

**Florence Community PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Siuslaw Elementary School Library**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Tiffany Holdahl at 5:57 pm. Thirty-four members and one guest were in attendance. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Jennifer Wilks presented minutes from the meeting on September 26, 2017. Ann Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes. Melissa Samel seconded. Vote. Motion approved.

Executive Board Report

- FCPTA thanks Ann Carpenter and Chef Dave Bitner for organizing and providing food for this dinner meeting
- Oregon PTA confirmed that FCPTA is a Unit in Good Standing
- FCPTA thanks Stephanie Sarles for her help as Advocacy Chair and her work on the Levy Renewal
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held 11/20 – 11/22 and FCPTA will provide snacks for parents
- Coffee Cart is served to SES staff Monday mornings and to SMS staff Friday mornings
- FCPTA thanks Three Rivers for organizing a coat drive to serve Florence youth
- Holiday Shop will be held 12/4 – 12/8
- FCPTA thanks Kaye Wheeler and Amanda Simmons for chairing this year's Book Fair Diner and Talent Show Committees, respectively.
- Oregon PTA convention will be held April 14-15 in Portland. Anyone interested in a leadership position is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about PTA, receive trainings, and network with other PTAs in our state.

Report of the Treasurer

Melissa Samel presented budget and financial reports.

Committee Reports

- **Membership:** Sarah Nunez announced a current membership total of 170.
- **Staff Grants:** Jennifer Ledbetter announced that eight grants were awarded in the first two staff grant cycles for a total of \$2,178.40. FCPTA thanks Mo's for featuring FCPTA as their organization to donate proceeds to; (anyone who ate at a designated table at Mo's in September helped support FCPTA). Jennifer announced total profits to be at \$350.
- **Breakfast with Santa:** Sarah Nunez announced that "Breakfast with Santa" will be held at Crossroads Church on Saturday, December 2, from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. The cost will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and will feature all you can eat pancakes, potatoes and sausage along with a hot chocolate station and DIY pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. FCPTA will also be selling a dozen cookies for \$5. SHS Leadership students will help to bus tables. Natalie Lyda will get out a press release and feature this event on the radio. A flyer is online and will be sent home to SES students.
- **Reflections:** Melissa Samel reported the deadline for Reflections art entries is November 17. The theme is "Within Reach" and winners will be celebrated at an event in January.
- **Box Tops:** Sarah Nunez reported the fall drive to prevent expiring box tops earned \$287. The spring drive will commence before spring break and will be a spy theme.
- **Advocacy:** Stephanie Sarles announced the levy renewal had a total of 5,606 votes in Florence and passed with 64%. The five-member committee prepared press releases, letters to the editor and made information available at the public library.

Old Business

- **None**

New Business

- **Button Watkins** reported she is still collecting Campbell's labels until January 2, 2018. Currently there are enough labels to purchase a \$150 gift card.
- **Lynette Holdahl** thanked FCPTA for the \$1,000 gift for SMS gym equipment.
- **Kerri Tatum** thanked FCPTA for partnering with the SHS Culinary program to provide food for the SHS Parent Teacher Conferences.

Program

Ben Wells from Siuslaw Elementary School presented on the new CATCH program. This Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) program is funded through a grant from Trillium. Ben is the CATCH coordinator and receives input from Andrew Norman Jensen, parent champion, and Leonard Ulrich, administrative champion, along with several others. The \$5,000 grant provided equipment and lesson plans on exercise and nutrition. There will be 9-12 lessons integrated in the classroom throughout the year to emphasize being physically active and well nourished. The lessons are to help change the way we talk about food, introducing "Go Foods", "Slow Foods" and "Whoa Foods". On November 9 the BMI was calculated for each SES student as a grant requirement to use as a baseline to measure progress over the next several years. In preparation for a mandatory 30 minutes of physical education every school day, SES received another grant that funded the hiring of another PE teacher. Jennifer Ledbetter suggested incorporating this into PTA meetings and events. Tiffany Holdahl said her daughter loves having PE every day. Ben Wells thanked Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak for his support.

Announcements

- **Prizes:** Sarah awarded three door prizes

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Wilks
Secretary, Florence PTA