

**Florence Community PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
Siuslaw Elementary School Library**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Diane McCalmont at 4:03pm. Nine members were in attendance; a quorum was present.

Financial Report

Jennifer Wilks shared treasurer reports for July through October. As of October 20th, the balance on hand was \$11,979.50. Jennifer presented the proposed budget for FY2015-16. There was discussion of an outstanding check from last year; Diane will review records from last year regarding the outstanding check. Jenny Velinty moved to approve the proposed budget; Mike Kilgore seconded; motion passed, unanimous.

Correspondence PTA was thanked by David Johnston for the scholarship he received; David provided proof of enrollment and requested receipt of the \$500 check. PTA received a thank you from Backpacks for Kids for a donation.

Program/ Guest Speaker

There was no speaker this meeting. Diane requested suggestions for possible education-related speakers to present an approximately 15 minute talk at future meetings. Suggestions: PE programs, Music, Band, Woodshop, Choir & other special programs, School safety, LINK program (freshman mentoring).

Committee Reports

- **Box Tops:** Alice Burns reported the current SMS Civil War Challenge showed 1,053 box tops for UofO and 1,068 for OSU.
- **Labels for Education:** Button Watkins requested more Pepperidge Farms labels and noted she planned to submit articles and photos to the newspaper to promote the program.
- **Fall Fitness Fair:** Alice reported there will be 16 groups attending the Fair this year. Donations of bottled water, apples, carrots, oranges, string cheese, fruit snacks, and jicama are welcome for the Fair. Eric Tanikawa shared with Alice that there were 48 people pre-registered for the run and he hoped to double that number on race day. Kiwanis members will mark the course.
- **Holiday Shoppe:** Alice reported the Shoppe will be held December 7-11, from 4-6pm daily, and from 4-8pm on Wednesday. Alice will post photos of Viking wear on Facebook and on our website. Diane and Jennifer have created a receipt for clothing sales for the Treasurer's use.
- **Membership:** Diane reported there are 87 paid members currently. She noted that she had included membership forms with the approximately 750 report cards recently distributed. She encouraged members to check our Facebook page and website for

updates on Florence PTA happenings. She recognized Jennifer's work in regularly updating our sites.

Unfinished Business

- **Correction regarding dues breakdown from last meeting:** Diane clarified the breakdown of dues payments—out of the total \$11, Florence PTA receives \$1.50; \$2.25 goes to the national PTA; and the remainder goes to Oregon PTA. Diane noted that we have not raised dues in over five years.
- **Cotton Candy & Popcorn Machines:** Diane reported she took the cotton candy machine to Northwest Concessions in Portland for repairs (cost \$65, some wires were crossed). Discussion of keeping or selling machine; have only used it about 4 times total. Diane investigated ownership of the broken popcorn machine; it is owned by SES. Three teachers have requested use of the machine already this year. While she was in Portland, Diane saw a good deal and purchased a new popcorn machine for \$450 without prior approval, in order to avoid paying shipping. Discussion. Jenny moved to approve purchase of the replacement popcorn machine for SES in the amount of \$450; Jennifer seconded; motion passed, unanimous. Diane will first contact the Boosters to ask if they want to purchase the cotton candy machine. If not, she will contact NW Concessions about possibly trading in the cotton candy machine on a smaller popcorn machine for PTA's use.

New Business

- **2015-2016 Teacher/Staff Grants:** Alice reported we received the following request: Kerri Tatum, \$90 for bus fees to SWOCC for 50 students; approved. Diane noted that Costa had applied last month but was not a PTA member and has not reapplied; Diane will follow up on the application.
- **Door Prize Drawing:** Alice Burns

Announcements

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm. The next meeting will be December 15th, at 4:00pm.

Submitted,
Susy Lacer, Florence PTA Secretary