WARREN/ALVARADO/OSLO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION RECAP

September 16, 2026

A meeting of the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo (WAO) Public School Education Foundation was held at Main Street Café on September 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Members present included Ed Rosendahl, Lisa Almquist, Carol Anderson, Melanie Nelson, Rodger Haugtvedt, Jessica Syverson, Jen Nelson and Dewey Swanson. Also present were Sally Roller, and Ashley Reinier, school board liaisons. Office manager Lydia Ranstrom, elementary principal Christine Rokke, Kari Miska, and Mark Hibbard were also in attendance.

Some highlights from the meeting are:

- Mark Hibbard of Frandsen Trust & Wealth Management gave a financial report for the Foundation's Frandsen Investments and Money Market Accounts.
- Kari Miska spoke about a request for funds to bring Minnesota Author Mary Casanova to visit and hold three sessions with the elementary students sometime this fall. $2500 was approved for this request.
- $185 was approved for a trip to the Pumpkin Patch for the pre-school students
- $1558 was approved for the high school library Junior Library Guild Renewal.
- 150 pens and 10 Foundation cookbooks will be given to the NVHC "Ladies Night Out" scheduled for October 21st.
- Many thank you notes from the WAO Elementary Students and Staff were shared for the school supplies that the Foundation funded.
- Treasurer Lisa Almquist reported that an additional $1,000 came in for our golf scramble.
- Plans were discussed for the fall "Connections" and American Education Week.

- Fall needs requests will go out to the staff on Friday, September 18th and be due back to the principals on October 5th. The principals will turn the list of needs over to the Foundation by October 13th and they will be acted on at the October meeting.
- Donations and memorials were approved.
- The October 21st meeting will be held in the WAO Education Foundation Office at 5:30 p.m.