

Lawrence PTO Meeting
January 21, 2009
Lawrence Elementary Library 6:30 pm

President: Nicole Deckard
Vice President: Deb Peek
Treasurer: Mindy Donovan-Andrews
Secretary: Alison Payment

Attendance: Nicole Deckard, Gretchen Gendron, Sue McQueen, Liz Saule, Shannon Page and Alison Payment

Treasury Balance:

Nicole reviewed the first semester's fundraisers. The Christmas bazaar's profit was unknown but suggestions were sought to improve next year's bazaar. The group concluded that the bazaar had good variety, but the Fun Services' items were over priced. Nicole suggested that the volunteers should be provided with snacks and drinks. The Spirit Wear and Script Card fundraisers received more orders than originally expected but the final profit amount was unknown.

Based on Mr. Gendron's approval, the Tiger Paws will be sold at the basketball home games until homecoming. Alison will contact Mr. Gendron for his authorization, type up a flier and look into printing a banner. The banner would say "Tiger Fan Wall of Fame."

Nicole requested ideas for the 2009-2010 school year. Some suggestion included: meeting during the summer, working with Troy Zimmerly to offer Spirit Wear at the beginning of the school year, and Pizza Night.

The tentative date for Movie Night will be February 20, but equipment still needs to be located. Paul Garrod still needs to be contacted. Popcorn and concession handling will be determined after the equipment is secured. Mindy has taken care of the raffle and gift basket.

Nicole would like to place a "thank you" in the Flying Tiger and have a PTO announcement in every issue. The deadline for this Flying Tiger issue is Friday, January 23, 2009. A sign-in sheet is now in the office for all future donations. The sign-in sheet requires the donator's name, address and phone number. This allows thank you cards to be mailed directly to the donator.

Phone numbers were updated. The 501c-3-tax status was unknown, but Susan McLemore will be contacted to find out more information.

Nicole suggested having a booth and raffle at the Ox Roast or a mom-son, dad-daughter activity. Liz mentioned that Brad Abrams volunteers as a DJ at school events, so a dance

may be a possibility. More information will be discussed at a later date but Nicole will not be at the February meeting.

Liz requested that the PTO sponsor one student to take part in the My Lead program. My Lead is a leadership program held at Michigan State. The program allows two students per school to attend but only pays one fee. Sue McQueen motioned for the \$165.00 sponsorship to be given, Nicole seconded the motion and all attendees agreed. Motion was passed.

Gretchen requested \$135.00 for the second grade field trip to Kalamazoo Valley Museum. The money would cover the \$3.00/student fee into the planetarium. Sue moved to authorize the request. Nicole seconded the motion and all in attendance agreed. Motion was passed.