

LAKEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2006

President Lori Griggs called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

In attendance were: Kim McCarthy, Lori Griggs, Danielle Swanson, Virginia DeNisio, Patty Hoenig, Linda Michael, Sam Hicks, Gayle Snowden, Kara Gaskamp, Vicki Price, Lori Nietschmann, Michelle Organ, Lavonda Samples, Shirley Prescott, Leann Grose, Valerie Gilmore and Sandra Tillman.

The minutes were approved as written for the October 2006 general meeting.

Carnival: Linda Michael

The carnival made over \$12,000. This is with \$3,500 less in ticket sales as ticket prices were lowered this year and no refund from 3 Ring Inflatables (they gave a partial refund of \$650 last year for being late). The carnival will be October 20th next year.

Principal's Report: Sam Hicks

Mr. Hicks encouraged the use of outside volunteers again at next year's carnival. Having high school athletes and Boy Scouts at the event really helped.

Mr. Hicks thanked the PTO for both the mixer and carnival. The staff really enjoyed the mixer.

He asked that the PTO not ask parents for any more funds this year. He feels we can work within our current budget.

Tomorrow is the Thanksgiving Feast for students and their families. This is a tradition Mr. Hicks had growing up and although it is a wonderful occasion, he asked for our patience.

LWE will hold tryouts for UIL Academic Teams in reading and math. These are like a sports team in that they compete and get medals. Each child who participates will receive a LWE team medal. This program is a good way to prepare kids for UIL in middle and high school.

Mr. Hicks polled the staff to see if there were any outstanding wish list items/priorities that have not been budgeted for. There were no items requested. Mr. Hick's list of priorities were : some technology issues, tutoring funding(\$5,200), a potential math and reading summer program (\$3,800), \$1,000 to the new school and approximately \$10,000 to carry over for next year and any emergencies.

There was discussion on the new school, its PTO and fundraising. Mr. Hicks reported that LWE will be allowed to help facilitate the new board by allowing them to use LWE facilities.

Mr. Hicks emphasized that LWE is committed to this year's students and making sure traditions are followed, honored and continued.

Faculty Member Report: Michelle Organ, 2nd

Ms. Organ expressed appreciation of the Mustang Mixer and all the PTO does.

Treasurer's Report: Danielle Swanson

Teacher Wish List Items:

2nd grade: The 2nd grade team requested \$252.95 for multi-colored file folders & holders and \$420 for 3 printer cartridges. Danielle Swanson moved to approve this request. Patty Hoenig 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

3rd grade: The 3rd grade is requesting \$320 for math supplements. Danielle Swanson moved to approve this request. Virginia DeNisio 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

4th grade: Mr. Fazio is requesting \$76 for a Kids Wings reading book and supplements. The 4th grade is also asking for \$120 for 4 packs of clear book protective covers and \$250 for set of novels for each class. Danielle Swanson moved to approve the requests. Patty Hoenig 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Mustang Mixer: Patty Hoenig

The auction portion of the mixer grossed \$24,000 this year as compared to \$19,000 last year. Live auction items contributed \$12,400 to the total. Net profit has not been determined. Lakeway Inn has offered to host the event next year. The tentative date is November 17th. One suggestion from Terry Kelley is to publish the evening's schedule before the event.

Campus Landscaping: Gayle Snowden

Gayle has received all the bids and the lowest bid is \$12,533, which includes irrigation. The PTO committed \$6,000 to the project in November pending the success of the Carnival & Mixer. Mr. Hicks offered to contribute \$4,000 from the school activity fund pending approval from the district. After review of the PTO's current finances, it was determined that the PTO could fund the remaining \$2,533. Kim McCarthy moved to fund the additional \$2,533 (\$8,533 total). Kara Gaskamp 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Budget Amendments:

Danielle Swanson moved to add a budget expense line item for landscaping in the amount of \$8,533. Kim McCarthy 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

President's Report: Lori Griggs

Lori asked if anyone knows of someone who would be interested in publishing 2 school newsletters—1 before the holiday break and 1 in the spring.

Our next meeting will either be a brunch or lunch meeting. Exact details to follow.

The PTO may be able to allow parents to pay by credit card next year. It will cost the PTO 4% of each purchase. This will need to be discussed and voted on as next year's budget is addressed.

Lori would like to nominate our board for the Parent Group of the Year Award through PTO Today. Both national and regional recognition are awarded. She asked if anyone would like to help with this nomination process.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim McCarthy—Secretary