

**Florence Community PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Siuslaw Elementary School Library**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mike Kilgore at 5:35 pm. Seven members were in attendance. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Bou Kilgore made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2014 meeting. Diane McCalmont seconded. Vote. Motion approved.

Financial Report

Jennifer Wilks reported on behalf of Alice Burns: as of December 8, 2014, the checking account balance is \$6,997.24 with \$448.84 yet to be deposited.

Correspondence

Mrs. DeVries thanked the PTA for the grant for Weekly Readers for her students. Dawn Bryson, Oregon PTA Region 6 Director sent the certificate of Unit in Good Standing for 2013-2014.

Committee Reports

- **Membership:** Diane reported the PTA has a total of 116 members. Diane spoke at the November school board meeting and our PTA has 100% school board member participation.
- **Box Tops:** Jennifer reported on behalf of Cathy Ball. The SMS Box Top Civil War Challenge went very well and brought in 3,489 box tops. The Ducks received 1,772 box tops and the Beavers received 1,717 box tops. Cathy has put in her official resignation as Box Tops coordinator. Florence PTA is requesting a volunteer to lead the Box Tops program for the 2015-2016 school year.
- **Viking Apparel:** Jennifer reported on behalf of Alice: a new order was placed.
- **Campbell's Labels for Education:** No report.
- **2015-2015 Teacher/Staff Grants:** David Spencer, sponsored by Mike Harklerode, submitted a grant request for \$464 for bark and landscaping fabric for two projects: winter break and spring break. Because this request is more than the \$250 limit, but will be used at two separate times, Bou motioned to grant half the amount (\$232) now and the other half before spring break. Diane seconded. Vote. Motion approved.
- **eScrip:** Diane posted "thank you" to Safeway on Facebook and won a \$10 gift certificate to Safeway.

Old Business

- **Fall Fitness Fair:** Mike and Bou reported there was a good turnout for the fitness fair this year. In attendance were four local dentists, Peace Health, Sandmaster Park, and Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue which provided free bicycle helmets to children. Discussion led to several suggestions for next year: incorporate games like tug of war, jump rope or a mini trampoline. Diane will talk with the Mitchells about the possibility of Coastal Fitness providing more active participation. Other suggestions include adding a blood pressure reading, a blood drive, and inviting the STREAM team, Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, and Boys and Girls Scouts. Another possibility is to have Siuslaw Food Service showcase the new self-operated program and display how it intends to provide a farm-to-table experience for students.
- **Holiday Shop:** Alice reported business has been slow but is picking up.
- **Movie License:** Alice will follow up with Ethel to see what the school district will cover.
- **Reflections:** Diane reported there was a disappointing turnout this year. SMS had one student submit an entry, and this student will receive a reward and reception at the January PTA meeting. Diane will forward this entry to Oregon PTA by January 12, 2015.

New Business

- **School of Excellence:** Jennifer went through the survey questions that had “Unknown” or “Never” as the dominant answer.
 - Our school and PTA translate communications into the school’s major languages.
 - Our school provides interpreters for all meetings and events, when needed.
 - Our school involves parents in planning for transitions to elementary school, middle school, high school, or post-secondary education or careers.
 - Our PTA fuels parent participation on school district, state, and national committees that focus on education issues.
 - Families feel PTA promotes opportunities to empower parents to advocate for the success of their own child and other children in our school.
 - Our school includes parents with equal representation on decision making and advisory committees or councils.
 - Families feel they are collaborative partners that share in the decision making for areas such as policy, curricula, budget, school reform, safety, and personnel.
 - Families feel they have input in the development of our school improvement plan.
 - Our PTA has partnerships with local businesses, community organizations, and service groups to advance student learning, or assist the school or families.
 - Our school collaborates with community services and adult learning opportunities.
- **Prize Drawing:** Mike Harklerode

Announcements

- **Next Meeting:** January 13, 2015 at SES Library at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Wilks
Secretary, Florence PTA