

**WARREN/ALVARADO/OSLO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION**  
**October 18, 2023**

A meeting of the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo (WAO) Public School Education Foundation was held at the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo High Multi-Purpose Room on September 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Members present included Carol Bowman, Dewey Swanson, Melanie Nelson, Ed Rosendahl, Carol Anderson, and Rodger Haughtvedt. Also present were Sally Roller and Jordan Johnson, school board liaisons.

Some highlights from the meeting are:

- In the spring of 2023 Romelle Vanek Ferris (WHS 1959) established a scholarship in memory of her mother, Adelaide Vanek (WHS 1932), for a student attending Minnesota State University – Moorhead in the amount of \$1,000. This spring there was no one attending MSUM so the scholarship was not awarded. The amount has now been changed to \$2,000. This scholarship change was accepted.
- Plans were finalized for American Education Week to thank all school employees for their work and dedication.
- At the August meeting plans were in place for each pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade student to receive a monthly book from Scholastic Books through the Foundation. This month a letter was received from the administration stating that the WAO administration will not accept funds from the Foundation for scholastic books for students.
- We will be looking for a new project to sponsor in lieu of purchasing books for students. Plans were discussed for the 2023 November “Connections”.
- Donations and memorials were approved.
- Attached is a list of the needs that were approved. One need was tabled until later so that more information could be obtained from the company.
- The next meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the WAO Multi-Purpose Room