

**Florence Community PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
16 February 2016
Siuslaw Elementary School Library**

Call to Order-- The meeting was called to order by Diane McCalmont, President, at 4:05pm. Eleven members and three guests were in attendance; a quorum was present.

Minutes-- Jennifer Wilks moved and Mike Kilgore seconded to approve the January minutes; motion passed.

Financial Report-- Jennifer reported a current balance of \$13,788.27. She also noted \$180.16 received from the 4th quarter Fred Meyer Rewards program, based on purchases by 34 households. Anyone can register their FM Rewards card to support our PTA. Since Safeway has discontinued the eScrip program (with 988 supporters), it is hoped that more school supporters will sign up for the FM Rewards program to help replace that lost income. Laura Smith offered to write a psa to promote the Rewards program, and also to contact FM to ask for permission to have PTA volunteers sit at an entry table to encourage Membership and Rewards card sign-ups. Jennifer agreed to post a notice on PTA's Facebook page regarding the Rewards program.

Correspondence-- None.

Program/ Guest Speaker-- Becky Holbrook is a volunteer art teacher at SES. She has been providing hands on art (as opposed to crafts) instruction to students for the past two years, with topics including Oil pastels, Van Gogh, Picasso, Pointillism and Monet. Becky received a PTA grant which she used to purchase supplies for the program. She noted that the classes have been well received by both students and teachers and she has many ideas for future sessions. Discussion of possible connections to be made with the PTA Reflections program which has not had a coordinator for the past couple of years; please contact Diane if interested.

Committee Reports

- **Membership:** Diane reported we have 96 members currently.
- **Campbell's Labels:** Button Watkins reported that since Campbell's is closing the program at the end of the 2017 school year, any saved labels should be turned in before then. She noted that it has not been a large fundraiser, but funds have been donated in the past to students at Siuslaw West, who used them to purchase art and PE supplies/equipment. She will ask SW students if they want to continue to help with box top processing and receive these funds. Recipients of the box top funds will be decided at the next PTA meeting.
- **Book Fair Diner:** Crystal Osburn offered to lead this event which promotes attendance at the Book Fair—thank you, Crystal! The dinner was March 2nd, 5-7pm. She asked Fred Meyer, Safeway and Dave at the SSD kitchen for support; total cost is ~\$200. Chips were donated by Frito Lay. The theme is Reading Is Groovy and volunteers wore tie dye, etc.

Unfinished Business

- Diane discussed the OR PTA Convention to be held on April 15-16 at the Eugene Hilton. She asked that anyone interested in attending contact her by 3/10. Florence Community PTA can send 6 delegates this year; they may attend one or both days of the conference.
- Diane noted that she had emailed members last month regarding the Better Oregon Initiative, which would increase corporate minimum taxes for businesses with OR sales over \$25Million/year and provide additional funding for education, healthcare and senior services. She asked if Florence PTA wanted to take an official position on the Initiative; OR PTA has supported it already. Discussion. It was decided that Florence PTA would not take a position on the Initiative, but would promote opportunities for residents to learn more, such as bringing a speaker to Florence to discuss it and providing links to information on our website. Diane will explore potential speakers and locations.

New Business

- **2015-2016 Teacher/Staff Grants:** Alice reported that three applications were received and approved: \$160 to Kim Stokes at SES for an online subscription to BrainPop; \$250 to Steve Moser at SHS for emergency response items for kits; \$120 to Colleen Christian at SMS for Hands On Math for Fractions. Following further discussion, PTA will consider a gift for the full school subscription to BrainPop in the fall, if requested.
- **Siuslaw Education Foundation:** Discussion of how to effectively communicate and coordinate between this new grant-giving Foundation and PTA, regarding teacher and school funding requests. It was decided to arrange a joint board meeting of the two organizations to come up with a plan.
- **Talent Show:** Alice reported 32 acts were selected following the tryouts. The Show is at 6pm on March 10th and 11th at the FEC. Tickets are \$2.
- **Board Nominating Committee:** Diane noted that elections will be in May for the four Board officers. Jennifer and Susy both indicated they were willing to serve another year in their current positions, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Mike stated he will be leaving the Board at the end of his term as VP. Diane stated she has not yet made a decision about continuing as President.

Door Prize Drawing Winner: Becky Holbrook

Announcements-- None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18pm. The next meeting will be March 15th, at 4:00pm.

Submitted,
Susy Lacer, Florence PTA Secretary