

**Waterbury PTO Meeting Minutes
October 6th, 2009**

Attendees

Carrie Williams	Vicky Stewart	Lorie Catrambone
Colleen Kuna	Kelly Plaza	Christine Stawnczy
Sherie Hornstien	Antonella Matuszewski	Jennie Winiecki
Paula Johnson	Ann Marie Carreto	Nuha Abbadi
Anne Peiris	Deena McLoughin	Corine Tentthorey
Shilpa Shah	Rachael Rinchiuso	Tracy Sourwine
Janell Novak	Jenny Johnson	Jennifer Kennedy
Colleen Koch	Jennifer Johnson	Tricia Elbl
Diane Sheeks	Maggie Havanga	Gina Borgman
Pat Waserzstrum	Beth Carow	Heather Kane
Leah Weiland	Sue Reidy	Valerie Zielinski
Anita Furlin	Mandy Aubrey	Amish Baker
Michael Baker		

Called to order at 7:06 p.m.

- **Secretary report** Motion made by Vicky Stewart, seconded by Carrie Williams to read September minutes to ourselves in lieu of reading out loud, motion passed.
- **Treasure Report** The balance in checking as of September 28th was \$28,582.47. Motion was made to approve the treasure report made by Vicky, seconded by Carrie, motion passed.
- **School Board Rep: Scott Williams**
 - The budget passed for the 2009/2010 school year, there were cuts and there may be more next year.
 - We need to have more parents at these board meetings so you know where your taxes are being spent. Tax payers have the right to question where the money is spent.
 - No Staff was cut just supplies from the budget this year.
 - Jennifer Johnson questions how can we help? Scott replied by coming to the board meetings, asking questions and making sure you know where your tax dollars are going.
 - Grants that are given to schools are very specific on what they are used for. If one of the three schools get a grant it is not for the district it is for that school.
 - In New York they passed a law, No more bake sales due to obesity in children.
- **Assistant principal: Deena**
 - We do appreciate all the endless hours given by Mr. Williams and the rest of the school board.
 - It is important to support our school board by attending these meetings.
- **Principal report : Beth Carow**
 - Report card new program again. The teachers are getting trained on this new

program. Call teachers with any concerns. We hope to be back online after the 1st quarter.

- **ISATS** 4th and 5th graders will be getting their ISATS with their report cards. I hope to put a meeting together to help answer any questions.
- **Rainbows** Rainbows is a program for children of divorce or deceased family members. It helps them to realize they are not alone.
- **Safety Drills** We had a fire drill and a lockdown, both drills went very well. There was a child in the bathroom during the lockdown so we were able to explain to all the children what they need to do in that situation. Things went very well with the escape prisoner on the loose, we went on a soft lock down, children were very safe. Parents voiced their concerns about not being contacted if their child was in danger. Their children were safe.
- **Beth's night classes** Class will no longer be on Tuesday so she will be able to be at the PTO meetings.
- **Harvest Day Parties** 1:15 parade No mask, no weapons.
- **Student Council** Hopes to get it going soon. Only 5th graders will be in student council this year.
- **Teacher Rep. - Mandy Aubrey**
- **By laws** We hope to have them done soon.
- **Birthday Books** Brought in \$620.00. Birthday books should start coming home soon.
- **Directory** Brought in \$910.00 up from last year.
- **Membership** \$1,130 - no membership winner yet
- **Volunteer** All the volunteer sheets are in the cabinet for each chair position.
- **Walk A Thon** Went very well. Have a lot of freeze pops left made around \$1,500.00.
- **Entertainment Books** Made a \$2,000.00 profit. Only 40 books not sent back.
- **Childcare** 24 hour notice is required prior to the PTO meeting. If you would like to make a donation, there is a can at the front table. If your child is not listening, you will be asked to take them.
- **Newsletter** We will need someone for newsletter next year. This will be Rachael's last year. All newsletter articles to Carrie by October 8th
- **Barnes and Noble** December 11th - The chorus will be participating.

- **Waterbury Web Site** Gina needs to edit a few things and send it to Beth for approval. Please send all documents as a PDF, it is easier for Gina. The website will be linked from Beth's website.
- **Picture Day** Retakes will be on October 27.
- **Fall Fundraiser** Kick off will be on Thursday.
- **Parent Scholarship** Application will be in the newsletter.
- **Taffy Apples** Order forms due back by October 8th.
- **Stratford Square**
 - The amount per child has been lowered from 600 to 200.
 - Bring your receipts to the customer service area to receive points.
 - There will not be a night of giving this year.
 - This program goes from October 1st till December 31st.
 - We can win a trip to Enchanted Castle for the school top points.
 - This fundraiser can raise \$500 for our school.
- **Programs**
 - Steven Kellogg will be at our school on March 25th. All teachers have agreed to have only 1 other program and Steven Kellogg.
- **Field trips** PTO is trying to raise money for the buses.
- **Book fair** Forms have been sent home. Teacher preview on Thursday due to the days off on Friday and Monday.
- **Spirit Wear** Going out November 2nd due back by November 17th.
- **Market day** Pick-up October 7th.
- **Box Tops** Gina will be sending something home soon.
- **Final comments** Maggie Havenga is getting a petition together to remove the signs on Lake Street. Need to send petition to Froehlich, our State Rep.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted

Christine Stawnyczy