Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2012:

**PTA Minutes:**

Motion to accept the minutes from the Apr 2012 meeting by President. Second offered and minutes approved.

**Elections:**

2 spots are open, Treasurer & Comm. Sec. Our two candidates, Rebecca Geipe for secretary & Tracy Gellerman for Treasurer. Motion to accept – motion made. All in favor, no nays.

**Treasurer Report:**

We are doing great money wise. The book fair did great; much better than expected. We got a check for box tops for almost $691.35, and a check for El Nayar for 84 for food night. We also received a check back for the BSO advance 1161.18. We have almost $9000 in the bank, and still have money to pay out to Student Council, MSA Snacks, Needy Student, Field Day, End of Year activities, Staff appreciation. All reimbursements for ANY committee MUST be turned in by June 8th, 2012 – the last day of school because the budget will be closed for this year.

**Admin. Report by Ms. Thompson:**

Be on the lookout for the next bulletin as there will be important information.

**Teachers Report by Beth Allen:**

Still some questions – the field trip is still on. Ms. Allen will be going to the stadium prior to the trip to prepare for the field trip. 2 teachers will remain behind with the remaining 40 or so children who may not attend.

The puppet show organized by the Cultural Comm. was fantastic. Thank you to the PTA for providing payment for this assembly.

RE: the student council we will be scaling back next year. Scaling back some of the committees for Student Council.

Food night at Bob Evans was suggested by Ms. Allen for next year.

**Presidents Report:**

Our next mtg is 10/2/2012. We’ve had a great turnout with requests for volunteers this year – thank you.

Special presentation was on the agenda but the local community member who was going to present a petition re: speed bumps/speed control for Old Frederick Rd. She was unable to come but you may hear of this in the community. Councilman Quirk came and met w/Peggy last week and this was discussed. The area in front of the school is not labeled a School Zone. The coordinating parent, Lisa Dickey, lives in the WES district but her children attend St. Marks.

The sound system upgrade is completed and came in way under budget so the PTA paid for the entire upgrade, $187. We were going to split it with the school, but we paid for the entire amount since it was under budget. We are planning ahead for next year, trying to wrap up the budget for this year. We are making notes now on what we need for next year. We are making a donation to Karma Dogs for $50 to thank them for coming to Book Night.

We will allocate money to the Teacher Appreciation committee towards a going away/thank you gift for Ms. B.

Clark family lost their mom last week. The PTA will donate money thru Ms. Walsh. They have a 2nd grader here, and a 6th grader that went to WES.

Mr B made the ribbons for Field Day. Last year they were $700. Mr. B has them all made. That was just too much to spend for ribbons, so we appreciate Mr. B willing to make this adjustment.

A quick review re: the fundraisers for next year:

We have been discussing fundraisers for next year. The board has come up with changes aimed at reducing the fundraiser burden. We will repeat Joe Corbi’s and Lavender’s b/c they do really well. Those will be the only ones we do, and as a result we plan to raise the PTA dues from $7 to $10.We will accept direct donations. We will run a silent auction at the Phoenix (patterned after Hedgiepalooza) that will occur at the same time that the Variety show used to happen.

We still have an opening for Cultural Committee and the Back to School Social (Thursday the 23rd). Aliza Worthington offered to help with Back to School. Kate Hemmis offered to stay on for Cultural.

*Committees:*

**Fundraisers:**

**Welcoming:**

**Grandparents Breakfast:**

**Spirit Wear:** Orders are in; they are done. Having a table at book night really helped. Orders are going in and they should be returned in 3 weeks. Patty showed new products – a sling bag for $12, an infant tee & polo and girls shorts.

**Box Tops:** We got a check!

**Food Nights:** We completed El Nayar.

**Cultural/School Assemblies:** The Lyric Opera house is coming to do a presentation Monday the 7th.

**KIDS Club:**

**Green School:** Still need to add the crayon drive to the website. The crayon drive is a recycle drive to make new crayons and help the earth. Ms. Allen suggested the committee send an announcement to Ms. Santos for the morning announcements. Pictures have been uploaded for the beautification committee. If anyone has pictures from the Green Assembly, or has any green activity pics, please send them to her.

**Beautification:** The Girl Scout troop will be working in front of the trailer.

**Yearbook:** Extra copies were ordered so there will be extra copies. Parent asked where were the order forms? Amy answered in the newsletter. Parent had missed. Amy took the opportunity to say this is 2012 – we are a Green School, it’s time to get on board.

**Playground:** Thanks to the generous donation by the PTA and after the silent auction donations we are now able to pay for the proposal dated 4/13. We should be able to get this completed within the 3o days of the proposal.

**Staff Appreciation:** Next week is teachers’ appreciation week. We are still accepting donations of baked items due in Monday morning, and small gift cards. Volunteers for Wed. are still needed to help with the luncheon, Wed the 9th. We need a going away gift for Ms. B. Parent asked: is she the only teacher leaving the school? Ms. Thompson: Yes.

**Membership:**

**Directory:**

**Book Fair/Book Night:** Book Fair was awesome. Thank you to all the WES parents – you spent tons of money. We earned over $3000 for books for the teachers, plus $1500 in pure profit. We also still have Scholastic money to spend. The kids didn’t quite reach their reading goal. We will try working on something different for next year. We will stick with April for next year for the Book Fair.

**Beach Night:** We still need someone to come on board to train under Kristen.

**Variety Show:**

**Math Night:**

**Movie Night:**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

* Parent input: Regarding Book night – parent was dismayed that his child was enthralled with a $40 Lego Book that was a glorified catalog.Engaging conversation ensued re: shopping at the Book Fair. Shea told us Scholastic sends a variety of books, products, and supplies in a variety of price points. Shea will communicate the concern to the Scholastic Rep and pass along their contact info.
* Patty needs $200 to have items on hand, pre-purchased, for the BTS social. Motion proposed and accepted.
* Christina asked if anyone has ideas re: Kids Club, please email 21loopy@gmail.com Ideas are cardmaking, scrapbooking, Chinese, Spanish Culture, Tech Club, Green Club, Hula Club was requested by a parent.
* Beth Allen: Not asking for donations from PTA this year, but there will be some scholarship options available if needed. Two sessions of camp this year. Some forms will be coming home.
* Kristin V – looking ahead to soliciting donations for the fundraiser next year – can she use a solicitation letter she already
* Kudos to Ms Allen for organizing a fantastic volunteer breakfast!