

Washington Oak Elementary School
1st PTA Meeting
September 15, 2011

1. Michelle Morris called the meeting to order; the reading of the June 8, 2011 meeting minutes was waived.
2. Pam Petrarca gave the Treasurer's report.
 - a. Jennifer Randall motioned to approve the Proposed Budget for 2011-2012; Cindy Anderson seconded the motion; the Motion was APPROVED
3. Cris Magiera presented fundraising events—
 - a. Meadowbrook Farms—will be distributed to families tomorrow September 16th; orders are due October 3rd, and pickup is at the school on Thursday, November 10th.
 - b. Selling WOS ornaments—The ornaments are available for purchase; the cost is \$6 for 1 or \$15 for 3 ornaments
 - c. LPL Scholarships—RI PTA is raising money to fund two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to high school students that are PTSA members—Watch the listserv for more information
 - d. Scholastic book fair—
 - i. the week of November 7-10; the proceeds from the Fall fair will go directly to the Washington Oak Library;
 - ii. proceeds from the spring book fair will be distributed to teachers during staff appreciation week to provide books to all Washington Oak classrooms.
4. Pupil Grant—
 - a. Teachers can request up to \$10 per student to apply toward a fieldtrip.
 - b. The application is available now.
 - c. There was positive feedback from several teachers in attendance.
5. BCI Forms—the Coventry Public Schools' new policy regarding background checks is extended to all PTA volunteers and to all PTA events.
 - a. It is expected that all PTA members will obtain the background checks, using the form provided by the school district.
 - b. Forms are available in the Washington Oak School office or upon request from a PTA E-Board member.
 - c. To facilitate members in getting the forms completed, there will be a notary available at PTA meetings.
6. Events—
 - a. Halloween Bash will need at least 30 volunteers by October 1st or the event is subject to cancellation

- b. Discussion ensued that suggested several ideas for events
7. Other—
- a. Nancy Sprenglemeyer spoke to the meeting attendees regarding
 - i. the BCI guidelines
 - ii. The 5 days delayed from Irene—
 - 1. Parent/teacher conferences are to be cancelled, giving back 2 days to the school year
 - 2. suggestions moving teacher PD days be moved to after the school year end
 - iii. Rosh Hashanah and Good Friday are school holidays
 - iv. Suggestions to cancel February vacation and move April vacation to March are being discussed by the Board of Regents—this would be done statewide, and is possible no earlier than the 2012-2013 school year; school committees will give parents/communities the opportunity to comment.
8. Michelle adjourned the meeting at 7:15.

Attachments:

- Proposed Budget
- List of Meeting Attendees