

LAKEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2006

President Lori Griggs called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

In attendance were: Kim McCarthy, Lori Griggs, Danielle Swanson, Virginia DeNisio, Linda Michael, Kara Gaskamp, Vicki Price, Tracy Moulckers, Terry Kelley, Paige Ryan, Allison Cobb, Barbara Van Essen, Gigi Cappello, Heather Frye-Ginsberg and Robin Thomas.

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

Programs: Linda Michael

The coin and food drives were successful. Patty Hoenig heard a report that our troops in Iraq are using silly string to mark unsafe doorways and has asked the PTO to consider donating the silly string left over (4 cases) from the carnival. Patty has offered to research the shipping requirements and pay the shipping costs. It was discussed and agreed upon that Patty proceed with gathering the necessary information to ship the cases.

Principal's Report: Allison Cobb

The landscaping project is underway and progressing quickly.

LWE was given a TBEC Honor Roll School Award and was named 'One of the Best Elementary Schools in Texas' by Texas Monthly Magazine. Tom Seabolt received an award for a play he wrote. It will be performed by Klein High School.

LWE is working with the district to get approval for a faculty member to chair volunteers for our science lab.

Allison asked that any gifts to staff be limited to \$50 per gift.

TAKS practice tests are this week and scores should be back to our campus before Christmas break.

High school & middle school choir & band have been visiting our campus and performing for our students.

Rezoning for the new elementary school should be announced by spring break and the principal announced before winter break.

Treasurer's Report: Danielle Swanson

Teacher Wish List Items:

3rd grade: 3rd grade is requesting \$132.28 for achievement certificates for all 3rd grade. Danielle Swanson moved to approve this request. Kim McCarthy 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Nurse Haskins is requesting \$461.70 for 6 videos (2 for our school and 4 for the new school). The videos are for health related topics taught to 3-5 grades. She also requests \$98.20 for a no touch thermometer. Danielle Swanson moved to approve the requests. Terry Kelley 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The PTO's current balance is approximately \$32,000, with approximately \$10,000 in additional revenue from credit card sales from the mixer, for an approximate total of \$42,000. Of that, \$1,000 is committed to the new school, \$10,000 to carryover for next year, \$6,000 for field trips, \$2,000 for teacher appreciation and \$3,000 for misc., which leaves approximately \$20,000. There is approximately \$20,000 remaining for teacher wish lists items. Terry Kelley informed us that based on last year's data, 80% or more of the requests have probably come in. It is therefore likely that a majority of that \$20,000 will be available for other things.

President's Report: Lori Griggs

Lori thanked everyone for all the time and energy they have put into school this year and reiterated how blessed we are at LWE.

Lori reported that due to the timing of the rezoning announcement for the new elementary school, the PTO would not be able to adhere to its current bylaws regarding the upcoming board election. Following discussion, Robin Thomas moved to temporarily suspend our current bylaw's requirements regarding nominations and elections pending the redistricting announcement for the new elementary school. The suspension of the bylaws would only affect this upcoming election. Virginia DeNisio 2nd. All were in favor. The motion passed. Once the LTISD Administration announces the rezoning for LWE and the new elementary, the current PTO Board will proceed with establishing a nominations committee for the 2007/2008 LWE PTO board and proceed with normal elections.

Lori has asked Dr. Frost to reconsider the \$1,000 limit LWE PTO is allowed to give the new school.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kim McCarthy—Secretary