

**Florence Community PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
Siuslaw Elementary School Library**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Diane McCalmont at 4:07 pm. Twenty members were in attendance. A quorum was present.

Fun Run/Fall Fitness Fair Proposal

Eric Tanikawa spoke regarding the possibility of combining the annual Move Your Bones fun run and PTA's Fall Fitness Fair. Alice Burns will verify building use for the proposed date of November 21. PTA members expressed an interest in combining forces as the goals are similar.

Standing Rules

Jennifer Wilks read the Standing Rules for 2015-2016.

Correspondence

- PTA was thanked for the contribution for National Child Abuse Prevention by the Florence Police Department.
- PTA was thanked for the scholarship she was awarded by Elizabeth Wartnik.
- PTA was thanked for the back to school goodies by Deb Dietrich.
- PTA was thanked for their involvement and contribution to the Power of Florence.
- PTA was congratulated for being awarded a School of Excellence by National PTA.
- PTA received notification that Safeway will no longer be participating in the eScrip program.

Guest Speaker

Siuslaw School District Superintendent Ethel Angal gave an update on the happenings in the district. This includes the hiring of Andy Marohl as the Vice Principal for SES, district-wide data conversion to the new system Synergy, and results for Smarter Balance testing will be coming in shortly. Mrs. Angal stated her focus for this school year will be on attendance and urged members to check out attendancesworks.org. Mrs. Angal reported the new food service program is going well at SES but is still working through some problems at SHS.

Committee Reports

- **Box Tops:** Jennifer has consented to be the coordinator for SES. Alice will be the coordinator for SMS and announced the annual Civil War competition occurs in November. Alice Burns will be the coordinator for SHS. Gina Castro-Brandt will set up a Box Tops collection at the high school.
- **Labels for Education:** Button Watkins reported the current balance is \$242 and will continue to be utilized by Siuslaw West.
- **eScrip:** Diane reported that although Safeway no longer participates in eScrip, there are many online companies that do participate and debit and credit cards can be registered through eScrip.
- **Membership:** Diane reported the PTA has a total of 23 members. Our goal this year is 141 members.
- **Viking Apparel:** Diane reported PTA has a good stock of apparel including short-sleeve shirts, long-sleeve shirts, and sweatshirts.

Old Business

- **School of Excellence:** Diane gave an overview of the project and read the letter of congratulations from National PTA.
- **Secretary Position Open:** Rachel Pearson moved to appoint Susy Lacer as Secretary. Mike Kilgore seconded. Vote. Motion approved.

New Business

- **2015-2016 Teacher/Staff Grants:** The grant committee made the following recommendations:
 - **Chris Rowbotham** - \$250 for music for SHS band (approved)
 - **Deb Dietrich** - \$237.81 for music and bells at SES (approved)

- **Becky Holbrook** - \$250 for art supplies for second and fourth grade projects (denied; recommended a gift of \$150 to support the art projects, which was approved)
- **Events for 2015-2016:**
 - Fall Fitness Fair – November 21 (tentative)
 - Talent Show – March 9, 10, & 11 at Florence Event Center
 - Staff Appreciation Week – May 2-6
 - Reflections – October; Diane is trying to get Florence Regional Art Alliance involved
 - Holiday Shoppe – second week of December
 - Book Fair Diner – March to coincide with the SES Book Fair
 - Monday Movie Nights have been cancelled this year due to lack of participation
- **Donation:** Alice made a motion to make a donation of \$100 to SMS teacher McKenzie Perry who is battling leukemia and challenges the Oregon School Employees Association and Teachers Union to match this amount. Mike seconded. Vote. Motion approved.
- **Prize Drawing:** Rachel Pearson.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Wilks
Treasurer, Florence PTA