

# Windsong Elementary PTO

PTO Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 26, 2023

9:30 AM, Cafeteria

Jessica H - called meeting to order at 9:37AM

1. President's Welcome 5 minutes
  - a. Julie - Welcome, remember it is a building year, we need all the help we can get. Our fundraising is many smaller fundraisers so everyone can participate where they can. No need for everyone to participate in all.
  - b. Approval of Budget Meeting Minutes Sarah McCarthy makes motion, Stephanie Jenkins seconds for approval.
  
2. Principal's Report 25 minutes
  - a. Principal's Update
    - i. Money is going to help with various technology and outdoor learning they weren't able to accomplish. Teachers need help setting up labs and general volunteering - they are suggesting a Teacher Liaison - who would help coordinate volunteers.
  - b. Mr JT Patton - Executive Director of Safety and Operations
    - i. Discussing Safety at Windsong - Was not able to attend
  
3. Committee Reports 20 minutes
  - a. Treasurer
    - i. Previous Month Financial Report - Lori talked through the current report via zoom. Will upload to our website.
    - ii. Updated Budget
  - b. Vice President
    - i. Fall Party Info - Thanked Room Parents for all their work, reminded one parent per child per year at parties. Group Me is active in conversation, but to ask if there are any questions. STEAM Day is coming too.  
Question on parties - is the \$17 donation required? No, we encourage, but do not require.
    - ii. Sponsorship Chair - Mentioned looking for this position to be filled. Role is to be in the community finding opportunities for support to Windsong PTO.

Note: We have a much higher percentage of needs this year. It is something we should be mindful of in regards to fundraising, donations, etc...

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## c. Fundraising

- i. Read-A-Thon Update - Nikki wasn't able to make it
- ii. Book Fair Update - Sarah McCarthy - Book Fair went great! Check hasn't come in yet, but around \$10K for Scholastic Dollars!! This is a huge list of items available through this program that the teachers will be able to use!
- iii. Feed The Piggies Update - Ashley K, Thank you so much for all the donations/volunteering... last year \$7K, this year almost \$10! Ice cream parties today and tomorrow. All students are able to get Piggie Pops, which will happen next week! Julie mentioned other schools are wanting to copy Piggies at their schools.
- iv. Spirit Night Updates - Brianna - Parry's Pizza Nov 7th and Code Ninja's Nov 11th. JJ's made around \$500, and another made about \$80 - two more, but checks haven't arrived yet.
- v. Spirit Store Update - Sarah trying to take the Spirit Store online on our new Website. 3-5th still only ones that get to shop during their lunches. There will be some "Mama" items, new items, and anyone with ideas - send them her way!

## 4. Meeting Discussion Items

15 minutes

- a. Windsong Cares - Amy mentioned the spirit shirt drive got 24 shirts during their donations - split between Windsong and Westwood. Still always collecting, can also purchase on the Spirit Store! Working with Mrs Hoover to uncover needs, but its been a more overwhelming direct contact, and we would love to get these people connected directly with Windsong Cares to be able utilize FISD Cares resources. Over 100 kids with free or reduced meals, which Windsong doesn't offer breakfast, only lunch. We could absolutely use all the donations for breakfast bars and cereal and they can be brought directly to the school for dropoff or Amy will store for Mrs Hoover (space is limited). Will need help with the Food Drive for sure! FISD Cares will take care of Christmas (Mustang Santa), but they have to be enrolled through Windsong Cares with Mrs Hoover. McAshlan also asked teachers to send the pdf out (she needs this by email). Reach out to teachers to find out if they need snack back ups. If our churches or other organizations want to "Adopt" a family, we might be able to do something. The Backpack Buddies system would be great, but our campus does not qualify (Title 1 schools only). Officially only 3 families, but Amy knows at least 4-5 more that could

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use it. Would love a Blessing Box here. Nicole P is talking about taking on the Thanksgiving Meals, and Stephanie Jenkins can help too with their girl scout troops.

- b. Winter Social - Julie asked for co-chairs and volunteers, Stephanie K was not able to attend.
  - i. Save the Date! December 5th!
  - ii. Will need lots of volunteers... Get ready!
  - iii. It will be bigger than past years - Pre-sale ticket info soon
- c. Silent Auction - Stephanie Jenkins... sign up genius needed. There is a Silent Auction, sometime in February. \$12K (single person) versus \$28K (with a committee)... She needs help to make it a success!! Let's do this! Her goal is \$20K, could use a committee to help with sponsorship, donations, corporate donations, etc. [1-2 people work directly with admin for those items (Principal for a Day, etc)]
- d. Dandy Dad's - Jessica H it is at a standstill at this time. Most volunteers can only do Friday. Heather Smith's husband is going to take that on. Not just dad's required. Any adult that can do the background check. 7:40-8:05am
- e. Potential Date Changes for Spring Read-a-Thon and Raise 365/Color Run - More info soon. -
- f. Class Parties
  - i. Fall Party - Tuesday, October 31st @ 2-2:45 PM
  - ii. Winter Party - Thursday, December 21st @ 9:30-10:15 AM
  - iii. Valentine Party - Wednesday, February 14th @ 2-2:45 PM

Jessica H and Julie M - Congrats to Brianna and Maddie for PTO October Members of the Month!

