

WESTLAKE EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Minutes of January 20, 2010 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Jenifer Novak in the Conference Room of Porter Library.

Members in attendance: Jenifer Novak, Sally Balch, Laura Cooley, Tom Urich and Christine Picard

Martha Solarz has officially resigned. We will need to elect a vice president replacement.

The candle sales yielded a \$500.00 profit.

The minutes of the 11/20/09 meeting were reviewed. Christine motioned to accept the minutes as printed. Tom seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as printed.

Jenifer will follow-up with Robin regarding the pre-printed note cards. We also need to order more envelopes.

Grants

The grants awarded and declined letters were not sent. Jen will send them tonight after all the award amounts are determined. The staff member requesting the ESL book grant was asked if a partial grant was OK. Tom suggested that each school library budget could give her \$100. Laura Cooley motioned that we grant the Petticord grant \$650 (1/2 the request). Sally Balch seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The iPod touch grant was discussed. This grant was not presented at the last meeting when all grants were reviewed. The members present decided against granting this request.

We need to attract new members. Jen suggested we make our meeting more fun and meet in community venues. New members need to be invited. Jen is willing to lead us in this direction if the board agrees. If the board does not like this direction, she will step down as president and continue to support the foundation as a member.

The Taste of Westlake is a fund raiser for the Westlake City Schools bond issue. It will be Friday 2/26/10 from 7:00-10:00 pm. Tickets are \$30/person. The event will take place at La Centre.

Laura suggested we donate a themed gift basket to this fund raiser if appropriate. Laura will call the co-chairperson to find out if they need items for raffle.

There was discussion of an on-line auction as a fundraiser for the foundation. Members can check out an example at biddingforgood.com.

Tom would like to promote our new web site. Jen said she would like to wait for our grant announcements and announce the new site to the public at the same time.

The next meeting is 2/17/10.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.