

Minutes of the South Fayette
Elementary PTA Meeting
February 16, 2010



Audrey St. Germain - President

Kari Bair - Vice President 1

Jen Swider - Vice President 2

Gina Duncan - Treasurer

Tricia Ford - Secretary

Audrey St. Germain called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. All members present were introduced.

Minutes of the last regular PTA meeting were reviewed. They will stand as approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed financial statements containing the balance sheet, profit and loss budget vs. actual report, and check detail report were distributed at the meeting and are on file for review.

Previous Balance Checking	\$25,240.91
Deposits	\$4,067.83
Expenses	<u>\$4,074.65</u>
Current Checking Balance	\$25,234.09
Current Savings Balance	\$60,013.80
Total	\$85,247.89

Unfinished business

Membership Dues.

Jen Swider made a motion to amend article VII, section 7 to a \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Amendment 1

Article VII: membership and Dues, Section 7

Amend by striking the words "two dollars and fifty cents" (\$2.50)" and inserting the words "three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50)"

Proposed Amendment would read

Section 7, the local portion of each member's dues (amount charged in addition to state and national portions). To be determined by this PTA, shall be \$3.50 per person.

This would be the one dollar increase in membership dues, first member is \$8.00 and each additional on family would be \$6.00.

This will be voted on at the March PTA meeting, after waiting the 30 days.

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Nomination Committee

3 volunteers came forward to be the nomination committee for next year. Jen Swider made the motion to name Leigh Anne Lasker, Amie Carpenter and Anne Beck to the nomination committee. It was 2nd by Lena Hannah, and was unanimously approved. The secretary position will be open; Jen Swider will stay as VP2. Audrey has not yet decided if she will continue as President next year. Kari Bair and Gina Duncan were not present, Leigh Anne will contact them.

Fundraiser Feedback

Anne Beck came to meeting to voice her displeasure of the current fundraiser, and the need to have an assembly that is focused on the kids, to earn prizes. She does not feel that it is necessary to have an assembly to pump the children with information that they do not understand cost so much money to a family to achieve prize levels. She also feels that the current fundraiser stuff is expensive and low quality. She would like a donation option and an option to opt out of a family plan and focus all prizes to one child.

It was explained to Anne and the all at the meeting, that this fundraiser is necessary to keep the PTA running as it is. It is the fastest way to make fundraising dollars, and allows having one fundraiser at the beginning of the year instead of many small fundraisers throughout the year. Once again reminding all that it takes 63K of fundraising for the PTA and school to run as it is. Jen spoke, that at the exec meeting a donation option and changes to family plan were discussed and will be looked into. Leigh Anne advised that she offered an alternative fundraiser, which she will be looking into further, and these will be discussed next month, before we have to make a commitment to GAO for next year.

Dave Deramo, mentioned that maybe we need to find a way to get more information out there on how the fundraising dollars are spent. Possibly doing a mailing that would show a report similar to Audrey's surplus report, pointing out the PTA expenses for items that many families believe are provided by the school, for example the agendas, folders, Accelerated Reader, and assemblies just to name a few.

Health Seminar

Audrey read an email from Karen Coyne to remind all of the UPMC Health Fair to be held on March 2nd.

Book Fair

The book fair dates are set and are still looking for volunteers. Audrey advised the book fair will be doing the ONE FOR BOOKS fundraiser also.

Bulletin Board

This year's theme for the bulletin board is "The sky is the limit", and should be completed in March.

Kindergarten Lunch

Noelle Gagliardino has volunteered to chair the Kindergarten Lunch and Audrey will be sending her the binder of information.

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Past Events

Family Fitness Night

Family Fitness Night received many verbal compliments and went very well.

Reading Den

Inventory is still being done, and still need more books returned. Laurie will send letters to parents who have not returned books. Audrey advised we can not move on till all books are returned.

Yearbook

Order form was sent out is due back by Feb. 25.

Audrey St. Germain adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm

There were 13 people in attendance. Thanks to everyone who attended! T Ford, L Lasker, J Swider, A Carpenter, S Hanich, C Bushmire, D Mosky, A Beck, M Franjione, L Hannah, D Deramo, L Gray, A St. Germain.

Next Executive PTA meeting -

Next General Membership PTA meeting -

Tricia Ford
Secretary

Date Approved