

Freedom Trail Elementary PTO
General Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2009

Attendance: 19 members

Meeting called to order by Kris Click at 7:05pm. Seconded by Kris Cavote.

Entertainment by First Grade class.

Book Fair- Kristen Cavote

Book Fair is scheduled for Nov. 17-23. On the 19th and 23rd, the evenings of conferences, hours of sale will be 5:00pm to 8:30pm.

Set up to be at 3:00pm on November 16. Tear down on the evening of the 23rd.

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

Income:

\$13,833 for Walk a Thon

\$500.00 start up fund from Sciota Ridge

\$100.00 from June McDonald's event

\$180.00 profit of Logo Wear

Expenses:

\$294.00 School Beautification

\$425.00 Brain Games medals

\$432.00 Directory

\$70.00 liability Insurance

Balance shows \$17,312.00 as of October 31, 2009. Polaris check for \$7,500.00 (Earning for Learning contest) will be deposited in Nov.

Box Tops/ Labels for Education- Melissa Lineberry

Freedom Trail submitted 14, 000 box tops which equals \$1,400.00 in rewards money for a two month submission period. The results show a 32% participation rate among students. Melissa presented products to buy over Thanksgiving that would contain box tops. She stated collection sheets will be sent out every month until the end of school to promote student participation. Highest class participation percentage will win the November contest. Melissa reminded members to change rewards cards at various local stores to reflect Freedom Trail as the recipient.

Drink Pouch Brigade is continuing. 1000 pouches have been donated rewarding us with two cents per bag. The benefit of this campaign is the recycle element as well as the minimum monetary reward. If students are bringing in used pouches from home in bulk, please rinse them out.

Melissa also passed out "school Packs" which contained information for various establishments that had a reward earning system. She urged participation.

Box Tops website- www.boxtopsforeducation.com has portals in which you can shop (Justice, Gap to name a few) and our school benefits.

Hostess/Staff Appreciation- Lori Porello

November 19th and 23rd are conference evenings in which the committee is serving dinner to staff. Soup and salad is the theme and a sign up was passed around. The committee will complete the rest and Steve Sargent will donate bottled water. An email will be sent out to those donating items/meals/drinks as to time of delivery and location at school.

Halloween gift/treats were given out to staff "Boo to our Crew". They were candy jars filled with treats.

Butterfly Garden- Jen Feucht

Parent Jen Feucht presented an idea to honor her late son Jarret. Her foundation raises money annually by a golf outing which then supports Oak Creek and Orange Middle School in the Music & Arts for enrichment programs. She would like to donate \$2,500.00 to create a butterfly garden. The money donated would offset the cost to create it but needs PTO funds to cover remainder and upkeep over the following years.

Second step to this process is to ask faculty if there would be a need for this type of outdoor learning program and if they would use it. School beautification would then work closely with the proposed garden if it moves forward. Steve Sargent will take idea to staff and get feedback.

Logo Wear- Deanne Brunke

A quick logo sale is in the works from the outpouring of requests to get merchandise prior to the holidays. It will be all long sleeve product. Order form and flyer went home Nov. 4 in backpacks. Forms are due back November 20 with check made out to JC Manny. Turn around and distribution will be by December 14.

Family Fun- Holly Hanson

Tae Kwon Do Polaris is offering \$15.00 for all family introductory class for a week to FT families. All monies come back to the school. Gym Extreme Event scheduled for two nights in November- 6th and 13th. Full play for 2 hours at \$9.00 per child. PTO receives \$3.50 back per child.

Holly asked group if we should provide Magical Night of Giving Tickets for sale as a service for families who want to attend? Group agreed that the event was one week out and it was to short notice to take on such a service, so tabled till next year.

School Beautification- Missy Starn

Planters will contain two spruce until spring when will be replanted in the bed up by school sign. Committee will decorate planters in festive holiday theme.

Open Forum. - Susan Saffell

Susan proposed to supply \$160.00 out of Caring and Sharing budget to supply our 8 families in need with gift cards for the Thanksgiving drive. Additional gift cards collected by grades will still be accepted. Vote taken was approved.

Minutes for October 1, 2009 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 October minutes.

Meeting called to a close at 8:10 by Kris Click. Seconded by Steve Sargent.