

Willow Glen Elementary PTA 10/13/09 Meeting Highlights

If you missed the meeting, here's what was covered. . .

THANKS PTA president, Suzanne Carrig greeted a full WGE full library! She thanked PTA volunteers including **Bob Shelby** for **Founder's Day Parade** leadership and **Sue Saso** (and team) for all their hard work on the **WGE Directory**. She also extended a WGE welcome to **Karen Kreshel** our new **Walkathon Chair** and PTA board member.

BUDGET Linda Garbarino, PTA Treasurer, announced that the budget review and audit is now complete. The PTA voted to increase higher initial contract cost for spring fundraiser (renamed "Tiger Gala") to from \$5,000 to \$6500.

FUNDRAISERS Mark your calendars! Our annual spring fundraiser event, **The Tiger Gala**, will take place at Villa Ragusa in Campbell on Saturday, February 27, 2010, and will start with an optional pre-party in downtown Willow Glen. There will be entertainment and dancing, great food and drink, a live and silent auction and more. We ask that school families **consider donating** to the auction or ask their personal and professional contacts to donate. Contact fundraising@WGEPTA.org for questions or to offer donations of your own. Among the most popular auction items are those that involve school parents! Please give one of your many talents!

Rita Heine talked about the **Stuck on You Fundraiser**. Watch for fliers about this fundraiser that donates up to 20% to WGE for items purchased.

Andrea Bartlinski, WGE's **eScrip** and **Boxtops** coordinator, reported that 4000 box tops have been collected! That means \$500 for WGE! Andrea thanked all who participated, particularly Lisa Gianni for her help. Have you changed credit cards? Please renew **eScrip** accordingly. Contact Andrea with questions: andreabartlinski@hotmail.com.

Karen Kreshel will be chairing the annual **Walkathon**, scheduled for 5/22/10. More news to come!

PTA MEMBERSHIP Membership Chair, Lisa Morgan reported that 350 people have joined the PTA as of 10/2. Membership cards will be printed soon. The drive has ended, but you can still join. Remember: only PTA members can vote on PTA issues! You can join the PTA by envelope (cash, check, credit card) or via PayPal online (http://www.sjusd.org/school/willow_glen_elementary/info/C6245/).

HELP Rita Heine, PTA Volunteer Coordinator, spoke about our need for Spanish language volunteers and science docents. You do not need a science background to help with the science docent program. Rita mentioned www.volunteermatch.com, an

online company designed to bring together community volunteers and organizations that need help. Please contact Ritalouheine@aol.com for volunteer matters.

GIVE The **Annual Giving Campaign** has raised \$12,000 from 26 WGE families so far (doubling last year's \$6,000 giving total). Kim Kernan explained why we need the funds this year: Larger music expenses and more teacher stipends (due to this year's increased student population). Remember that many companies match contributions, so be sure to ask your employer about corporate matching. If you haven't given to the WGE Annual Giving Campaign yet and want to contribute, please contact Kim at kkernan007@comcast.net.

SPIRIT Harvest Festival, WGE's Halloween party, is scheduled for Tuesday 10/27 6:30 PM. Georgann Berzansky encouraged Middle School and High School kids to volunteer for community service experience and a great time!

After Halloween, please bag candy and treats along with a heartfelt letter to US troops. Yvonne Burns is coordinating **Treats for Troops**. Watch Tiger folder for details.

Sue Saso thanked **Directory** team members, Jenny James, Heather Giddens, Yvonne Burns, Brad Kupper, Katie DaCosta and Linda Shelby. The directory was distributed 1-to-a family.

Start practicing your musical numbers and polish your dancing shoes! Eva Sprintz announced the date for the annual **WGE Talent Show**: March 19, 2010!

SUPPORT The **Willow Glen Middle School and High School Foundation Wine/Beer/Cheese/Dessert Tasting** will take place Sunday, 11/8 from 3:00 PM-7:00 PM. Watch Tiger folders for news or contact Sue Markham for details and ticket sales suemarkham64@comcast.net. The popular event helps fund literacy and leadership programs at the WG Middle and High schools (Willowglenfoundation.org). Tickets are \$60.

ATTEND School Site Council (**SSC**) and **SELAC** meetings for important school information and budget issues. **Our next PTA meeting will be held Tuesday, November 3 at 6:30 PM.**

Big Issues Mr. Rosell wasn't present to discuss the **Tutor/Teacher's Aide** matter that has been on many minds at WGE, but the issue should be addressed at the 11/3 PTA meeting. Apparently, there is enough school (non- PTA) funding to pay for one tutor. The possibility of a second PTA-provided aide raised many questions and discussion. Another concern is the reduction of skilled computer lab instruction this year. Please share your comments and have your questions answered on 11/3 at 6:30.