

Members present: Rich Romano, Tami Fuelling, Anna Sinclair, Mistina Cherveney, Amanda Kuth, Kellie Wiederholt, Deb Engfer, and Jane Endres.

Call to order and introductions.

Rich gave an update on the Box Tops for Education fundraiser. The system of children placing the box tops in the container in the Media Center is working well. Melissa Ingemann suggested that maybe our school could have a contest over Christmas break for children who are bringing in box tops. Rich will discuss this with the staff at the Wednesday staff meeting and then let PTO know what was decided.

All of the fall fundraiser order forms were fulfilled and accounted for except one order in the amount of \$116.00. The money will be refunded to that family so that they can be reimbursed for the order that was placed but products were not received.

Anna Sinclair stated that there were a couple of her orders that were supposed to be shipped out of state, but instead came with her pick up order. The items were small enough to ship out so it wasn't a big issue. We are not aware of other orders where this happened, so hopefully it was an isolated incident.

The staff Holiday breakfast is this coming Friday, December 15. Staff is excited and grateful to have a wonderful breakfast delivered to our staff lounge!

Treasurer's report was given by Tami Fuelling. There is \$12,082.00 in the fund at this time.

Rich shared the article that was in the Star Tribune about Newport Elementary being one of the low income schools that are beating the odds! Our school did better than what was expected on the standardized tests. It's nice to be recognized in the newspaper for our efforts in closing the achievement gap. There was a discussion about the great things that are happening at our school which are having an impact on our academic success!

Deb Engfer wondered how we can recruit more people to attend the PTO meetings. Tami suggested that we have a raffle of some kind or a gift card for those that attend. The group will need to make a decision on this so that it can be communicated in the January newsletter.

Jane is asking for volunteers for the February book fair dates that are fast approaching during conference nights. She will bring a schedule at the next PTO meeting so that members can sign up to volunteer during our book fair event.

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, January 16th.
Meeting adjourned.