

Freedom Trail Elementary PTO  
General Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2009

Attendance: 23 members

Meeting called to order by Beth Cassady at 9:25pm. Seconded by Lisa McCollum.

Entertainment by Second Grade class.

Financial Report- Lisa McCollum (FTPTO Expense/ Income sheet passed out)

Bank balance \$25,291.00

*Income:*

\$3,228.00 Book Fair Net

\$7,500.00 Earning for Learning Check

\$210.00 McDonalds Fundraising Event

\$200.00 Gym Extreme Event

\$1,016.00 Logo Wear

*Expenses:*

\$800.00 Balance for Cosi on Wheels

\$800.00 Assembly

\$1,550.00 Author Visit

\$300.00 Field Trip

4200.00 Parent Program of Olentangy

Committee Updates:

Book Fair- Kristin Cavote

\$3,000.00 profit. We were also given bonus bucks for a successful sale. \$795.00 "scholastic Bucks" will be given to Angela Moore for use for library items. Another book Fair event is scheduled for spring.

Box Tops/ Labels for Education- Melissa Lineberry

Reminders- Loyalty card sign up through the Box Tops for Education Portal gives us cash back on purchases made directly through the website. Box Top collection sheet and labels due January 5, 2010.

Committee has collected 1,900 juice packages earning us about \$40.00

Hostess/Staff Appreciation- Lori Porello

Meals were put together during the conference night by donations made by parents. Committee will give goodies to staff on last day of school before winter break. Four posters from Maestro visit (Author Visit) will be given to Staff Appreciation to use as a raffle for teachers.

Logo Wear- Deanne Brunke

Order was turned into JC Manny. Students will receive items week of December 14.

Family Fun- Holly Hanson

December 28 is Family Bowling at Delaware Lanes. 11:00-4:00. Cash recommended.

2 games and shoe rental for \$7.00

Holly wants to plan event at Dave and Busters for a future Friday night in January.

Asked for any known conflicts.

Donuts with Dads- Ayse Vellky

Event planned for February 1 and 2. More info to be sent home after the holidays.

COSI on Wheels

Event planned for January 15, 2010 Volunteers do not need to be VIP trained. Flyer for volunteers went home today.

Caring and Sharing- Kris Click

Tree has been placed in office. Pull a tag, register item with secretaries.

Olentangy Reads- Monica Riva

Program is up and running. Currently 30 volunteers in the program. They are working 1 hour per week with students. Substitutes are needed for program.

Pioneer Days- Deann Brunke

Event is schedule for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Rain or shine. Will be having a planning meeting after the first of the year. Deann Brunke, Diane Store and Lisa McCollum chairing the event.

Recycling- Steve Sargent

No bins yet. Will be receiving dumpster for paper only. Ms. Gillman, PTO and school working together on this.

Winter Parties- Brandi Ashkettle

Reminder of Notebook of "Teachers Favorites" is in the VIP room for parents review. Contains information regarding what teachers like. Good idea to review for gift giving. Classroom parties will be Friday 19 at 2:45- 3:15.

Dates to Remember:

January 7: PTO Meeting 7pm

Jan. 15: COSI on Wheels

Jan. 25: Drum Assembly

Jan. 18-19: No school

Open Forum –

A parent asked for volunteer support to head up a group to do appropriate indoor recess activities using large muscles group. Discussion of how many volunteers, if they would need to be "on call" and what cost may be involved. Steve suggested starting out small by presenting an idea/plan and possibly piloting in a classroom then see how it goes from there.

A second parent asked for support in regards to nutritional information in helping children in the lunchroom make better choices regarding food items chosen for lunch. Steve suggested that she talk to cafeteria ladies and that this was not a PTO related issue needing volunteer support.

Minutes for General Meeting-

Minutes in draft form can be found on the PTO website one week after date of General PTO Meeting. Questions can be reported to any Executive member by email. Minutes from prior monthly meeting will be approved at next scheduled General Meeting. Members Approved November minutes.

Meeting called to a close at 10:15 by Kris Click. Seconded by Deann Brunke.