



Minutes of the South Fayette Elementary PTA Meeting January 10, 2005



Cindy Hestad - President
Betsy Challingsworth - Vice-President 1
Michelle Stanek - Vice President 2

Lena Hannah - Vice President 3
Diane Egan - Treasurer
Ann Guadagnino - Secretary

Cindy Hestad called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Cindy Hestad read an inspirational reading titled Dare To Believe.

Introductions were done by all present.

Present: Michelle Hillen-Robinson, Jill Colussy, Christine Blocher, Karen O'Donnell-Marshall, Betsy Challingsworth, Lena Hannah, Carla Thompson, Jackie Platt, Marianne Levenson, Brynne Allcorn, Toni McGowan, Diane Egan, Vickie Slater, Marcy Walasik, Michelle Stanek, Anna Marie Newcomer, Lynn Lipovich, Sharon Sharp, Denise Beverina-Moore, Justina Jersyk, Cindy Hestad, Ann Guadagnino

Minutes of the last regular PTA meeting (November 16th) were reviewed. They will stand as approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance 11/16/04	\$56,449.53
Deposits 11/16/04-01/06/05	\$30,106.63
Expenses 11/16/04-01/06/05	\$47,885.27
Balance on hand 01/06/05	\$38,670.89

The QSP Magazine bill has been paid which was the largest expense for this period. Deposits include the Holiday Mart and Cubs Corner Store.

Detail financial statements are available upon request. Please direct all requests to Diane Egan. A detail financial report remains on file for review.

Correspondence:

- a) **Locally** – SFEPTA is part of District 10 state PTA. There is a meeting February 10th in Penn Hills. If you are interested in going, please see Cindy Hestad for the details. District 10 is seeking nominations for officers. You must be a or have previously been an officer to take this position. The deadline for applying is February 1. Elections will be held at the state convention. If you are interested, see Cindy.
- b) **State** – The state PTA meeting is going to be held April 8th -10th in Wilkes Barre, PA. If you are interested in attending, please see Cindy Hestad for the details.
- c) **Thank You Cards** – We received the following cards:
 - a. **South Fayette Township** – for everyone's effort in the flood relief
 - b. **Mrs. Beverina-Moore** – for all the PTA does and for the blanket
 - c. **Mrs. Petrick** – for the blanket
 - d. **Ms. Packer** – for all the PTA does and for the blanket

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- e. **Mr. Bohn** – for the Jump Rope Assembly and the Pedometers
- f. **Third Grade Teachers** – for the classroom books purchased at the Scholastic Warehouse sale.

Committee Status Reports:

- a) **Certificates** – The Giant Eagle/SNS certificates continue to be sold. The two areas in which we would like to support with these funds are indoor recess activities and 4th Grade Picnic/Celebration at the end of the year. All in attendance were in agreement. If anyone has other suggestions, please see Ann Guadagnino or Michelle Hillen-Robinson.
- b) **Cubs Corner** – The store will be open Tuesday, January 18th – 21st & 24th during recess.
- c) **Family Fun Night** – A chairperson is still needed for this committee to coordinate the evening. Betsy Challingsworth remains the chairperson for the auction events. The location for this event will be dependent upon possible construction/remodeling schedule to the elementary.
- d) **Family Game Night** – Family Game Night went very well. There were three interactive games families could sign up to play. They were Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune, and Jeopardy. There were many other board games available to play while you enjoyed an ice cream sundae. Thanks to Aileen Frost and Dawn Byham and the many volunteers for all of their work.
- e) **Family Reading Night** – A date has not been determined for this evening although April is the target. This will need to take place after PSSA/Terra Nova testing. There will be a book swap again this year but will also include books for the parents (cookbooks, craft/garden, home improvement, etc). More information will be sent closer to the event. If you have any questions about this, please see Michelle Stanek.
- f) **Holiday Mart** – This went smoothly. This is a service provided to the school and not a fundraiser.
- g) **Newsletter** – For details on how a student can win a computer, please see the last issue of the PTA PawPrint. The computer is being donated by In Home PC (McMurray). The winner will be announced at Family Fun Night in May.

