

**March 12, 2024 PTA Meeting
Westmore Elementary School**

Minutes are considered a high-level overview of the meeting.

For more information on any specific topic, please ask PTA officers.

The Westmore Elementary School PTA met on March 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. About 10 people were in attendance in person.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Rachel Fowler shared that the minutes from the last PTA meeting held on February 13, 2024, are posted on MemberHub (Givebacks).

President's Report

President Raquel Mahoney shared it will be a quiet month in March, but many events are coming up in May.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Taryn Mueller shared in February, there's an opening balance of \$22,365.39 and a closing balance of \$25,408.19. The receipts we had were from Coin Race. Disbursements this month were from classroom support. There's \$50 per classroom. There were disbursements from field trips as well. All field trips are scheduled now.

Principal's Report

Mr. Dart reported the importance of reading in school and at home, and the school is 25,000 steps ahead of last year. We finished One Book, One School, and 70 families were there for the author visit via Zoom. A travel journalist, Terry Colby, is coming to school on March 13 for an assembly.

May 24 will be the last WE Wednesday on a Friday. There will be a celebration with an assembly with beach/island outdoor activities. This will be all day, and Westmore staff would like volunteers to help plan. There will be four planning dates. Staff is looking for partnership between staff, parents, and PTA. They are looking for grade-level parents to volunteer, and at the beginning of next year as well. They are looking for more of a partnership. There will be sign-ups for next year.

Miss Silhavy and Miss Linnig shared they thought Coin Race went really well. It catered to all different students with the Mario theme. They liked how there were different ways to donate as well. The theme was great. For next year, we could ask the students to pick the theme.

The end of the quarter is March 15, and report cards are available on March 22.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee: Rachel Fowler shared that the Nominating Committee is nominating Caisey Schneider for vice president and Nikki Sheehan for president.

Restaurant Nights: Carson Simek reported that the El Famous Burrito fundraiser went well. Total sales were \$679, and we made \$140 from that. There were 62 families in attendance. The next restaurant night is at Chipotle on 83 and St. Charles, April 13 from 4-8 p.m. PTA will receive 25% of the proceeds.

May Day: Carson Simek and Nikki Sheehan reported they would like some feedback. They are wondering if they should do an auction or raffle, or if the raffle should be part of the ticket price. Everything could be a raffle prize. There are many donations for now. We could have parents bid on things for students to do in the school (e.g., lunch with their favorite teacher). We could have a minimum for baskets, a 50/50 raffle, and experiences for the kids. Next year, we could have grade-level baskets with donations. We could try to have the list of experiences by the beginning of April. The minimum is \$2,000 and we need around 40-50 tickets to make that. Tickets include admission and food. Ticket sales end on April 19.

Movie Night: Raquel Mahoney reported that Movie Night is being moved to May 3. The movie will either be Puss in Boots or Trolls Band Together.

Yearbook: Raquel Mahoney reported that yearbooks are on sale, and we sold over 100 so far. Cover contest flyers will go out on Friday. The theme is Westmore Island Adventures. Custom pages in yearbooks are due April 21. Last day for free shipping is April 29. We'll receive the yearbooks around May 20. Signing will be May 24.

Book Fair: Taryn Mueller reported that the last book fair will be Friday, May 10, at the End of Year Bash. PTA will need four volunteers. We have \$200 from Scholastic that needs to be used by March 14.

Safety Patrol: Raquel Mahoney reported that Mr. Ritt, who is in charge of Safety Patrol, would like to adjust the budget for their field trip. They'll be going to a Kane County Cougars game. We'll try to vote at the April PTA meeting to adjust the budget to accommodate this trip.

Next PTA Meeting: The Student Council will be doing a presentation for the PTA at the next meeting. They would like to add a reading garden and would like us to get involved.

Announcements

April 2—PTA Meeting

April 3—Math Contest

April 21—Yearbook Custom Pages are Due

April 29—Yearbook: Last Day for Free Shipping

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

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