

**Minutes of the South Fayette
Elementary PTA Meeting
June 7, 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 6:30PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michelle Stanek read an inspirational reading titled "The Mayonnaise Jar & Coffee".

Introductions were done by all present.

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

Present: Ann Guadagnino, Diane Egan, Nicole Schutt, Sandy Hanich, Michelle Stanek, Anna Marie Newcomer, Denise Beverina Moore, Deborah Kuntz, Laurie Gray, Darla Lower, Suzanne Hambright, Joi Hoffman, Sue Mikesell, Erin Blatz, Cindy Hestad, Carla Thompson, Christine Blocher, Ruth Klimek, Deb Whitewood, Lena Hannah

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance 05/14/05	\$25,100.67
Deposits	\$ 4,419.65
Expenses	\$21,489.31
Balance on hand 06/07/05	\$ 8,031.01
Money Market Opening Balance	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Total Funds Available	\$23,031.01

There is an amendment to the budget for the Accelerated Reading Committee and Spelling Bee. Due to the incentive level changes made for Accelerated Reading, we had an increased in the number of incentives awarded. Therefore, the committee will need an additional \$1800.00. The Spelling Bee needs an additional \$300.00 due to increased cost for the banner, certificates, and trophies for an unanticipated high number of participants. The banner is a one time cost and can be used year after year.

A motion was made by Denise Beverina Moore with a second by Ruth Klimek to approve these budget changes.

Yes - All
No - None

Motion Carries.

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

Correspondence:

National – The National PTA convention is in Columbus, Ohio the weekend of June 25th. Those attending are Lena Hannah, Jill Colussy, Ann Guadagnino and Cindy Hestad. Keynote speakers include Danny Glover and the Teacher of the Year.

State – There is a possible mandate coming from Harrisburg which would require school districts to have Parent Involvement Policies and Programs. The state is sponsoring a Parent Involvement Policy seminar in August. South Fayette School District has applied to attend this and been accepted. Those attending will be Mrs. Denise Beverina Moore, Mrs. Laurie Gray, Mrs. Chris Englert, Jill Colussy, Cindy Hestad, Ann Guadagnino and Sara Murguia. This team will go to two workshops (August and September) in Harrisburg. This is paid in full by the state.

State Convention - The State PTA convention will be held in Pittsburgh in 2006.

Thank You Cards – The SFEPTA has received thank you cards from the third grade teachers for the books about bugs and butterflies. These were purchased at the Scholastic Half Price Customer Appreciation Sale and support the grade level curriculum. Other thank you notes include Denise Beverina Moore and Laurie Gray for the PLM Award and Mrs. Ungarean for the support of the Spelling Bee.

Committee Status Reports:

- a) **Cubs Corner Store** – The store will be open all week. The special running is 10% off your total purchase and 20% off sweatshirts. The profit made for the year was \$3000.00. Thanks for your support.
- b) **Fourth Grade Graduation** – This will be held June 15th at 1:00pm in the MS auditorium. There will be a reception after the ceremony. It has been suggested the students wear the tee shirt purchased by the PTA. Teachers will make this announcement in their class.
- c) **Market Day** – Paper orders will be accepted until June 14th and internet until noon on the 15th. Pick up is June 21st 5:00pm-6:00pm in the parking lot of the HS. Orders will be all boxed and ready for pick up.
- d) **Track and Field Day** – There will be a final meeting on Monday, June 13 at 7:00pm for final preparation. Sunglasses have been ordered for the kids. Reminder to Homeroom Reps covering lunch – coverage runs 11:30-12:50. There will be popsicles distributed to the students at the end of the day.

New Business/ Upcoming Events:

- a) **Artist in Residence** – Tabled Motion from May 16, 2005 - The motion on the table is for approval of \$4500.00 to provide an Artist in Residence program for grades 2, 3 and 4 for the 2005-2006 school year. Each grade will have a different art program. The student selection criteria will be similar to that used this year. Mrs. Kuntz put together a book from this year's program. It included the purpose, selection criteria, photos from the process and

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a picture of the finished product. The quilts the children completed this year will be presented to the school in the fall and displayed in the lobby.

New for this next year - Mrs. Kuntz will send a letter home to the parents explaining what program will be coming for their child's grade. It will explain the program and selection criteria. This will give the parents an opportunity to discuss it with their child to see if they have an interest. To make it a uniform presentation, Mrs. Kuntz will also present it to each of the classes rather than having each individual teacher.

Yes – All

No – None

Motion Carries

- b) **Bylaws** – The revisions to the bylaws were distributed at the previous meeting and motion put on the table to approve the changes. The second motion for approval was made this evening by Denise Beverina Moore with a second by Darla Lower.

Yes – All

No - none

Abstain – none

Bylaws Approved.

- c) **Second Grade Reading Den** – A proposal was made by Denise Beverina Moore with a second by Aileen Frost to add second grade to the Reading Den Program. We will send just one book home each week with the children since those books are longer.

Yes – All

No – none

Abstain – none

Motion carries.

- d) **Open Committees** – There are many committees open for the 2005-2006 school year and some that need a second person. If you are giving up a committee, please update the binder with all of the pertinent information and turn it into Cindy Hestad. Open committees include:

- a. Art Fair
- b. Artist In Residence
- c. Fourth Grade Graduation (Lena needs a co-chair)
- d. Grant Application
- e. Indoor Recess
- f. Internet Programs
- g. Newsletter
- h. Playground
- i. Reflections
- j. Science Fair (Nicole Schutt needs a co-chair)

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- k. SHE Committee
- l. Spelling Bee
- m. Track & Field (need a third person)

Dates to Remember:

June 15	Fourth Grade Graduation
June 16	Track and Field Day
June 17	Last Day of School for students – early dismissal
June 21	School Board Meeting – 7:00pm – Committee
June 22	District Information Meeting – 6:30-9p – HS – Must RSVP to Shelly Belcher
June 28	School Board Meeting – 7:00pm - Regular

Phone Chain – this will not be done since the district now has the Alert Now for emergencies.

Meetings for the coming year will alternate evening/day/evening/afternoon/evening/day etc.

We may need to change the time of the October meeting due to the two hour delay.

Curriculum Change - Foreign Language will not begin until third grade starting with the coming school year. Both 3rd and 4th grades will have Spanish. This has been approved by the School Board.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Michelle Stanek with a second by Diane Egan. Thanks to everyone for your hard work this year. Have a great summer. Thanks to those who attended!

Ann Guadagnino
Secretary

Date Approved