

**Woods Charter School  
February PTSA Meeting  
7:00 pm**

**Attendees:**

Adrienne Leinbach, Melody Moore, Lori Phillips, Miriam El-Khoury, Charlene Kosit, Kim Rossi, Janet Burnette, Heather Gallagher, Nicole Stewart, Mary Scholle

**Agenda, Discussion and Decisions:**

Mary noted that large, reusable maps are needed for classrooms.

Options for getting increased membership in the PTSA included: refrigerator magnets with Woods information on it and free attendance at Woods social events that other families would pay to attend.

**Review and Approval of January Minutes**

Minutes from prior PTSO meeting were approved.

**Financial Report**

Kim Rossi reported \$1000 income last two months from lunch program. Question was raised as to whether PTSA budget allows for PTSA laptop. Held until later time. Adrienne reported that teachers say they could benefit from access to some funds. Teachers would like to know what is available to them to use. Could a set amount be allocated for each Division with a set amount going to each teacher within the Divisions? Could any left over funds then be pooled and purchases determined by the Director and teachers? Could teachers have access to financial data showing funds available? Kim indicated she could run a monthly report for each division.

The question was also raised whether it would be best to allocate funds by subjects, for example funds allocated to math, English, etc. Departmentally, then each subject group could decide how to use those funds.

Adrienne proposed that policies for next year's budget be determined and approved. Adrienne and Heather will get input on options for allocation of funds. It was noted that EC also needs funds. We need to find out what federal and state money is available for EC.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Grocery Card Update and Drawing**

Mia Munn's family is the winner of the second grocery card drawing. His family receives a \$25 grocery card.

There are a few new people each month using grocery cards, but a few drop out each month as well. There is a need for a time and place for families to pick up cards in the lobby each week. By April, a day of the week and time will be picked for next year and the information will appear in the orientation packets.

A survey on purchase of grocery cards was proposed asking if credit cards could be used, would families buy the cards? Buy them more?

Neither Target or Trader Joes have grocery cards available. They may donate goody bags for school needs.

### **Art in the Woods**

Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Darden is coordinating Art in the Woods, along with Susan Harris. Central Carolina CC is donating space for free. Display boards are needed and it appears they are available. If anyone wants to help, let Adrienne know.

### **April PTSA**

There will be no PTSA meeting in March. The April meeting will be a large meeting on April 17 at 7:00 pm with a dinner at 6:00 pm. This will be a planning meeting to discuss where the school is going next year.

Adrienne needs volunteers/students to help with a pizza dinner before the meeting. Money earned can go to playground for new school. There will be pizza, drinks, and desserts.

The cost will be \$3 for pizza and dessert and people can pay extra for additional items.

Heather will ask if high school students need volunteer hours they could get for this event. Adrienne will request volunteers by e-mail.

### **Planning for Teacher Appreciation Week**

Teacher appreciation week is May 5 – 9 this year. \$400 has been budgeted. Nicole Stewart, Adrienne, and Janet Moody will work on activities for middle and high school teachers. Lori Phillips will help with the elementary school. Adrienne will ask for volunteers. The middle school and high school teachers should have their luncheons on different days. A count of teachers and staff is needed. Can Trader Joes donate goody bags?

The activities will include: luncheon, pot luck at the school, prizes, candy bag, breakfast. Chair massage???

### **Calendar for Next Year**

It was proposed that the PTSA meeting every other month be for PTSA officers – school administration only. With full meetings with families every other month, including social events and student presentations. The full meetings might be September, November, January, March, and May.

Proposed events for next year include: international dinner, talent show, picnic, Art in the Woods, middle school social dance. It was suggested that a spring and fall talent night be held to accommodate all those wanting to participate. It was suggested that Café Night be changed to Talent Night to reflect the event as it is held now.

### **Lunch Program**

The lunch program will be run by the PTSA next year. Someone is needed to do oversight. A website with Paypal payment would be helpful. Each child participating would have an account. Volunteers will be needed to assist with lunch. It was suggested that the parents of each homeroom run lunch for one week. The lunch program would begin after the first two weeks of school and end before the last two weeks of school.

At the next meeting, a decision on where food is to be obtained must be made.