

Florence Community PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
Siuslaw Middle School Library

1. **Call to Order:** 4:05 p.m. by Alice.
2. **Welcome & Introductions**
3. **Approval of March Minutes:** Mike Kilgore moved to approve the minutes; Cathy Ball seconded; minutes approved.
4. **Financial Report for March:** Checking account balance as of 3/31/13 was \$12,427.60. Correction noted: \$1,227.10 income listed with "Other Income" should be applied to "Talent Show" income.
5. **Correspondence:** Patti Williams and Twilight students: thank you note for grant towards headphones and mouse equipment. Elisa Gray: thank you note for grant towards trampoline.
6. **Nominations for Board Officers:**
 - A. Bou Kilgore/Kathleen Moore nominated Alice Burns for President. Accepted. No other nominations.
 - B. Ethel Angel/Mike Kilgore nominated Heather Goldsmith for Vice President. Accepted. No other nominations.
 - C. Diane McCalmont/Heather Goldsmith nominated Bou Kilgore for Treasurer. Accepted. No other nominations.
 - D. Diane McCalmont/Alice Burns nominated Jennifer Wilks for Secretary. Accepted. No other nominations.Nominations closed. Election announcement will go out 14 days prior to election, scheduled for May 14th meeting.
7. **Round Table Discussion:** Helping students love school – promoting use of the arts in classes – arts to include literature, visual arts, dance, music, photograph, etc. Suggestion made to do a project at the middle school – giving each teacher funds to incorporate forms of art within their class structure. Could have a "fair" in the spring to show off the various projects. First step is to get input from teachers and administration. Diane will prepare a survey and put it out through Survey Monkey. Include feedback on use of Art Room at SMS. Will bring results to next meeting, and go from there.
8. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Membership** (Diane): 127 members.
 - B. **Box Tops:** Cathy Ball reported that almost 30,000 Box Tops have been collected this year. Diane announced Box Tops promotion for any organization that buys Hanes shirts and such – can designate Box Tops to go to PTA. She will get information out to schools.
 - C. **Talent Show:** Alice reported that \$1,200 was collected for tickets to the Talent Show. \$700 goes to FEC and \$150 to Red Rose Catering. Next year's show has been scheduled at the FEC on March 13th and 14th.
 - D. **Book Fair Diner:** Over \$3000 was made at the Scholastic Book Fair on the evening of the Diner.
 - E. **Campbell's Labels:** Button plans on having Siuslaw West students cut and count labels so that they will be a part of the process, since they receive the supplies exchanged for the labels.
9. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **eScrip:** Thank you banner is up at Safeway, above Customer Service. We have received a Certificate of Appreciation from eScrip.
 - B. **Mr. Rowbotham** is still researching live-stream equipment and will have figures by May meeting.
10. **New Business:**
 - A. **Teacher/Staff Grants:**

Grant Review Committee approved four grants:

 1. Dennis King: \$154.00 to purchase safety glasses and oxygen ampules for science project.

2. Juline Walker: \$249.90 for “Respect Awareness Week” materials.
 3. Wendy Rohner/Shannon Graham: \$527.67 to purchase “picket fencing” to line walls in a hallway to hang lost and found items. The Grant Committee decided to sponsor this project with the entire amount.
 4. Tim Daugherty: \$250 towards canoe and kayak rental fees at Outdoor Education camp.
- B. Kindergarten Round-up: Diane asked if PTA wanted to provide handout packets to students and parents at Kindergarten Round-up. Decision made to do this, with a budget of up to \$500.
 - C. Family Hike: Diane brought up the idea of doing sponsoring a family hike sometime in late spring or during the summer. Discussion. Look into insurance liability first to see if it would cover such an event.
 - D. Conferences: Conferences will be held on the 18th and 19th at the elementary and middle schools. Diane will order Subway trays and purchase chips and soda. Heather will make the deliveries.
 - E. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week: May 6-10. Need someone to be in charge. Kathleen will make calls to those members who indicated they would like to help with this project. Alice will check with library techs at other schools to see if they all want to do the student essays this year.
 - F. Florence Area Community Coalition Volunteer Celebration is Wed, April 17th, 1:30 – 3:30 at FEC. PTA volunteers are invited.
 - G. Jenny Velinty reported that the Backpack for Kids program is in need of funding. PTA would like to hear more about this program. Diane will look into having a representative come to speak at May’s meeting.
 - H. Cathy Ball would like to see PTA sponsor having the Alex Brown program come to do a presentation at our high school next year. This program deals with the issue of texting and driving. Diane has tried to contact someone from the program, and will follow up.

11. **Announcements:**

Jenny Velinty announced that the SAPPSA organization is coming to the elementary school on May 24th to do a presentation regarding healthy lifestyles.

Next meeting: May 14th, 4:00 pm, at the **Siuslaw Elementary School**.

Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.