

FHCS PTO Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2010

In attendance: JL Jackson, Sari Roth-Roemer, Donelle Johnson, Gina Duxbury, Lydia Moore, Linda Pileggi, Steve feyre-Melk, Pamela Di Salvo, Michael Bashaw (Administrator), Shannon Lorange, Rick Moncada, Lisa Ristuccia, Raelee Lorange (student), Lynette Gross, Kay Engler, Misty Khalique, Amy Bonomolo, Carolyn Morrison, Lisa Valko, Nita Watson, Karyn Miller (Principal), Maureen Goode

1. PTO meeting called to order at 3:30 by PTO President, JL Jackson
2. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was said in unison.
3. JL welcomed attendees and introduced the 2010 PTO officers: President, JL Jackson; Vice President, Donelle Johnson; Fundraising Vice President, Gina ,Duxbury; Treasurer, Linda Pileggi; Sustaining Fund Treasurer, Lydia Moore; Secretary, Sari Roth-Roemer
4. JL welcomed and introduced new staff: Carolyn Morrison, K-1; Lisa Ristuccia, middle school math and history; and Lisa Valko outdoor environment coordinator. We're so happy to have them join our community.
5. Treasury Report:
*unavailable at the time of the meeting during the transition from last years treasurer
last years PDF will be sent to the secretary and will be added to an addendum of these meeting minutes.*
6. School web site
www.fhcspto.org was created by Chad Duxbury, easy to use
go to the website for all info related to the school
7. Student Directory
Pamela will assemble the collected data into an Excel spreadsheet and it will be emailed out to the FHCS Community. We still have much more data to collect.
Info gathering sheets will be available and the PTO table during the Welcome Back Social.
8. There is a PTO Email Mailbox (pto@fhcspto.org) and physical mailbox.
This is the best way to communicate with the PTO. Gina and JL check the mail boxes regularly.
9. Newsletter
Donnelle will put out a monthly newsletter.
If you want anything to go in the newsletter please email the PTO at the address above.
10. Welcome Back Social and Book Fair
Will be next Wednesday 25 at 5:30-7:30
Need games staffed by us, games will be delivered at 4pm
We need 2 volunteers per game, and volunteers for food set up and clean up
Ms. Tracy and Ms. Karyn will help food table set up
Ms. Misty will help serve food
Lisa and Rick will help out as needed
Ray Lee, Adin, Madeline and Madison will help also

Mr. Michael will grill with pride and a smile on his face, as is tradition!
Volunteers will come at 4:30, JL and Donelle will assign volunteers
Book Fair , chaired by Donelle, will be held in conjunction to optimize attendance
We need volunteers for Book Fair set up Monday and staffing. Ms. Misty, Lydia , Pamela and Carolyn will help
Monday, Sari will help Wednesday, Michael will help with tables.
Families will need to check in at the PTO table to get a stamp for food and games.

11. New Parent Party

Party to be held at Sari's house on Tues Septemeber 7th from 6:30-8:30
All new parents will be invited.
Ms. Karyn will hand deliver the invitations
Invitations to be made by Lydia

12. Book Fairs – Donelle is chair

Next Book Fair to be held at Harvest Day Festival
Final Bood Fair to be held at the End of Year carnival
Book fairs raise money to purchase teachers free books

13. PTO events were discussed

primary purpose of PTO events are to raise money for our school
Major fundraisers this year will include:

- a. Harvest Day – Wed. prior to Thanksgiving, as well as book fair. It was hoped that we could do the Midfirst Bank fundraiser. But it will not be available until 2011. Midfirst has two coin machines that families can deposit their spare change in. We keep all the profit from the change AND Midfirst will match it up to \$1000. Will either do it either at Art Walk, Carnival, or next Harvest Day
- b. We need Thanksgiving Day Float chair – Lydia who chaired it last year, will consult and give a helping hand. We often win. Steve was nominated to chair the committee this year, his acceptance is pending...
- c. Gold Canyon Candle sales October 4th kickoff, will run thru the 26th, Pamela will chair it.
- d. Pasta Sales fundraiser will kick off Novemeber 1 – thru Nove 16th, Lydia will chair.
- e. Garage Sale Jan 29-30 – Gina will chair it. She needs some help. She will rent a storage unit ASAP, possibly from the Lazzatti family. We can start accepting donations now, and they can be brought to the office. Lydia will make a donation request flyer to be handed out at the Welcome Back Social PTO table.
- f. Dog Show Feb 26th – Donelle and JL co-chairing, will have sign up sheet at WB social
- g. Annual Gala - Engler's will host the gala on March 26th. Semi formal event. \$125 per person. 100 people. Live auction items only, approx 10 high ticket items. (Post meeting discussion addressed offering parent's a chance to sponsor or subsidize teacher's ticket price. Will formally address at next meeting.)
- h. Art Walk/Silent Auction – Silent auction fundraiser will be held at our children's art walk in the spring, each classroom will responsible for getting \$1500 minimum bid items, each classroom will have a classroom rep, skill or service to donate. Co-chairs JL and Sari will meet with each classroom rep to assist with donation strategies. This will be free to attend.
- i. End of Year Carnival with Bookfair – to be held May 11
- j. Box Tops – Lydia chairs, but trendsetters will help. Lisa will be taking over Trendsetters on Wednesdays.
- k. Escrip- 1%-10% donated to school, there will be a sign up list at PTO table

14. By Laws -

Lydia presented by law changes:

10/15/2008 minutes state that the PTO meetings are to be held in the evening. The new bylaws will be changed to read: "The meeting times will be determined at the convenience of the board and published at the beginning of the school year." as stated, voted on and approved in the 10/15/08 minutes.

In addition, a motion was made by Gina Duxbury and seconded by Lydia Moore that the items listed below will be voted on and changed at our next meeting in September.

- 1 Remove Article V, section 6 – removing 7th & 8th grade student representatives for requiring them to attend PTO meetings.
- 2 Change Article III, section 2 – current board consists of elected offices of: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Faculty/Staff Representatives and 2 Student representatives. Remove the requirement for 2 Faculty/Staff Representatives to be elected and remove 2 Student representatives completely since we are removing Article V, section 6 (see above). This section will be replaced with the following language : "The Executive Officers shall consist of the elected offices of: President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. More than one person may hold each office.

Changes will be added to the by-laws officially by the PTO secretary in September.

In regards to the student rep changes a discussion was held by attendees that it would be nice to encourage attendance by students, but the PTO bylaws will no longer require it.

15. Middle School end of year trip fundraising efforts will be supported by the PTO.

Middle school will be going to D.C.

Middle school will sell something at each PTO event to help fundraise

Living History Museum – a history project assigned by Ms. Lisa. Students will act as wax statues with donation box. Students will come to life with each donation, giving a speech about their historical character. Students will do it first at school and then for the community. It was proposed that this event occur the first weekend in December. FH times will give us free advertizing. In an effort to involve the greater Fountain Hills community it was proposed that we have the students present during the stroll in the glow on Avenue of the Fountains. Maybe have it at the library. Maybe have it on the stairway near Ms. Maureen's son in laws art gallery. Could also do parking lot at Michael's office building on Avenue of the Fountains. Maybe will also have them on the float. Ms. Lisa to discuss with her students.

16. Wish List for needed items to be purchased with fundraising income:

tabled until next meeting

Everyone was encouraged to think about what should be on the wish list

17. Meeting adjourned at 5:35

Respectfully submitted,

Sari Roth-Roemer
PTO Secretary

JL Jackson
PTO President