

Freedom Trail Elementary PTO  
General Meeting Minutes  
Oct. 1, 2009

Attendance: 37 members

Meeting called to order by Kris Click at 9:20am. Seconded by Beth Cassady.

Entertainment by Kindergarten class.

Beth

Budget

Budget had been given to general members to review and approve. Beth asked for any questions regarding proposed budget.

A question was asked regarding line item on Staff appreciation. Member felt the amount of \$3000.00 was too generous.

The line item was explained that PTO took into consideration start up supplies and amount of staff and events that will occur such as Staff Appreciation week, 2 conference dinners, etc. Lori and Kendra stated that many times the committee uses/borrows own items and they will try not to use the entire amount. However we want to make sure staff knows how much they are appreciated.

Becky motioned to approve budget. Seconded by Kris.

None opposed to Budget. Approved by 100% vote.

Bylaws

Members were asked to review Bylaws online at PTO website.

Deann motioned to approve Bylaws. Jill seconded the motion.

None opposed. Approved by 100% vote.

Steve Sargent, Principle talked about process of Bylaws and that they may be amended at any time and that process was very painstaking and an accumulation of other PTO's Bylaws were reviewed and taken into consideration as we made ours.

Treasury Report

At this time there has been \$14,343 deposited into the account. Nothing is outstanding.

Deann

Committee Updates

Product Rewards. 4000 submissions of Box Tops/Labels. 500 drink pouches.

Giant eagle "Apples for Students" A percent of shopping gains us points to shop in a provided catalog for various school items.

Earning for Learning continues. Turn in receipts by Oct. 10th by 9:30 pm at guest services.

Comment was made by member that the Earning for Learning Campaign had been very well communicated to all students and Parents and that committee should receive compliments on a job well done.

### School Beautification

Girl Scout Troops 500,1277,2311,2399 donated and planted over 100 Tulip bulbs to Freedom Trail's front beds. A thank you treat was provided by Missy Starn, Committee chairperson. Dirt was donated to fill in ground around school signage and trees from the planters will be transplanted to that area in the late fall.

### Logo Wear

\$990.00 was made on merchandise. Items will be sent home by next week with students. We exceeded the amount the Budget had anticipated.

Heather

### Directory

The goal is to have Directory complete and in backpacks next week. They go to print Oct. 2. The McDonalds have entered the data themselves creating a savings per copy. Estimate cost of directory is .83 cents a copy. Maximum amount would be .90 cents per copy. If money is left over and can cover cost to print "note to school" memo pads for each family, PTO will approve and do so. Budget is \$600.00. Projected cost of \$431 based on printing of 520 copies. Additional copies may be available for purchase after first distribution for \$1.00 a piece.

Monica

### Olentangy Reads

During the week of Oct. 12th there will be a training of volunteers for this literacy support group. Steve has a list of 20 high school service group volunteers and a note to parents will go out next week looking for participation.

Deann

### Walk a Thon

Rain Date will be Mon. Oct. 5. So far the committee has raised \$14,000.00+. Second grader won the t-shirt drawing contest. \$1000.00 was paid out for cost of t-shirts. A question was raised re: \$50.00 personal donation to receive a \$4.00 shirt... why couldn't they be purchased? Another question was asked re: Next year could there be a family maximum contribution? Committee will be given the information for review next planning season.

Kris

### Caring & Sharing

In coordination with Cassy Fry, Freedom Trail Guidance Counselor, there will be a "Birthday Bags" donation drive for birthday related items to give to people in need in our community. Also the committee is coordinating a Game Drive specifically for Freedom Trail so that when inside recess hits due to cold weather the classrooms will be stocked with age appropriate toys/ puzzles for the students to use.

The committee plans some type of hat/glove/mitten drive for people in need for November and December.

A question was asked if there are extra gloves/hats etc. for our FT kids who have none? Steve answered that there are no extras on hand but would consider the possibility.

Steve

Recycling

At this point it is out of our hands and District may mandate and we may not have much choice. Each class is receiving a paper bin to recycle paper.

Beth

General Announcements

Donuts with Dads date has been changed to Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Spring Book Fair date change- TBD

Fall Parties are Oct. 29 for T/Th K and Oct. 30 for 1-5<sup>th</sup> grade and M/W K classes

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> is Author Visit

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> is Children's Theater

Steve announced we are officially a tax exempt Parent Teacher Organization

A motion to conclude meeting at 10:25 am was made by Kris and seconded by Jill.