

**Florence Community PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
20 September 2016
Siuslaw Elementary School Library**

Call to Order-- The meeting was called to order by Tiffany Holdahl, President, at 4:06pm. Twenty-three members and four guests were in attendance; a quorum was present. Tiffany introduced the 2016-17 board: Jennifer Wilks, Treasurer, and Susy Lacer, Secretary.

Minutes—Jennifer moved and Ann Carpenter seconded to approve the May minutes as submitted; motion passed unanimously.

Standing Rules—Susy reviewed the Rules for 2016-17; Jennifer moved and Cheryle Divoll seconded to approve the Standing Rules as presented; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Board Report—Tiffany provided background on PTA, its mission, and highlights of the 2016 Convention. She noted that the number of general business meetings have been reduced for the year, in hopes that volunteers will be more free to help with committees. She reviewed the schedule for the year: General Membership Meetings: 11/15/2016, 1/17/2017, 3/21/2017, 5/16/2017; Events: 10/18/2016 Principal's Forum, 11/5/2016 Color.me.rad (Color-a-thon) Run & Fit Fair, 12/5-9/2016 Holiday Shoppe, 2/13-17/2017 Take Your Family to School Week, 3/8-9/2017 Talent Show, 4/18/2017 Ice Cream Social, 5/1-5/2017 Teacher Appreciation Week.

Financial Report & Audit—Jennifer passed out the 2015-16 Audit Letter prepared by Jane Yecny. PTA books were found to be in good order with the exception of three minor bookkeeping errors; Jennifer completed the indicated corrections. Susy moved and Ann Carpenter seconded to approve the audit report; motion passed unanimously. Jennifer presented the proposed 2016-17 budget, showing an income of \$14,910 and expense of \$16,440. She noted the loss of the Safeway eScrip funding (approximately \$12,000 income) continued to impact the budget. Tiffany moved and Jennifer seconded to approve the budget as presented; motion passed unanimously. [Lynette Holdahl agreed to chaperone SMS dance.] Jennifer reported a current checking account balance of \$17,035.20.

Vice President Election—Ann Carpenter introduced herself and offered to serve as VP. Diane McCalmont nominated Ann as VP, Cheryle seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Committees:

Membership—Diane, Chair, reported 126 members currently; our goal for the year is 150. The principals have offered a PTA membership challenge, with a pizza party as the prize.

Fundraising—Diana Sanguinetti, Chair, stated she will be putting the Fun in Fundraising and invited everyone to join in.

Fit Fair—Deb Dietrich reported on behalf of Alice Burns, Chair, that the Fit Fair group will meet on Tuesday, 9/27, at 7pm, in the SMS Library; all are welcome to attend. Crystal Osburn described the Color.me.rad (post-meeting edit: actually called Color-a-thon) Run that will take place the same day as the Fair. A packet for the Run will be sent to all students. The purpose is for this to be a fundraiser, but kids will not be turned away from participating if they don't have the entry fee; the committee will re-evaluate pricing for the event based on member input during the meeting. No timed races are planned. This first year for the event will be a learning curve.

Staff Grants—Alice would like to be added to this committee, per Deb. Jennifer reported they reviewed 8 grant submissions and three were approved: \$90.65 to Shannon Graham, SES, for headphones; \$202.84 to Deb Dietrich, SES, for music, hula hoops, and parachute; and \$150.00 to Chris Campbell, SES, for wiggle seats. Lynette moved and Ginny Velinty seconded to award the grants; motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Committee Chair Openings—Tiffany noted she is still seeking a Chair for the Reflections committee. Anyone interested in the Arts, please contact her. A Chair is also needed for the Book Fair Diner. Crystal offered to be Chair if she could get some help on the committee as she did not have enough help for the event last year; three people volunteered to help Crystal.

ESSA—Mike Harklerode reported a good turn-out for the Every Student Succeeds Act event and thanked PTA for their support. He noted that with upcoming changes as part of ESSA, it is a very important time for people to be involved with the Schools in shaping future procedures.

Tobacco 21—Ginny announced the Lane County event at Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue today at 5:30 to discuss raising the age for tobacco use.

Program—Leonard Ulrich, the new Vice Principal for SES and SMS, introduced himself and provided a short bio, then answered questions from attendees.

Announcements

- Tiffany introduced new Committee Chairs: Jeannette Jones for Teacher Appreciation Week, and Natalie Lyda for Marketing & Publicity.
- Tiffany awarded prizes.
- Upcoming events: 10/18 Principal's Forum at SMS on Safety and Security, free dinner at 6pm by Chef Dave, followed by the forum at 6:30pm; 11/5 Color Run and Fit Fair; General Membership meeting 11/15 at 4pm at SES Library.

Adjournment--The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.

Submitted,

Susy Lacer, Florence PTA Secretary