

Minutes of the South Fayette Elementary PTA Meeting November 8th, 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 1:33pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. An inspirational poem was read by Kari Bair. All members present were introduced.

Minutes of the last regular PTA meeting were reviewed. Laure Gray mentioned that the minutes are correct however, the date of the Blue Ribbon assembly has changed to December 16th. 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	\$85,257.94
Deposits	\$ 7,160.33
Transfer to Money Market	\$35,000.00
Expenses	<u>\$47,569.63</u>
Current Checking Balance	\$ 9,848.64
Current Savings Balance	\$79,935.35
Total	\$ 89,783.99

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Sisk-Frey class wrote thank you notes, for the Weekly Readers. The Thank You notes were passed around.

NEW BUSINESS

Smartboards

Laurie Gray advised how the smartboards are being used for in the classroom. The smartboard enables the teacher to use it as a digital whiteboard. There are Flash programs that allow for interactive lessons. There are a variety of images including clipart, backgrounds, pages, base 10 blocks, counters, dice and much more. Lessons can be created and notes can be taken. This can be saved and printed providing students that are absent or need more reinforcement a hand held copy of the classroom work. The program also has a gallery of images and worksheets to enhance classroom activities.

National Library of Virtual Manipulative - This website allows one to work with various math concepts in an interactive way. They work well when manipulating things like base 10 blocks. The students can "move" the blocks to "form" blocks of ten for example.

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Videos - Using the Oscar service from the AIU, teachers can access numerous educational videos. With the Smartboard, teachers are able to write on the video and instruct using it.

Student Work - The Comdoc copiers are equipped with scanners. Teachers can scan student writing and other assignments to revise, edit and manipulate. Several classrooms will be equipped with the document cameras that work seamlessly with the Smartboard.

Morning Work - Most teachers have morning work that is assigned as students arrive at school. As teachers go over the morning work, he/she can use the smartboard.

Reading Assignments - Teachers can show passages and highlight key parts.

The Smartboards are used by the teachers and the students. This makes the boards highly interactive and functional. Currently half of the teachers in the 1st-4th grade will have a smartboard, after the additional 6 that are on order are added.

Membership Dues

Laura Borrows presented a change to the membership dues to the increase at the state level and to make an easier process for managing the members at our level. She presented a handout to show the differences increasing to \$10.00 for first member and \$7.00 for additional or at \$10.00 per member. A suggestion was made to have "family" memberships with one person in the family being the voting member. Because the ByLaws will need to be changed for a process like this, Lena Hannah, Kari Bair and Jen Swider will be researching how we can do this. This is planned to be presented at the January meeting.

Blue Ribbon Award Assembly

Laurie Gray would like to have Mark Rothstein's World of Rope Jumping as a celebration for the Blue Ribbon. She is asking for \$990 dollars for the assembly. Gina Duncan pointed out that there is an assembly budget. This budget is to be used for assemblies, and to attempt to be used equally between the grades. Since this assembly is for everyone and the other assemblies for CLO and Geo are not going to use the full budget that the current assembly budget should be used, since the Jump Rope assembly will be a one time thing. If more money is needed for assemblies towards the end of the year, it can be presented again.

PA PTA annual Convention

The convention this year is in Scranton PA on April 8-10, 2011. The theme is "Rediscover PTA: We're Electric"

COMMITTEE REPORTS - UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE FAIR

The science fair has 122 entries this year; Carnegie Science Center donated 4 tickets to be raffled off to one of the participants.

Holiday Mart

Laurie Gray told Kari the room for Holiday Mart will be ready before the End of the school day before the Thanksgiving break, so that deliveries for the holiday mart can be set up for Holiday Mart on November 29th. Letters to the parents will be sent out during the week of November 19th.

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Artist In Residence

The 2nd grade residence started today. Laura Jean McLaughlin returned to do a mosaic with the kids. The mosaic will be hung at the new intermediate school. Artists have been selected for the 3rd grade residency in mid to late April and the 4th grade fine arts week scheduled for the week of May 16th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - PAST EVENTS

Halloween Parties

Everything went smoothly

REFLECTIONS

The winners were announced and prizes awarded. The website is in the process of being updated with the 41 entries. All projects will be displayed at the Teacher/parent conferences. The winning projects will be delivered next week to the regional chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - ONGOING EVENTS

MARKET DAY

Market day will be collecting pies for donations.

Cubs Corner

Cubs Corner will be open for parent teacher conferences; however we will also be having a "sorry we missed you" sign for Wednesday and late Thursday, along with order forms out. Because of the extended time of conferences and low amount of volunteers able to help, we felt this was best way to handle this.

Box Tops

Over 600 box tops have been collected so fare. The drawing will take place November 24th. Five students will each win a \$10 Game Stop gift card.

Fundraiser

The limo and Brainshow are confirmed, and the request for volunteers for Chuck-E-Cheese will be sent out shortly.

Membership

The membership drive wrapped up with about 738 members

Next General Membership Meeting - Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 6:30pm in the elementary school library
Audrey St. Germain adjourned the meeting at 2:48pm

There were 11 people in attendance. T Ford, A St. Germain, G Duncan, K Bair, J Swider, D Deramo, M Myron, L Barrows, N Kugler, L Barrow. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Next Executive PTA meeting -

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Tricia Ford
Secretary

Date Approved