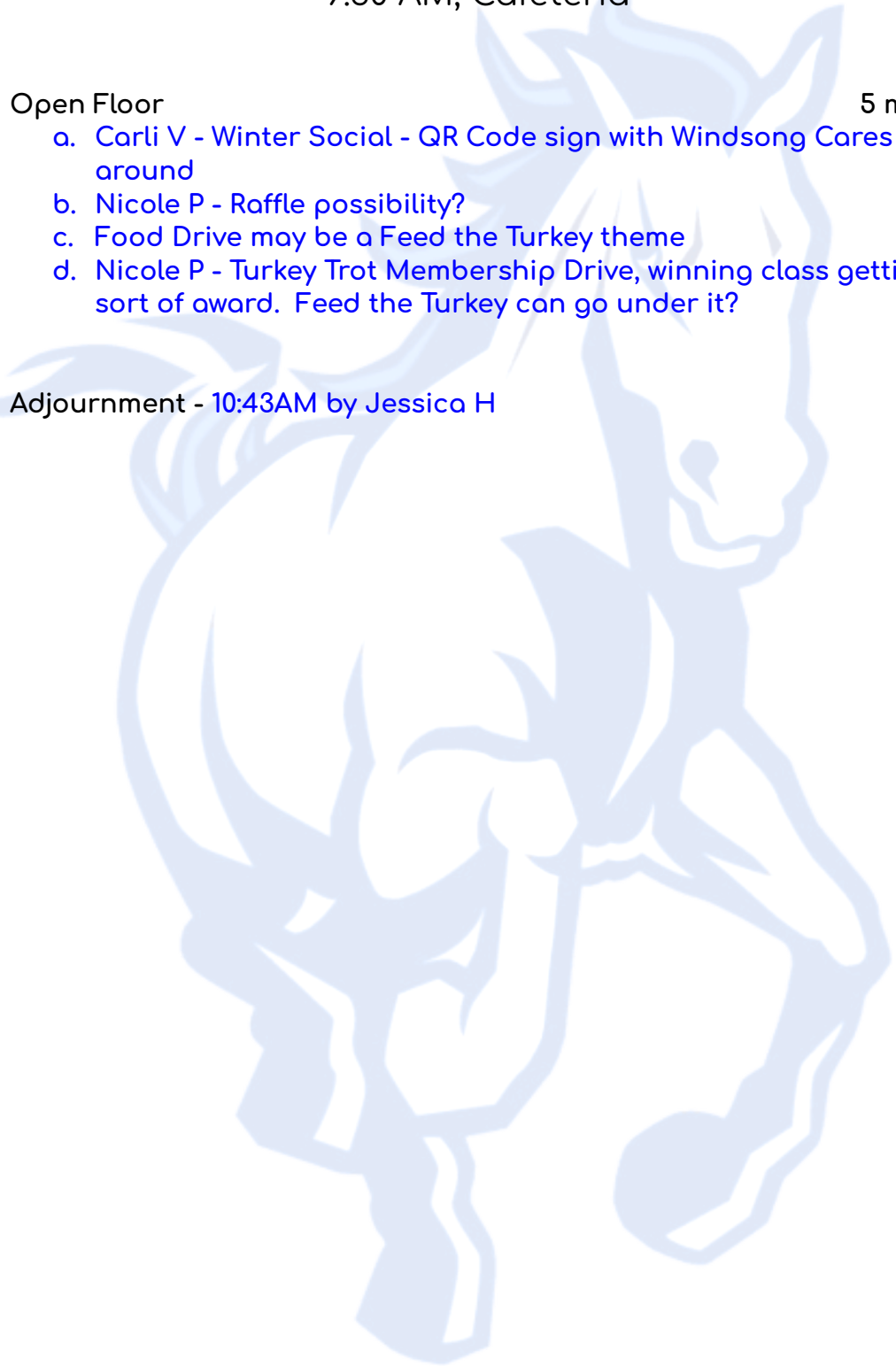
5. Announcements 5 minutes
  - a. Dates to Remember - Jessica H mentioned all these items
    - i. Spirit Day - TOMORROW, October 27th
    - ii. Fall Parties - October 31st, 2:00-2:45 PM
    - iii. Spirit Day & Spirit Store - November 10th
    - iv. Thanksgiving Break - November 20-24th
    - v. PTO Meeting - November 30th, 9:30 AM
    - vi. Winter Social - December 5th
    - vii. Holiday Market - December 11-15th

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6. Open Floor 5 minutes
    - a. Carli V - Winter Social - QR Code sign with Windsong Cares walking around
    - b. Nicole P - Raffle possibility?
    - c. Food Drive may be a Feed the Turkey theme
    - d. Nicole P - Turkey Trot Membership Drive, winning class getting some sort of award. Feed the Turkey can go under it?
  
  7. Adjournment - 10:43AM by Jessica H