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Joe DiNunzio, President, called the Executive Board Meeting of the Willett PTA to order at 7pm in the Willett teacher's lounge

Attendance: Absent-Tracy Dunne

Principal's report: Heidi Perry

- Ms. Perry thanked Ms. Gill for a job well done holding the ELAC meeting.
- Heating and air has been fixed in the G building.
- Maintenance has reported that there are no leaks in any rooms.
- December 9 will be stuff the car event.
- Hootie party prizes including scarves for children to buy.
- Conference week to be held November 16-20.
- The following week will be Thanksgiving week. No school November 23-27.
- Book fair has sold 1100 books in the second day of being open!
- The goal of 2000 books sold is expected to be met, if not exceeded!
- The Book Fair will be open until 7:00 on Wednesday, November 18th.
- Congratulations to Ms. Gill who has been asked to speak at the National Science Teacher convention!

President's Report: Joe DiNunzio

- Joe recapped highlights of the DJUSD school board meeting regarding AIM.
- Recapped Sue Lovenburg's explanation of differentiated instruction.
- The safety audit draft report will be out by the end of November.
- The finished report will be available by the end of the year.
- Three committees have been studying the issue with late start for Jr. High and High schoolers. There is a lot of evidence supporting late start. None supporting early start. DHS is looking into ways to support late start.
- School district to look at the prospect of a school parcel tax renewal.
- Superintendent stated that the Davis per pupil spending is below state average, even with the parcel tax.
- Willett receives less federal money because of high performance.
- Maria Clayton, district technology advisor, will set up text messaging for school emergencies.
- There is a technology push to have one device per student in the next eighteen months.

Vice President's Report: Christina Yeung

- Jenny Canfield will send out information for room parents to start thinking about classroom art for the Oscar night auction.
- Rachel Teagel will be advising parents with the art projects.
- UCD art students will be provided to help classroom parents with the art projects.
- The student art will be the only item for auction at the event
- The Oscar Night / art auction will be on February 6.
- Hors d' oeuvre's, dessert, drinks will be served at this event.
- The theme will support art at Willett.
- Committee will have their first meeting after Thanksgiving.
- Committee will be sending out a save the date.

Treasurer's report: Tracy Dunne-absent

- Audit review will be saved for next meeting.
- Check approvals will be saved for next meeting.
- Joe DiNunzio to report that money has been spent within budget.
- Computer payments will be paid in two payments.
- Joe DiNunzio also reported that there will be a Finance subcommittee meeting at Davis Roots at 7:30 on December 1st to discussion the financial processes and potential adjustments.

Hootenanny Update-Jennifer Kryski

- Hootenanny grossed \$42,973.00. The committee is very pleased with the overall outcome of the event.
- The event was delivered for an amount that was below budget.
- Parents can be referred to Jennifer Kryski for any questions regarding certificates or sign up parties.

Ms. Gill re: Willett Arboretum

- Ms. Gill has a grant to use for a Willett arboretum.
- The arboretum will be located in an unused section of the grassy field behind the school.
- Ms. Gill is looking for someone to design the arboretum and oak grove.
- She is looking for someone who has construction experience and landscape design.
- This project will require a lot of bark; Ms. Gill is hoping to find someone to donate this.
- The budget for this project is \$5000.
- The space is presently irrigated with a drip system, but Ms. Gill is hoping to have a more complicated irrigation system in place in the future.
- Jenny Canfield and Kathy Gill will be sending something out to the room parents.

Jennifer Creinin –YCRC

- Yolo Conflict Resolution Center signed a contract with DJUSD for professional development.
- They will hold community mediation within school staff.
- Two mediators and a coach will meet with the parties having conflict in a safe environment where they can feel comfortable talking about their issues.
- The \$50 fee is waived for anyone in the DJUSD community.
- Community mediation services are appropriate for issues between: administrators, staff, teachers, parents, and secondary school students.

Joe DiNunzio adjourned the meeting at 750pm.