

West Elementary PTO
Thursday, December 4, 2008

In attendance: Laura Fails, Marjory Artzer, Kelley Nordberg, Tracey Bearman, Curtis Eckart, Crissie Gamino, Katie Fritz, Amy Flinn

The November minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report:

Checks were issued to Club's Choice and HB Stereo. Tracey is still working to collect one "insufficient funds" check.

- Checking account balance: \$4,554.77
- Savings account balance: \$2,297.57

Decision was made to move all but \$2,000 from the checking to the savings.

Remaining expenses: Teacher Appreciation and 5th Grade End of Year party.

Old Business:

Tupperware Fundraiser – Date set for Monday, March 2nd. The fundraiser will wrap up before Spring Break. Debbie Hoffman will chair this fundraiser.

Labels & BoxTops – The BoxTops website links you to a page where a percentage of online orders from certain stores will be given to our school.

Christmas Gifts for Teachers – SPOILER ALERT – After much discussion it was decided to provide a breakfast for teachers and staff on Tuesday, December 23rd.

Marjory Artzer will get cinnamon rolls from the Friendship House and make arrangements for juice, coffee, etc. Laura Fails will make the card.

New Business:

Fundraising Efforts – What to do with our fundraising money was discussed. Ideas presented include:

- ☺ Save for an additional mobile lab
- ☺ Megaphone
- ☺ Gym sound system remote – Amy Flinn will get prices
- ☺ Additional video projectors
- ☺ Plasma TV's for Specials teachers
- ☺ Outdoor Green/Environmental Classroom

Katie Fritz presented this idea as one for consideration. Matching grants are available from a variety of businesses to create a garden in progress at West. The students would benefit in a variety of ways: helping construct raised beds & paths; planting seeds inside and transferring outside, building animal and studying animal habitats, composting, etc. Katie will gather and present more information at the next PTO meeting.

It was decided to focus on the smaller, more immediate needs: megaphone; sound system remote and video projectors.

The collection drive for the West family whose house was destroyed by fire is going well.

Next meeting: Thursday February 5, 2008 in the West Elementary Library. All parents and teachers are invited.