

## Walker Elementary School

### PTA Meeting Minutes

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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Mary Jo Jatczak called the fifth meeting for the 2008-2009 school year of the Walker Elementary School PTA to order at 6:30 pm. There were 8 members of the PTA present and 4 teachers. Bobbi Regalia made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 PTA meeting. Jennifer Engel seconded the motion.

#### President's Report/Mary Jo Jatczak

- Mary Jo indicated that the budget had been handed out and that Kari Simpson would actually be attending the meeting later and if we had any questions until then we would try to answer them. Bobbi Regalia questioned how much was actually made at the Holiday Bazaar. Mrs. Poehlmann indicated that the event was good and that everyone commented on its success. No one had any other questions regarding the budget and Mary Jo indicated it would be filed for audit.
- Mary Jo informed everyone about a big push for PTA membership. She explained that there was an opportunity for Walker PTA to win a laptop. There needs to be a large increase in March of membership in order to have a chance to win the laptop. Mary Jo talked to Tiffany Krahn and Tiffany indicated that we currently have 206 PTA members.
- Tonie Kieliszkowski mentioned the WAWM Founders' Day Carnival. It will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 pm - 4 pm at West Allis Central. Walker PTA needs to provide a game booth, an adult silent auction basket, a child auction basket, volunteers to work the prize booth from 1 pm - 2 pm and the ticket booth from 2 pm - 3 pm. Walker PTA is looking for volunteers for cleanup, setup and to work the booths.
- Mary Jo discussed that a nominating committee needs to be formed for next years' PTA Board members.
- Mary Jo indicated that PTA would still like to try and have Randy Peterson come to Walker. She then explained what Randy Peterson actually does with the kids to the 5K teachers. PTA is awaiting final numbers from the Holiday Bazaar to see if having him is feasible.
- Johnna Noll talked about an idea of having a game of "Donkey Basketball" as an event. The event is provided by [dairylanddonkeyball.com](http://dairylanddonkeyball.com). In order to have the event we would need to provide a place that can guarantee 500 seats. Tickets are sold for \$6.00 presale and \$8.00 at the door. Can ride donkeys and play basketball. If PTA decides to have the event we would receive 20% of the sales.

#### Ways and Means/Jennifer Engel

- Marcus Tickets were successful. Another order was placed over Christmas break.
- Nick n Willy's punch card sales were not as successful.
- Jennifer explained the Marcus tickets to the 5K teachers. She indicated that Marcus has been talking about raising prices in March.
- Jennifer explained how the Nick N Willy's punch card worked. Every time you buy 1 pizza you get 1 free. Kari Simpson asked if there will be a booth at Young Author's night.

- Market Day earned approximately \$193 for December. January orders are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> and pickup is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Walker PTA received a check from Roundys for \$81.20 and a check from Kemps caps for \$237.10. Jennifer indicated that she will be following up with Colleen Teeters regarding the aluminum tabs and National Salvage.

#### Secretaries Report/Gina Kirkpatrick

- Spirit Wear orders have been extended to January 27<sup>th</sup>. There is a display on the bulletin board for everyone to check out the Spirit Wear options. I reminded everyone to take a moment to look at it and place their order. Bobbi Regalia indicated that she was approached by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee to see if we would be willing to donate Spirit Wear. Indicated that we would be able to donate at least a sling bag and a t-shirt.

#### Treasurer Report/Kari Simpson

- Kari Simpson indicated she was just wrapping up things from the Holiday Bazaar and was not able to give a final tally of monies earned. She believes it to be approximately \$1500.00 profit.
- Mary Jo Jatczak indicated that there were some complaints from the crafters. Johnna Noll suggested that next year to hold the bazaar in the morning and earlier in the season.

#### Reading Program/Cindy Ray

- 188 students met their December goal. The goal gathering consisted of 15 minutes of playing games and 15 minutes of an ice cream treat with peppermint candy. Next gathering will be January 30<sup>th</sup>. Cindy indicated that the Six Flags Great America Sheets are due on January 30<sup>th</sup> and she will send a flyer home as a reminder.

