

PTO Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2010

In attendance: JL Jackson, Sari Roth-Roemer, Donelle Johnson, Gina Duxbury, Lydia Moore, Steve Feyer-Melk, Pamela Di Salvo, Michael Bashaw , Shannon Lorance, Rick Moncada, Lynette Gross, Misty Khaliq, Amy Bonomolo, Tiffinany Hill, Traci Harrison, Carmen Feeny, Karyn Miller, Maureen Goode, Kelly Splittorff.

1. The meeting was called to order by JL Jackson at 3:30pm and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was said.
2. JL introduced the vote to approve last month's PTO meeting minutes. She reminded us that the minutes are posted on the FHCSPTO website. Gina Duxbury moved to vote to approve last month's minutes. Ms. Maureen seconded it. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. Treasurer's report given by Lydia:
Welcome back social cost us \$766
Escrip brought in \$396.72
New Parent Night cost \$100
Sustaining Fund now contains \$34,675.51
4. JL introduced the vote on bylaw changes discussed at the last meeting. JL read the proposed changes aloud directly from last month's minutes (please refer to Item #14 from August 18th minutes for complete verbiage). A motion to approve the proposed changes was made by Pamela DiSalvo and was seconded by Sari Roth-Roemer. The proposed changes were unanimously approved and will go into effect immediately.
5. JL explained the role of the sustaining fund. She noted that it was started by Dr. Steve Feyer-Melk during his term as president. \$10,000 stays in treasury, the rest goes into the sustaining fund to be spent on school improvements and needs. This allows for money to be spent on the school as needed. Principal Karyn Miller discussed spending money on technology. She also discussed the PTO's desire for new tables, repair current tables, and need for utensils. Michael will take care of the table issue. Misty and another volunteer will look at PTO supplies for serving. Donelle will look for a volunteer from the volunteer list to accompany Misty.
6. Recap of the Book Fair was given by Donelle Johnson. \$2300 was brought in. We were given 55% of this for book points. Plus an extra \$150 for having an evening event. We earned over \$1400 in book credits. For the book fair, each teacher was able to purchase \$125 in book points for their classroom libraries. With the points from this book fair and some points leftover from last year, there is around \$1500 in book fair points at this time. Principal Karyn shared that teachers have been actively using book points. Donelle did a fabulous job and we thank her. The next bookfair will coincide with the Harvest Day Festival.
7. JL offered a recap of the New Parent Party. We had a fun evening at Sari Roth-Roemer's house last Tuesday. We had over 40 people there, which included new parents, the board, Ms. Lorance, Ms. Lisa, Ms. Karyn, and Mr. Michael.

8. JL noted that the Art Walk/Silent Auction is currently scheduled for May 4th. We will have a free art walk with our children's art work, combined with silent auction interspersed and gathered by all of our classrooms. Each teacher has a parent rep who will serve as a liaison between other parents. Each classroom will be responsible for raising \$1500 in minimum bids (which is about \$3600 of actual bid amounts). The special teachers will help with classroom fundraising. There will be a letter that will be sent home. A donation letter will be posted on the website, as well as tax exemption and receipt. Old list of donation items will be posted on the web too. May have classes focusing a specific donations. Will set expectation of every family donating. People can either raise money or send in a check for \$75. JL will coordinate all the classroom reps to avoid duplication of donation requests. Gina is already asking for donations from Disney and Southwest Airlines. This brings us all together! JL will have a kick-off meeting. Will encourage classroom meetings . Lydia and Donelle will look at renting a credit card machine. Children will bring the donation item into classroom, then teacher will let classroom rep know to come pick up. Will still do classroom projects. Will rethink the date of the ArtWalk/Silent Auction Date as there was some concern that May is just too late in the school year. Leaning now towards a February date. Principal Karyn will discuss with Ms. Ruth. Amy will work on distributing flyers to invite public. Gina Duxbury offered to co-chair with JL, since Sari can't help with a February event. Thanks, Gina!
9. Thanksgiving Day Float. Theme is Holiday Celebration. Maybe make it a party float!! Mike Norton has said he would help. Lydia will be an active consultant. We still have Linda's truck to use. We need to get an application and request to be forward in the line up.
10. Cup fundraiser. Kay Engler would like us to sell 3-D cups as a fundraiser. She says it is tremendously effective. You don't pay anything until after purchased. We would like to get paperwork and know more. Lydia suggested that perhaps we could add it to the agenda next year. Ultimately it was decided that this fundraiser would be offered to the Middle school to help raise money for D.C. trip! Go to www.spiritcups.com to learn more.
11. Garage Sale. Steve has a ton of stuff to donate to garage sale and wondered where to drop it off. Monica Lazzatti will donate a 10x13 storage unit that we can start using in October.
12. Pasta/Candle fund raisers. We're all set with this!
13. Pamela working on a rough draft of school directory. She will launch via email to everyone who's in the directory.
14. We have some families having some extreme hardship right now. One family living in a truck and has no home. If anyone has any connection to resources of low income housing, please let Ms. Karyn know. Update on one of our ill students. Will coordinate cards and other help through Ms. Karyn.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.