

**P.A.T. Meeting**  
**September, 3, 2008**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**New Officers Elected:** Kathy Wight – President  
Pam Lynn – Secretary  
Lisa Bohannon – Treasurer

**Members in attendance:** Debbie Newell, Star Yelm, Lisa Bohannon, Pam Lynn,  
and Kathy Wight

**Treasurer's Report:** \$5749.27

**New Business:** 1) **Need a P.A.T. school project for this year -**

Some suggestions included multi-media projectors (~\$630), 70 X 70 screens (~\$80), over-head projectors (~\$130). Star will look into.

Connie Wight called with a request for ceiling fans in the middle school classrooms that don't currently have them.

2) **Grandparents Day – Friday, September 19, 2008 1:45–3:00**

We will be responsible for the ice cream social that accompanies the Grandparent's Day festivities. We have enough toppings, bowls, spoons, and napkins left over from Open House. We may need to order 1 more tub of ice cream.

Members to serve ice cream: Pam Lynn, Debbie Newell, Nancy Warner, Susan Beebe

Members to take pictures: Kathy Wight and Lisa Hanson

Have water and lemonade available: Debbie Newell will get.

We discussed having something to hand out to the grandparents like a book mark or saying. We agreed to spend \$100. Kathy Wight would look into this.

3) **DonorsChoose.org was discussed.** This is a website that allows teachers to request financial help and citizens can provide it via donations. Here's a little blurb from their website:

DonorsChoose.org is a simple way to provide students in need with resources that our public schools often lack. At this not-for-profit web site, teachers submit project proposals for materials or experiences their students need to learn. These ideas become classroom reality when concerned individuals, whom we call Citizen Philanthropists, choose projects to fund.

Proposals range from "Magical Math Centers" (\$200) to "Big Book Bonanza" (\$320), to "Cooking Across the Curriculum" (\$1,100). Any individual can search such proposals by areas of interest, learn about classroom needs, and choose to fund the project(s) they find most compelling. In completing a project, donors receive a feedback package of student photos and thank-you notes, and a teacher impact letter.

**4) HyVee Smiles for Education** – Register a student at any HyVee store once a week for a chance to win \$5,000 for the school and the student to win a laptop computer. Star Yelm will make copies and have the information sent home to all grade school students this week.

**5) We discussed meeting times.** We agreed to keep the meetings as posted in the school calendar to avoid confusion.

**6) The next P.A.T. meeting will be Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.**