

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS OF WEST (PFW)**

### **Minutes of Sunday, August 27, 2006**

The meeting opened at 5:00 p.m. with opening prayer led by Merl Meitner. Jim Seefeldt conducted the meeting.

The minutes of the August 28, 2005 meeting were read individually and approved.

It was moved and seconded for Barb Cummings to take Darsi Beasley's place as Secretary/Treasurer for the 2006-2007 school year. Thank you to Darsi for all of your hard work.

Pastor Strong was nominated for new Vice President – 1 year term – August 2006-2007. It was moved and seconded and all were in favor. Pastor Strong will assume the position as President for a 1-year term in August 2007.

There was discussion that the PFW is looking for volunteers in the canteen for the current year. We would like 1 or 2 people for the position of coordinator. Call Shelly Halverson or Jim Seefeldt if you are interested or have any questions.

Debbie Keeley volunteered to do the bookkeeping for another year in the canteen.

#### **Reports**

The Treasurer's Report was looked at individually and approved with no changes. The beginning balance in August, 2005 was \$248.79 and ended in August, 2006 with \$90.48. It was stated that there was a \$1,000 deposit made to the PFW checkbook from the canteen checkbook.

The Canteen Report was approved with a balance of \$1,422.17 in the savings account and \$11,414.33 in the checking account. It was stated that more money was spent this year on vending machine repairs and the purchase of a new vending machine. Deb Weinand is willing to fill the vending machine again this year and already has for the upcoming start of school. The canteen right now has no coordinator or other volunteers. It was stated that the current vending machine may not work as well as we hoped and that the people that fill the vending machine believe that it is more difficult to work with.

#### **The Principal's Report – by Merl Meitner, Principal**

Current enrollment is approximately 206 students with 68 students graduating last year and a current freshman class of 46.

Due to budget constraints last year, staff was reduced by 1 teacher and 2 support staff persons.

It was reported that a problem has existed with Wise Penny volunteers not showing up for committed times. Senior parents do not fill summer commitments after graduation. It was recommended by the Board of Regents that from now until the end of the year, each family sign up for a 3 \_ hour shift at the Wise Penny. Summer shifts will be the beginning of next year's commitments. It is expected that a recommendation will be brought to the Board of Regents that those families who do not volunteer will be charged an additional \$500.00 to offset the benefit that Wise Penny offers in tuition subsidies.

The October/November fund-raiser this year will go toward re-doing the gym floor. We have had water problems in the past and we believe they are solved. It is the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the building and time to re-do the gym floor which has to be stripped down and the lines taken off at a cost of \$25,00-\$30,000. The building is starting to show it's age, which will cost more in maintenance.

With tuition increases, tuition assistance is needed. Thank you to the many good-hearted people who have helped from various congregations. Those who are able are encouraged to offer assistance.

### **The Athletic Department Report – by Steve Jensen, Athletic Director**

Steve introduced the new school website – [www.wlhs.net](http://www.wlhs.net)

You will find a link to calendar and a list of every event. Everyone is encouraged to check it out for a listing of events and driving directions. If you go to “notify me” on the site, it will ask you for your e-mail address and you can sign up for automatic e-mails on different programs.

If you have changes or ideas, please let Steve Jensen, Lorraine Gerdes or Shelly Halverson know.

You can also access the website for sports and event schedules, locations, and driving directions through map quest.

There is a bowling team this year – so-op. There will be a sign-up soon.

For the first time, there will be a girl’s tennis team. 12 girls are signed up, 10 are needed to have the team.

### **The Wise Penny report – by Gary Bain**

Participation at the Wise Penny has been good. Sign up to volunteer and make sure to switch with someone if you can’t make your committed time. Where else will you work 3 \_ hours and earn \$500.00?

Grandparents Day is September 22. Grandparents are invited. Kids will receive invitations. The day begins with rolls and coffee in the cafeteria, followed by a tour of the school. After a chapel service, they join their grandchildren in their different classrooms. The event is appreciated by grandparents and grandkids alike.

The Dinner Auction is October 14.

Patty Lindgren has replaced Kathy Lobdell as the new Development Administrative Assistant. She comes with experience from previous jobs and is comfortable in the position and also in data entry.

It was voted that the canteen would transfer \$8000 to WLHS – 50% to the Athletic Department and 50% to the faculty, to use at their discretion. The canteen will also transfer \$1000 to PFOW checkbook.

The question was asked what PFOW is and it was explained that PFOW handles the canteen, vending machine, and organizes which classes are responsible for different events throughout the year.

It was noted that pop containing sugar will no longer be available in the vending machines in the school due to a new law. It will also go from 16 oz to 12 oz. Juice, diet pop, and water will be offered in the WLHS vending machine. The pop machines are not ours and we have had no contact yet from the distributors. We can still, however, sell whatever pop we choose in the canteen since we purchase and sell that ourselves.

The meeting was adjourned with a blessing by Merl Meitner.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Cummings  
PFOW Secretary/Treasurer