PTO meeting minutes (not yet approved at Nov. mtg.) Oct. 9, 2017

<u>Meeting was opened</u> by president Jen Garlie. Members present were: Jen Garlie, Jan Hanson, Emily Hutzenbiler, Anne Earsley, Jess Oswald, Mrs. Bernhardt, Billi Wolf, Ann Liefson, & Heidi Quinn.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: September minutes were read and approved.

Principal's/Teacher's Report: Nothing

Treasurer's Report: \$4,287.87

OLD BUSINESS

- **A) Book Fair--** Report given by Heidi (see attached sheet). Motion by Emily, seconded & approved to give Mrs. Bernhardt a check for \$64 because she purchased her own books for the library!!! This is the amount other teachers got in FREE books, so this is to reimburse her. Jen mentioned that the Used Book Drive will continue through October (anything grades 6-12 appropriate).
- **B)** Teacher Meals-- "Such a nice job!" "Sandwiches were AWESOME!" "Thank You! It's so very appreciated!"

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Spring Book Fair possibility? Our Scholastic rep wanted us to consider hosting a spring fair. We could either do a BOGO fair, where there's no profit—the point is to purely get books in kids' hands OR a regular fair, where we get profit, as usual. We voted against this, as we have so much going on in Spring as it already is.
- **B)** Wilton Trunk or Treat The Wilton mayor approached Jen & asked if PTO wants to participate in this activity on Halloween. We voted against this due to most of us having kids we have to go out with that night already.
- C) Pinterest Night Jan Hansen will be chairperson for this activity. She will start organizing it & hopefully host one in November. She plans on doing red wine bottles & letting participants decorate them as they want for a Christmas decoration.
- **D)** Holiday Vendor Fair Jen is still awaiting word on where Santa Day will be held before we decide where we might be able to hold this event.
- **E) Amazon Smiles** This is a free promotion done by Amazon.com. Once our PTO is registered with this program, Amazon will donate ½ % of sales to PTO. Customers must shop at the "smiles" site & choose our group as the one to receive the donation, though! Jen will send home a sheet for parents once this is all set up.
- **F) Teacher Christmas gift cards?** Anne made a motion to purchase a \$25 gift card to Hobby Lobby for all teachers, Pre-K through 6th Grade as a gift for teachers to use toward Christmas crafts for their students. Motion seconded and approved. Anne will pick up these cards.

In an effort to make our meetings more regular, we are going to try holding meetings on the SECOND MONDAY of every month at 7 PM in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend! Bring your kids if you can't find a sitter!