

## **February 13, 2024 PTA Meeting Westmore Elementary School**

**Minutes are considered a high-level overview of the meeting.**

**For more information on any specific topic, please ask PTA officers.**

The Westmore Elementary School PTA met on February 13, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. About 10 people were in attendance in person and 4 people via Zoom.

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Rachel Fowler shared that the minutes from the last PTA meeting held on January 9, 2024, are posted on MemberHub (Givebacks).

### **President's Report**

President Raquel Mahoney reported that the PTA has a few items that need a vote, and we need 10 members for a quorum. She shared that we'll need a new president and vice president, and we have someone interested in being vice president. The PTA can't function without a president. If anyone is interested, reach out to the PTA. Raquel shared the duties of the president and vice president. We also need a Nominating Committee for this.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Taryn Mueller shared that the opening balance for January was \$21,393.99, and the closing balance was \$22,365.39. We have some receipts from Box Tops and Give Backs, and there are disbursements from classroom support and movie night.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Dart reported that the school has more than 162,000 reading steps. They celebrated kids' powerful moves. The winter MAP test data came in, and there was amazing growth. For MAP reading, 60% of students made their target. For MAP math, 65% of students made their target. Kindergarten and 1st graders use Happy Numbers to practice math skills. 100% of the students who started the year behind are now on track to meet year-end growth target for the year.

One Book, One School starts on February 14 with a kickoff assembly revealing the book. There will be trivia as families read the book. They will do a treasure hunt to find the books during WE Wednesday. They'll do three Minute to Win It challenges.

Mrs. Leno shared that she and Lisa Ticaric are working on Family Reading Night this year. At Family Reading Night, there are five different islands to visit, and the kids can go to three at them. Each area has a book they are going to read and an activity. It starts at 5:30 p.m. At the end of the rotation, everyone will go back to the gym, and staff will read the first chapter of One Book, One School. Students can listen to recordings of the chapters as well.

### **Committee Reports**

**Coin Race:** Taryn Mueller shared that the Coin Race went really well. PTA ended up making \$6,200 when the goal was \$2,500. For future coin wars, PTA will work on instructions for staff, and the kids could possibly choose the theme. Classes will receive trophies and a Mario coin on February 14.

**Family Game Night:** Ande Ngola shared that the last event was in November, and the next one is February 29. There will be snacks, and it's a family event. There were almost 100 people last time. Ande is looking for a few volunteers. Kids can bring their own games as well.

**Restaurant Nights:** Carson Simek reported there are two restaurant nights coming up: El Famous Burrito on March 8 with 20% of the proceeds, and Chipotle on 83 and St. Charles, April 13 from 4-8 p.m. PTA will receive 25% of the proceeds.

**STEM Night:** Dianne Garcia reported there's a great lineup for STEM Night. There are 11 outside organizations. There are 9 parent-led experiments. It's a free event on March 5. There will be a punch card for a raffle. A few businesses are donating \$500 to the event to be sponsors. We still need about 15 volunteers for the event. PTA is reaching out to local high schools for student volunteers. Registration will open up soon.

Dianne Garcia made a motion to include the \$500 donation from Schiller Properties and Guaranteed Rate to the STEM Night event with any remaining money left to go in the PTA fund for the 2024-2025 fund. The total budget will then be \$1,000. Kris Castaldi seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**May Day:** Nikki Sheehan reported that she and Carson Simek are planning a Westmore adults-only event for people in the community to get to know each other while also raising money for the school. They are proposing a parent fundraiser event on May 11 at Alter Brewing in Oak Brook. Tickets are \$50 with food/appetizers included. There's a maximum of 50 tickets they can sell. There will also be a raffle or silent auction. They've reached out to local businesses and received many donations already. There's a \$25 gambling license fee. They plan to share information with parents as soon as possible.

Carson Simek made a motion to add income and budget line items for the May Day parent fundraiser event with a budget of \$25. Nikki Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Nominating Committee:** Taryn Mueller reported that we need to create a Nominating Committee to move forward with voting on the president and vice president positions. There shall be a nominating committee consisting of 5 members, 3 of whom shall be elected by the executive board from its body, and 2 elected by this association at a general membership meeting at least 2 months prior to the election. Secretary Rachel Fowler and Treasurer Taryn Mueller will be part of the committee. Carson Simek, Nikki Sheehan, and Jaime Lenhart volunteered as well. The committee will identify and nominate two people for president and vice president.

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** Jenny Jahn would like to have a theme called Taste of Villa Park in Lombard. She is looking for local businesses for support of this week. If anyone has any recommendations, reach out to Jenny.

### **Announcements**

February 15—Family Reading Night

February 29—Family Game Night

March 5—STEM Night

March 12—PTA Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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