#### Family Events/Tonie Kieliszkowski & Bobbi Regalia

- There will be a committee meeting following this PTA meeting.
- Tonie Kieliszkowski discussed holding a TaeKwonDo Fundraiser. It would be a 3 week event and would run twice a week. The TaeKwonDo facility would run everything right after school. It would cost \$20.00 per student and at the end of the three weeks the students would put a show on for their parents and then after the show everyone would be able to attend a pizza party at the facility. Their main goals are to teach respect to the students and they would discuss stranger danger. Each session would be about 45 minutes to an hour. However it can only be done in February. Johnna Noll asked if it could be held before school and Tonie indicated she would check into that. If afterwards the student signs up with the facility they would receive 2 private lessons.

#### Council Report/Tonie Kieliszkowski

- At January's Council meeting they discussed the snowmobile accident that Hunter Kungland from Mitchell Elementary school was involved in. He currently has brain damage. Asking for donations. PTA council donated \$50.00 to the family.
- Budget cuts are coming in May and might affect PTA.
- Regarding Reflections - Bobbi Regalia indicated that Walker Elementary had the most entries.
- 3 to get ready will be held at Irving on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2009.
- The starting date for the 2009-2010 school year will be September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> Central High School had a bomb threat but no parents were notified. Johnna Noll indicated that the District is in the last stages of revamping their current crisis plan and that Central is currently operating under the old plan.
- Tonie discussed the carnival. Council indicated that they are low on scholarship funds. Council asked that we advertise for the Carnival in our PTA newsletter and on the Marquee outside of Walker.

### Reflections/Bobbi Regalia

- Walker Elementary had several winners. Students can still enter at the National level by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Bobbi indicated that next year we should begin to promote reflections earlier on in the beginning of the year. The display of the submissions was held at Village Manor where good food was provided and everything that was provided was for free.

### Teacher's Report/Mrs. Kinzel, Mrs. Poehlmann, and Mrs. Staffaroni

- 5K teachers provided a Smartboard presentation of what they have been doing in class using the flip cameras. They also indicated that the students have been using the clickers and how exciting it is for these 5 and 6 year olds to be using this level of technology.
- Mrs. Kinzel, Mrs. Chandler, Ms. Jungbluth are organizing a news team for announcements. These three teachers are mostly just guiding the students along. There is a pride team taking pictures of students demonstrating pride.

### Principal's Report/Mrs. Noll

- Walker Elementary received a Blue Ribbon nomination. 8 schools in the state get nominated. Walker was nominated for achievement. Will not find out if Walker won until September or October.
- Students teleconference with other students from India. Wheels in Motion met up with a school in India and telecommunicated with other students. The headmaster at the school in India agreed to pen pal and will try to do a teleconference every month which will include the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. The students spoke to Rolls Royce engineers and urban designers in Greensburg Kansas.
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders will start their Human Growth and Development unit next week. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will also participate in a THINK program which is similar to DARE. The programs main emphasis is about the students thinking about the choices they make. The program will run once a week for 6 weeks.

### New Business

- Two Walker families suffered a fire. Are in need of gift cards and basic items that they would need. Tonie Kieliszkowski motioned for Walker PTA to make a donation for both families. Discussion was held regarding what Walker PTA would be able to donate. Mary Jo Jatzczak suggested Walker PTA donates \$50.00 to the family that had the fire in their place of residence and to donate any gift cards we have to the other family. Bobbi Regalia seconded the motion and everyone in attendance voted to donate the \$50.00 and the gift cards.
- Tonie Kieliszkowski indicated that Steve from Sodexo is starting a forum on the 20<sup>th</sup> and asked her to help out. Sodexo needs two parents on a rotation basis to attend.

President, Mary Jo Jatzczak, adjourned this meeting at 8:15 pm. Minutes recorded and submitted by Gina Kirkpatrick, Secretary.