

Winterquist PIE

Meeting Minutes April 10, 2017

The meeting started at 6:30. Nadine started with the treasurer's report. The ending balance as of 3/31 is \$31,235.56. The ending balance in the teacher request fund is \$2,143.00. Nadine also stated she did set-up an Amazon Smile account for the PIE group as a parent did some online shopping and designated PIE to benefit from their shopping. So if you are an Amazon shopper – please shop through Amazon Smile and choose PIE as your charity of choice! Thank you!!

Yearbooks were next on the agenda and we have 370 pre-ordered. Mrs. Salo will be ordering 400. If you have not placed an order for a yearbook yet, send in your request now as once the extras are gone there will not be any more ordered. Mrs. Salo did let Heidi know that with having her own class it is getting difficult to do yearbooks and may not do it in the future. There was some discussion to see if some of the high-school yearbook student could assist with this. Mr. Harker will talk with Ms. Lilly to see if something like that would be possible.

Still looking for people to step-up and be on the board as Karen and Nadine have 5th graders and will not be members of PIE after next year.

Karen reported the 5k is rolling along. The permits are approved and she spoke with Officer Lake from the Carlton County Sherriff's office. She will see if they can work it into their schedule, but did not see a problem as it will only be for about one hour. Shirts are picked out and will be cotton as the cost of dri-fit are almost double the cost of cotton. We can discuss this again next year. Cloquet Super One will again donate bananas and Karen will contact Michauds to see if they will donate water again.

Nomination of Officers: Emily Waldo nominated Mandy Dewey to shadow Karen for co-chair for next year. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Harker started a discussion about possibly eliminating spring individual pictures. It has been brought to his attention more often asking why two student pictures every year. While discussing that there was also discussion about doing elementary picture day at Open House. This way, kids can get ready and pictures can be taken right away and not after playing on the playground or gym class. As Winterquist has about a 90% participation rate for open house the people in attendance liked the idea. For those that cannot attend open house, they could have their pictures taken on re-take day. A parent in attendance also asked if we could change the class picture to a page of individual pictures with student's names under their photo like at other schools. Both ways would help eliminate picture day disturbances to the classroom day. These items were well received at the meeting.

Elementary Science Program – Last month it was discussed we would like to offer a larger program to the students like we have in the past. Some things in the past that PIE has funded is artist in residency and the large geography globe. Mr. Wick and the science committee did some research and all agreed they would like to have the MN Science Museum come to Winterquist Elementary and do a week-long engineering program for all K-6 students. The first day they will do grade-specific assemblies (K-1, 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6) and class sessions. The following days would be class sessions. The science committee was

very excited about this program as it covers the MN standard for engineering science. This program will happen in the spring of 2018 as that is the best time of year to do a program like this. The cost of this program is \$5950.00. With a motion by Karen and a second by Emily this was voted on and passed. The monies for this will come from the general fund and not affect the teacher request pool.

Teacher Requests – There were no teacher requests this month.

Open Discussion – A parent in attendance was asking for an update about the gaga ball court. The update is as of now there is no available space to put a large court like that. Mr. Harker also spoke with Tony, the head custodian, and they will work together to see if something like that can be added somewhere, but as of now, there is no available space.

Upcoming Events:

Election of officers – May 8th

Pound the Pavement 5K – June 3rd

National Night Out – August 1st

Next Meeting May 8th at 6:30