

**Florence Community PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
Siuslaw Elementary School Library**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Diane McCalmont at 4:07pm. Twelve members and four guests were in attendance; a quorum was present. Diane noted the new Viking t-shirts now available in black.

Financial Report

Jennifer Wilks reported a balance of \$11,228.89 as of the most recent bank statement.

Correspondence

PTA received a letter from KXCR, welcoming opportunities to collaborate for mutual benefit. PSAs, agendas and event notices will be sent to the radio station, along with other local media outlets.

Program/ Guest Speaker

Two Link Group leaders, Holly Hicks and Sean Rojas, presented a sample lesson for attendees: Tardy/Homework Excuse Bingo. The students, with Jonathan Hornung, facilitator, then explained the Link program, its goals and successes, including increased school attendance. The program is designed to ease student transitions from MS to HS by alleviating fear, reducing bullying, increasing safety and comfort, and changing the school culture. Link Group, held during class time, offers orientation, tutoring and support services, with an emphasis on fun.

Minutes

Jennifer moved and Mike Kilgore seconded approval of the November minutes; motion passed.

Committee Reports

- **Box Tops:** The Ducks won the Civil War Challenge; over 3,000 box tops were collected—at \$0.10 each these do add up.
- **Labels for Education:** No report.
- **Fall Fitness Fair:** Diane reported that having the Fun Run before the Fair worked very well; there were 87 Run participants. SABC split the Run proceeds with PTA, providing a check to PTA for \$392.78. We want to promote both events next year. It was noted that Fair attendance dropped off after 12:30pm and next year the Fair may run from 10am-1pm.
- **Holiday Shoppe:** Earned \$794.
- **Membership:** Diane reported we have 4 new members since last month, for a total of 91 paid members. She announced an incentive for members who bring a guest to the meeting who then becomes a member—the inviting member will receive a Dutch Bros gift card. Our goal is to have 150 members by March 1st.

Unfinished Business

- **Cotton Candy Machine:** Diane reported a trade-in value of \$400 for the cotton candy machine on a new popcorn machine. She is currently negotiating the price for the popcorn machine. She will contact Vanessa with the baseball group to see if they have an interest in buying the cotton candy machine; it cost \$1,000 new and includes supplies.

New Business

- **2015-2016 Teacher/Staff Grants:** Only one application received; awarded to Alice, \$250 to show different colleges (pennants, wrist bands) and promote options for attending different colleges that teachers have attended. Diane will work on encouraging more applications; the application is a simple one page form, available on the website.
- **Door Prize Drawing Winner:** Jeremy Hicks

Announcements

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm. The next meeting will be January 19th, at 4:00pm; the speaker will be Lynn Anderson discussing the Native American Education program.

Submitted,
Susy Lacer, Florence PTA Secretary