PTO Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2010.

Minutes were reviewed a motion was made to approve the minutes and seconded. Minutes were approved.

Budget review showed a profit of \$360.00 from the conference meals. Room party money is still coming in. A receipt from last years Fabulous Friday was just turned, we would like all the receipts turned in by the end of the year. This will allow the money to be paid from the correct budget year.

Nicole reported that CiCi pizza program will continue at Robert Frost. Our night will be the first Thursday of the month starting on December 2, 2010. Stickers will be sent home with the students as reminders. CiCi will donate to pizza bingo. They have asked to be able to bid for our pizza events.

Going Green is still in process. Ms. Werner has received positive feedback from parents. If you would like to submit information to be sent home it can be done through Becky Olson or Ms. Werner. If you need help with your form contact Becky. If you information is ready to send you can go directly to Ms. Werner. Ms. Werner would like a 3 day notice on information that needs to be sent out.

Artsonia is a project that Miss Rhodes is doing with all the art students. It is an online art display. You can purchase items with your child's art on it, comment on art and just view art. Information was sent to parents today. Parents do need to give permission to have their child's art displayed on Artsonia.

Fuel up play 60 and wellness committee off to a great start. Nicole reported the wellness committee has 13 members. An all school assembly was held and two former NFL players spoke to the students about wellness. Nicole has submitted a grant application for \$2000.00. This money can be used to purchase new foods for the students to try, incentives for healthy eating and activity. Our school came out in the middle of the wellness survey. The wellness committee would like to hold an all school recipe contest and create a cookbook. Pedometers are requested for all students to use. Possibility of using coke rewards or soup labels to purchase pedometers. Fundraiser option of selling Air watches, parents would purchase them through the website and they would be delivered to the parents. It has been suggested to offer healthier choices at school events, water instead of pop, popcorn instead of chips, fruit instead of cookies.

Website construction has started. Ms. Carmichael, who was Mrs. Pooley's student teacher, was able to give us a contact person, her fiancé Mike. Mike has been in contact with Becky Olson going over ideas and options. We will need a volunteer to manage the website once it is up and going. It will take about 30 minutes for training on how to do the updates. Becky is going to send out a plea for help. Next year a chair person for this job will be added.

The school mascot is changing to something new. We will hold a school contest to choose a new mascot. Each classroom may submit a mascot choice. Staff and PTO will vote to narrow the choices down to 3-5. Then the students will have the final vote for the new mascot. Ms. Werner will pass the information on to the staff about voting options.

PTO storage has been moved out the staff workroom and back into the PTO/KidsInc closet in the Multi purpose room.

We have a \$65.00credit for die cuts. Becky will ask the staff what they would like.

A PTO donation letter will be sent out to all parents and staff as both have made request

Promotions option of wagon wheels from Pizza Ranch was brought up by Melisa. Each wagon wheel is worth \$.25. Melisa is going to look into the details for our school to participate. 35% of our students raised \$1269.00 in box tops, the check is coming in December. The students really liked the prizes that were given out for turning in box tops. The stickers were a great idea for a box top reminder. \$106.00 was raised in milk caps. It was suggested when our website is up and running to list the fundraising options on the site.

\$668.69 dollars were made in sales at the book fair. PTO will continue to give full time staff \$50.00 and part time staff \$25.00 in books. The library will receive \$500.00.

Ms. Werner's reported she has taken on the responsibility of the school newsletter. Currently the newsletter is being called the Frost Byte. Each month a different grade level will be highlighted. She has added more pictures of students. The format of the newsletter was discussed. Smaller blurbs of information was agreed to be the better way to get PTO information to the parents. PTO will be more active in getting ideas and information in the newsletters.

Ms. Werner explained what information would be used when considering the school improvement plan. We viewed the Gallop poll which only 5th grade take part in. Also we looked at district information on how our school compares with other schools in our district and in the state.

Meeting was closed with a last request to be thinking of was to display student art in our hallways with out it being touched.