Any interested parties want to persue this suggestion, please contact dianeducey@yahoo.com

School Registration is scheduled for August 3rd and 4th. First day of School is August 18, 2011.

Mrs. Nelson suggested that PTO should have display boards at registration to promote PTO and what we need. Last year during open house at Unity West is when parents signed up for Classroom parties, this worked out great and we will be doing that again for next school season.

Motion to adjourn made by Diane Ducey Anderson with a 2nd by Vickie Frank