

PTA Minutes

September 16, 2013

6:30pm-8:00pm

President's Report:

*Parents wanted training on how to be a class parent. Previous class parents will train new room parents.

*School supply kit companies were discussed. There is a possibility that the PTA will switch companies.

*The possibility of using an e-flyer service was discussed. Peachjar will make paper flyers into PDF documents that can be emailed to parents.

*Having a "carrier" was discussed into reduce the amount of flyers that are sent home to parents.

*Including the cost of label stickers may be added to next year's PTA budget.

Vice President's Report:

*Back to School Night went well. Mrs. Harris reported about 400 people attended.

Treasurer's Report:

*July 2013 Profit and Loss:

Postage and supplies- \$26.77

Classroom Enrichment Material- \$309.40

Total Expense- (-\$336.17)

*August 2013 Profit and Loss:

Restaurant Nights- \$169.51

Spirit Wear- \$100.00

Haircuts at Salon Alpi-\$200

Back to School Night-\$64.00

Council Dues- \$111.50

Magnets- \$817.55

Total Expenses- \$1,598.40

Net Ordinary Income- \$1,044.89

Principal's Report:

*Dr. Dance stopped by last Thursday.

*Last Friday visitors from the Language Arts' Office visited a few classrooms.

*An environmental organization filmed students' feet because Fort Garrison eliminated the carpool line and provides busses for all students.

*All keyless entry pads have been installed. Thank you PTA for donating money for the installation. All staff members have swipe cards. Doors will be locked at all times. Any visitor to the building must provide photo id and receive a visitor's badge.

*There are new monitors in the office to view various areas of the building.

*Mrs. Harris will be meeting with the project manager regarding the installation of air conditioning. All parts of the school building will receive air (including the gym and cafeteria).

*Thank you to Candy Krupitsky and others for organizing various get to know you meetings for kindergarten families.

*Baltimore County is currently looking for a new foreign language program for our school to pilot. Rosetta Stone was too costly.

Event Chairs Report:

Fort Gives Back: goal is to be more involved in the community, the week before Halloween there will be a coat drive for Hannah Moore Shelter

Auction at Spring Fling: We are now collecting donation items for the May auction.

Box Tops: our school earns 10 cents for every box top, \$2,000 was earned last school year, currently there is an incentive of having an ice cream party for the class that brings in the most box tops, looking for more creative ways to gather box tops, there are "e-box tops" for shopping at various sites on line.

Cuts for a Cause: in February there will be a fundraiser at Salon Alpi (located in the Quarry)

Directory: Forms were sent home to parents, changes will be entered onto a spreadsheet and emails will be sent to parents, in need of advertisers for directory (does not need to be a parent of a student in order to advertise)

Fifth Grade Chair: about 10 fifth grade parents are assisting on this committee, the Raven's t-shirts should arrive in 2-3 weeks, \$2,000 profit from these t-shirts, the fifth grade students will be selling icy pops for 50 cents the first Friday of every month- this will occur during lunchtime beginning October 4th, Quarry Night will be October 10th from 5-9pm

Fit at the Fort: Go Girls Go begins in October

Friends at the Fort: new kindergarten families were match to ambassadors to help new families get involved in Fort Garrison activities

Halloween Monster Bash with Trunk or Treat: this year it will extend into the kindergarten hallway, there will be a DJ, this will be held October 25th, we are in need of donations, need parents to volunteer to decorate their cars and to distribute candy and to assist with this evening, flyers will be sent home to families

Holiday Bazaar: Will be held November 13th from 6-9pm

Hospitality: bus driver and teacher/staff breakfasts were provided

Membership: over \$9,000 has been collected this year, the goal is to raise enough money to purchase an additional copier for teachers, Suzy received a certificate for increasing our school's membership by 25%, staff membership is

up, paw magnets are provided to members, providing the option for parents to use credit cards for membership was discussed

Restaurant Night: about \$350 was made from CPK restaurant night, there was discussion of adding additional nights

School Supplies: Thank you to parents who distributed supply kits

Square One Art by Kids: this fundraiser allows parents to purchase various items that contain their child's artwork, Mrs. Deckelbaum is having students create the artwork, products will arrive by November 20th if parents order by the deadline, please contact Sherri Flaks for more information sflaks@jhu.edu, **teachers may have their child participate even if their child doesn't attend Fort Garrison**

Under Armour Backpack Sale: sold less backpacks than last school year

Yearbook: in mid-October there will be a kick off contest for the cover, this year's theme is "what it means to be green", this year teachers and parents will be able to upload pictures to the yearbook site (**teachers- please let Stephanie London know if your grade level has any special events that you would like her to take photos of**), spots will be sold for fifth grade messages

Miscellaneous items:

Fifth graders are upset because the cafeteria runs out of water and ice cream during their lunchtime. Mrs. Harris will check into this concern.