

PTO Meeting Minutes November 14, 2005

Location: Deerfield Elementary School Library

Present: Kelli Ezzell, Beth Vander Grinten, Christopher Hibner, Lesa Herms, Sheryl Norton, Laura Larson, Belinda Storms, Natalie Cwik, Kristin Leigh, Dawn Johnson, Becky Collar, Michele Wee, Angie Haag, Jan Tetzlaff, and Anna Earhart

Meeting Called to Order: 6:26 pm

Committee Reports:

- PTO Officers/Reports
 - Treasurer's Report – Belinda Storms
 - ✓ Balance as of 11/14/05 is \$7,278.57 in checking and \$1,000.00 in savings.
 - Craft Fair – Lesa Herms, Becky Collar, Sheryl Norton, Beth Vander Grinten
 - ✓ Another Successful Year.

2005 Craft Fair Income

Income from Booths	\$	3,360.78
Income from Raffle	\$	3,353.65
Income from Admissions	\$	1,118.00
<u>Donation (Dovetail Antiques).....</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<u>Total Income from 2005</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>7,932.43**</u>

**NOTE: The above income does not reflect any expenses associated with the craft fair. The "Profit" from our Craft Fair will be calculated AFTER all expenses (ie: raffle ticket printer, advertising, miscellaneous craft fair expenses) have been paid.

- ✓ Parking was better this year.
- ✓ Admissions – we probably had higher attendance than stated, but students/adults bordering 18 (or looking younger than they probably were) may not have been charged.
- ✓ Raffle sales were down this year – people who typically take two sets, only took one; others who typically sell an entire set, were returning partially sold sets.
- ✓ Discussion included increasing booth prices for crafters, keeping the cost low, keeping it community friendly. Comments were made about how inexpensive we are compared to other craft fairs, but it was also mentioned we need to keep in mind when comparing costs to also compare attendance. It was also discussed that we have not had a rate increase in quite a few years. Discussion also included possibly offering Free booths to Non-Profit groups – this led to some concern about # of Free booths and non-profit groups from surrounding communities.
 - Motion made by Lesa Herms to increase booth price by \$10, with only a \$5 increase to those who have their contracts in by July 1, 2006, 2nd by Laura Larson. Discussion included that this was a fair increase and a standard minimum increase would be \$5, therefore, those having their

contract in by July 1, 2006 would only have a minimal increase. All approved.

- Motion made by Laura Larson to charge \$15 to local Non-Profit groups from Deerfield (including Deerfield Students raising money for legitimate causes) for booth space, 2nd by Becky Collar. Discussion included that this was reasonable and booths have been extremely profitable for these non-profit groups and students, therefore \$15 was appropriate. All approved.

- Santa Secret Shop – Val Bultman and Belinda Storms
 - ✓ Dates to be determined.
- Market Day – Anna Earhart
 - ✓ Market Day is going great. Encourage parent support.
 - ✓ Next Market Day is December 15th. Additional help is needed for this month. Lesa Herms volunteered her help – THANK YOU!

Principals Report:

- DES Principal Chris Hibner
 - Craft Fair:
 - ✓ A tremendous THANK YOU goes out to ALL who helped with the Craft Fair. This was a great success and a huge fundraiser for our school. Thank you to all of those who volunteered their time in planning, coordinating and helping the day of the event!
 - School Funding
 - ✓ School funding continues to be a concern for all schools throughout the state. Please contact your local Representative or the Governor to discuss how it affects/impacts our school. If you have questions on how it works, please contact Chris Hibner or the DPI (Department of Public Instruction) website.

Teacher Representative Report:

- DES Teacher Kristin Leigh
 - Scholastic Book Fair:
 - ✓ The Scholastic Book Fair will again coincide with the Parent/Teacher conferences. The Fall dates are 11/21, 11/22 and 11/23. MORE volunteers are needed. If you can donate an hour of your time, please contact Mrs. Darnell Reppen at 764-5442 ext 5208.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Other:

- New parent to the Deerfield School District commented on what a GREAT SCHOOL we have, appreciates the Principal & Teacher interaction with the students. A great improvement from her previous school – keep up the great work DES!
- Vogel Bros Builders received an award in conjunction with the Deerfield Elementary School from The Associated General Contractors of Wisconsin on the 2005 Build Wisconsin Award they received for Excellence in Partnership. This is a very prestigious

award that compliments our new school! CONGRATULATIONS Vogel Bros. Builders and DES!

- A huge part of the success to our craft fair is the custodians effort during set-up, the day-of and clean up. Discussion included giving a Thank You gift to both Jo Delaney and Sue Hansen for all of their help in making the Craft Fair a success.
 - Motion made by Becky Collar to purchase a Thank You gift for Jo Delaney and Sue Hansen (the custodians), 2nd by Michele Wee. Discussion all in favor of this. All approved.
- Holiday Fantasy in Lights in Madison is having their Annual Grand Lighting Ceremony Thursday, November 17th, sponsored by NECA/IBEW. They are giving away 10 FREE bikes, and there will be a visit from Santa. Bring your children to this FREE event and try your luck at winning a bike.
- January PTO meeting
 - January 9, 2006. This will be a potluck and begin at 6:00pm. Location will be Kelli Ezzell's house.
 - Kristin Leigh will send the teachers a special invite for this potluck.
 - Motion made by Laura Larson that the PTO spend \$50 on Non-Alcoholic beverages for the potluck, 2nd by Sheryl Norton. Discussion included that members could bring a beverage of choice if interested. All approved.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:29 pm

Respectfully submitted by Beth Vander Grinten