



Minutes of the South Fayette Elementary PTA Meeting April 05, 2004



Lena Hannah - President
Dawn Byham - Vice-President
Betsy Challingsworth - Vice-President

Susan Flynn - Treasurer
Ann Guadagnino - Secretary

Lena Hannah called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Inspirational Reading – “Cost & Benefits of Children” – read by Betsy Challingsworth.

Introductions were done by all present.

Secretary's Report

All present had an opportunity to review the minutes from the last regular meeting held on March 11, 2004. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Denise Bevarina-Moore with a second by Betsy Challingsworth. All approved minutes will be posted on the South Fayette Elementary web site.

Treasurer's Report

Lena Hannah presented the Treasurer's Report in Susan's absence. The balance as of the meeting today is \$24,605.45. Of this balance, we still have to pay out:

- Incentives for the last 9 weeks – accelerated reading
- Agendas (approximately \$2100.00)
- Family Fun expenses (approximately \$2500.00)
- Yearbook payment

A copy of the report remains on file for review.

Committee Status Reports:

- a) **Accelerated Reading** – Classes continue to reach their goals and have parties. Although it seems not as many individual incentives are being awarded, more classes are reading as a whole.
- b) **Book Fair** – Michelle Stanek, Dawn Byham and Marcy Walasik will chair this for the next year. We received a 5% credit for rebooking for the next school year. It must be used by May 31, 2004. The fall Book Fair will be held November 1st-5th. The spring Book Fair will be held March 3rd-9th (to run through Celebration of Excellence on the 10th).
- c) **Box Tops** – Karen O'Donnell Marshall will take over this committee for the next school year.
- d) **Family Fun Night** – We are expecting approximately 600 folks. We will be using the Paw Pass for Face Painting, Mike the Balloon Guy, Sand Art and the Caricature. There will be two crafts – Sand Art and Spin Art. Auction letters have been sent. You must pre order dinner and Paw Passes. A form will soon be sent home to pre order both of these items.
- e) **Family Reading Night** – Please see Betsy Challingsworth if you can assist with this evening. The free book table will distribute books 7:30-8:00pm.

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- f) **Green and White Store** – We will discuss this in more detail during the May meeting.
- g) **Labels** – Left over points are going to be banked for next year. We will not order horseshoes for the playground – for safety reasons. We got 500 bonus points for early registration.
- h) **Market Day** – A co-chair is needed. Please see Patty McLuckie if you are interested. Patty explained the responsibilities as the chairperson. Patty will get the pick up dates to Denise Bevarina-Moore for the 2004-2005 school year. We will not have a September sale due to the late start of the school year but we will have a June sale.
- i) **Playground** – Val Sherbondy found an additive to add to the paint to decrease the “slippery when wet”. We need to consider a budget amount for this committee for ongoing maintenance.
- j) **SHE Committee** – Nothing new to report. School Board meeting dates are April 13th (special session for the budget), April 20th (Working Session), and April 27th (Regular Scheduled Meeting).
- k) **School Pride** – We need a chairperson for this committee. There are many people willing to help. The school will continue the Bully Program.
- l) **Teacher Appreciation** – Teacher Appreciation Week is the week of May 3rd. South Fayette recognizes Teacher Appreciation Day on May 4th. Stacy Kosky and Lynn Janocha will handle the luncheon again this year.
- m) **Track & Field Day** – There is a meeting April 13, 2004 at 7:00pm.

Unfinished Business:

- a) **Bylaws** – The bylaws were passed with the following changes:
 - Vice President of Programs – changed to Vice President 1
 - Vice President of Planning – changed to Vice President 2
 - Vice President of Public Relations – added and will be called Vice President 3

The Committees will be updated to reflect the current list.

The Cancel Meeting clause will be added.

The Membership Dues increase will be added. The dues will be \$6.00 for single, \$10.00 for family.

- b) **School Board** – The school board meetings are held the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. The 3rd Tuesday is the working meeting and the 4th Tuesday is the regular committee/voting meeting. There is a special meeting for the budget on Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00pm. The regular April meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 20th and April 27th. Both meetings start at 7:00pm in the high school conference center.

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- c) **CHIPS Program** – This is scheduled for the week of June 14th. We will have a storyteller on Friday of that week.
- d) **Little Lions Ambassador** – There were 250 registrations. There are still some open classes. Please see Roberta Dantry for additional information.

New Business/ Upcoming Events:

- a) **Grade Level Funds** – The 3rd grade will have a storyteller on May 6th (\$275.00).
- b) **Harcourt Reading Program** – Peggy Clayton and Laurie Gray did a presentation for the new reading program. Harcourt will replace our current Scott Foresman program. It will be introduced in the 2004-2005 school year. It will be implemented in Kindergarten, First Grade and one Second Grade class in the fall. A new grade will be added each year after until all grades are using Harcourt. The reading specialists have gone to training for this program and will in turn, they will be training each of the grade level teachers as the program progresses.
- c) **Summer Reading Program** – We normally pay about \$875.00 for this program. This may be slightly increased this year due to the extended summer break. We took in about \$2200.00 through the Box Tops program. This is quite a bit more than previous years.
- d) **PTA Newsletter** – There was discussion about starting a PTA Newsletter to start the 2004-2005 school year. We will discuss this at a future date.
- e) **New Fundraiser** – Sandy Hanich went to a presentation for the Kathy Beich Fundraisers. This will take some additional research and discussions.

Round Robin/Feedback:

Dawn Byham made a motion for adjournment with a second by Patty McLuckie. There were 21 people in attendance. Thanks to those who attended!

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for May 12th, 2004 at 1:15pm. It will be held in the elementary multi-purpose room.

Respectively Submitted,

Ann Guadagnino,
Secretary

Date Approved