If anyone has anything they need to add to the newsletter (articles or flyers), please see Christine Blocher as soon as possible.
- h) **Reading Den** – This has gone so well in Kindergarten that First Grade is starting in February. We purchased most of the books for First Grade at the Scholastic Warehouse sale in December. For the First Grade level, help will be needed to cover the books as well as swapping the books out each week for all of the classes. If you can assist with this, please see Cindy Hestad or Jackie Platt.
- i) **Reflections** – Information is just coming back about the next level winners. Once we have the winners, we will let everyone know.

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- j) **Safety/Health/Environment Committee** – This committee still needs a chairperson. We cannot hold Health and Safety Night without this so please consider it. There will be people willing to help.
- k) **School of Excellence** –The committee met in December to begin the process. Feedback from staff and parents will be a necessity to complete the application. Surveys will be sent out late January, early February. This data will be compiled and included in our application.
- l) **Valentine Party** – This will be held on Thursday, February 11th. Remember to let the Homeroom Representative know you are coming, enter the building from the back, sign in and take photos for the yearbook.

New Business/ Upcoming Events:

- a) **Gail Manko** – Our school nurse, Gail Manko, has requested funds from the PTA to support the Dental Health Month Campaign. This is for the 3rd Grade and will cost is \$70.00.

Motion – made by Lena Hannah to support this campaign and give \$70.00 to Gail Manko for supplies and posters with a second by Denise Beverina-Moore.
Motion carries.

Community Update:

- a) **Tsunami Relief Project** – The three schools will each collect donations for this relief effort. An assembly will be held in March with all students where the check will be presented to our local representative.
- b) **CLO Production** – The CLO production “Young George Washington” will be held in February. This is paid in part by the Rotary Club through Kevin Biber’s efforts and the PTA.
- c) **School Board** – Meetings are held twice a month. The third Tuesday of each month is the workshop meeting. The fourth Tuesday of each month is the regular scheduled meeting where most of the voting takes place. Discussion for this month will include what improvements (updating the multi purpose room, new ceiling tiles, new exterior doors, cleaning the air vents, etc) or renovations (building a new cafeteria, adding 16 classrooms and the previous mentioned improvements) may take place on the elementary building this coming year.

Round Robin/Feedback:

If anyone has anything they want to add to the PTA survey, please see Cindy Hestad. It will be sent out at the end of the month.

Betsy Challingsworth will work with Mrs. Kuntz and the 4th grade classes to complete the South Fayette cookbook.

Due to the shortened summer, Little Lions Academy will only run for one week this summer. If you have a desire to teach a class, please stop by elementary office to find out how to submit your class idea.

Summer Reading Program – is funded by our Box Tops collection. The school partners with the PTA to fund this program.

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Max Hanich was listed the PTA In Pennsylvania as a regional winner in the contest ***My Teacher for President***. He won for his nomination of Third Grade Teacher Mrs. Englert.

Dates to Remember:

January 18 th	School Board Meeting – Workshop – 7P High School
January 24 th	Market Day Pick Up – 3-4P Elementary Multi-Purpose Room
January 25 th	School Board Meeting – Regular – 7P High School
February 4 th	End of grading period
February 7 th	No School
February 11 th	Valentine Party – 2:15P Elementary
February 15 th	School Board Meeting – Workshop – 7P High School
February 16 th	PTA Meeting – 9:30A
February 24 th	Kindergarten Parent Meeting

Thanks to those who attended!

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for February 16th, 2005 at 9:30A in the Elementary School. The executive session is immediately prior at 8:45A.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:03PM by Betsy Challingsworth with a second by Chris Blocher.

Ann Guadagnino
Secretary

Date Approved