

Minutes of the South Fayette
Elementary PTA Meeting
January 13, 2011



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 6:35pm. 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. They will stand as approved.

Audrey passed Thank you notes around, invited all to the PTA convention. The PTA will pay for all committee chairmen to attend.

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	\$9,848.64
Deposits	\$23,719.82
Expenses	<u>\$ 28,327.55</u>
Current Checking Balance	\$25,240.91
Current Savings Balance	\$59,993.42
Total	\$ 85,234.33

Unfinished Business

Membership Dues

Kari researched what was necessary to do a family membership, vs our current individual memberships. Kari advised that it would still mean the same paperwork and time involved, and since the PTA memberships at our school are not meant to make a revenue it would be best keep the memberships as individual. Laura Barrows suggested we start a credit card system to help with the paperwork, because it would make it much simpler. Gina Duncan advised that getting a credit card system in place would mean setting up a whole security issue and would need much more research. Laura will be doing more research on what would be involved. Laura then made a motion to increase the current memberships, changing the current \$7.00 for first member and \$5.00 for each additional in same family to \$8.00 for first and \$6.00 for each additional member. Then Kari Bair seconded the motion, and was unanimously approved.

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NEW BUSINESS

Smartboards and Technology Budget

A demonstration was given to the parents by some of the teachers on how the smartboards are used in class. When returning to the meeting Laurie Gray passed out a handout that showed which teachers already have a smartboards in their classroom and which are still waiting. Audrey went over the worksheet that she prepared showing the PTA expenses and the estimated surplus calculation as of 1/5/11. Laura and Natalie clarified that by purchasing 11 Smartboards, all classrooms grades 1-4 will have a smartboard. Gina asked if the laptops that run the smartboards are the ones that are over 5 years old, and Laurie said some are but they are in the budget to be replaced. Gina suggested and explained that in the future the elementary technology department that is running fundraisers need to work together with the PTA so that the 2 do not end up competing. Mrs. Nelson agreed and said she will meet with the PTA for next year. Lena spoke to the school board and was assured that the technology budget for the elementary school will not be cut by them, because of the increase from the PTA.

Karen Behling made the motion to increase the technology budget by 22K for the purchase of 11 Smartboards. Laura Barrows 2nd the motion. Gina Duncan explained that it takes 63, 500 to run the budget as you see it right now, not including the technology budget. She wanted all to understand that if the fundraising does not go as expected or as well as it has in the past couple years, there may be cuts to what the PTA can offer. Mr. Ruffolo explained that having a smartboard in every classroom is the most important item and would fully understand any budget cuts if fundraising does not go well in future years. A vote was taken on the motion and was passed by majority vote, the attendance sheet is included.

Proposal for Kindergarten Disability Awareness Program

Mrs. Lee explained how the Kindergarten Disability Awareness Program will benefit the students. Laura Borrows made motion to spend \$500 of the Market Day funds on the Building Disability Awareness Program. The motion was 2nd by Mrs. Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Fitness Night

Michelle explained the Family Fitness evening and is still waiting for all the RSVP's.

Valentine Parties

The parties will be held on February 14th, with the same times that were used for Christmas party. Laurie will have a plan B if necessary in the event of a weather delay or cancellation.

Fundraiser

The Magazine books will be going out next week. Classes with at least 50 percent participation will have a free extra Gym/Recess.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS - PAST EVENTS

Science Fair

We had 106 science fair projects this year, making it a very successful fair. We have only received positive feedback.

Holiday Mart

Jen Swider said the holiday mart went well. The extra time that was given to each classroom was a great help, compared to last year.

Holiday Parties

Holiday parties went smoothly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - ONGOING EVENTS

Artist in Residence

Second grade finished their project and it is in the locker room, waiting for the new school for it to be hung. Mrs. Kuntz is planning on hanging the last years 2nd grade project next week per Laurie.

Next Executive Meeting - Wednesday, February 16th at 5:45 pm, Elementary Library

Next General Membership Meeting - Wednesday, February 2011 at 6:30pm in the elementary school library

Audrey St. Germain adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

There were 32 people in attendance. Thanks to everyone who attended! T Ford, A St. Germain, J Swider, A Liberatore, J Berthney, M Lehman, J Francis, L Miner, N Gagliardino, K Caprio, G Mondini, K Besspiata, D Deramo, C Kurchena, M Kolander, B Witfield, N Kugler, J Bollinger, K Nelson, M Unruh, J Shufron, K Behling and Paige, L Barrows, K Bair, L Gray, L Hannah, G Duncan, B Ruffolo, M Golding, J Lee, J Steigerwald.

Tricia Ford
Secretary

Date Approved