

## **Fort Island PTA Minutes** **Nov. 10, 2008**

**Call to order:** Deb Forster called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

### **Report of Officers:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Kristine Fonte** had nothing to report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Nancy Jones** reported that the Sally Foster fundraiser had ended with a total profit of \$6793.50. 192 students participated either through the "Opt Out Option" or selling Sally Foster products. On Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30, 176 students will have the opportunity to tape Mr. T to the wall.

**Treasurer: Liz Timm** went over the budget dated Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. The total revenue for Oct. was \$11667.00. The cash balance is \$23427.00.

**Corresponding Secretary: Javan Rench** had nothing to report. Deb Forster did send a sympathy card to the Rench's for the loss of Javan's father in law.

**Council Delegate: Nancy Jones** reported the Dr. Sauers noted that the installation of the "Buzz In" systems should begin next week. The system is to be turned off after school for the after school programs. He also noted that new hardware may be installed on all classroom doors. Reflections deadline has been extended to Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> featuring the "WOW" theme. Brian Poe noted that Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> was Professional Development Day, there were many programs offered including CPR, Autism, First Aid, and Curriculum Mapping. Founders Day will be Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and Installation will be on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committee Reports:**

**After School Programs: Stacy Eagar** reported that there are 2 weeks left of the fall session. The winter session will begin the week of Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, student sign ups will begin Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.

**Baking: Deb Forster** reported that they will be supplying cookies & coffee for the Veteran's Day ceremony. The baking committee will also be supplying cookies & drinks for the Reflections Art Show on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Birthday Book Club: Deb Forster** reported that \$852.00 has been raised to purchase new books for the library. There is a bulletin board outside the library displaying all the students names who participated in the program.

**Character Traits: Deb Forster** reported that a note has gone out to all teachers reminding them of the program and there was also an insert in the Tepee Talk to remind parents as well.

**Coins for Compassion: Jami Brookhart** reported that this program will begin Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>-Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00. A flyer will be going out soon for volunteers to sign up to "man" the cart over the lunch hour. For each donation the students give they will write their name on a "link"

and a chain will be formed throughout the school. Donations will go to help families in need at Fort Island.

**Dare/Care: Deb Forster** reported that the week went well and the Morris Bros. did a great job during the assembly.

**Bagels with Dad: Deb Forster** reported that Zippy was a big hit and everything went well during the 2 day event.

**Go Green Club: Beth Britton** reported that there are currently 29 members and students are still able to sign up if interested. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. of each month. The 1<sup>st</sup> month they learned about the purpose of Go Green & how to reduce waste. The 2<sup>nd</sup> month they went on a field trip to Bender's Farm. This month they will be separating recyclable & compost items, volunteers are needed during lunch on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00.

**Grant Writing: Deb Forster** reported that Leslie Stoyer has submitted the OMNOVA grant, we should know the results in about 4-6 weeks.

**Holiday Shop: Susan Stranberg** reported that volunteer sign up sheets will be going out today. The Holiday Shop will run from Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

**Hospitality: Deb Forster** reported they will be providing cookies (sugar-free as well) and coffee for the Veteran's Day assembly. They will also be asking each class to donate 18 doz. cookies for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade music program which will be held Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**K Kids: Kristine Fonte** reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders helped to assemble lunch bags for the homeless. Next month they will be making dog biscuits to take to an animal shelter and possibly going Christmas caroling at Sumner. They will also be making games to go into the baskets that the Copley Police will be handing out. They are also collecting pop tabs for dialysis patients at Children's.

**Land Lab: Deb Forster** reported that a lot of the marsh is gone.

**Library Coordinator: Jami Brookhart** reported that the book fairs are complete and they are still in need of volunteers to help with shelving books.

**Market Day: Deb Forster** reported that Pennies for Pies have been collected and the money will go to purchase pies for Kiwanis to put in their Thanksgiving baskets.

**Membership: Deb Forster** reported that we received the Cardinal Early Bird award. Membership is down 50 members from last year.

**Acme Receipts: Deb Forster** reported that we have received \$840.00 so far and need another \$660.00 to be submitted mid Jan..

**Box Tops: Kristine Fonte** reported that Donna Collins is running a promotion now through Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. For each student who turns in at least 10 box tops at any ONE time, their name will be entered into a drawing to win a 4 pack of passes to Amazon. Giant Eagle is also running a promotion through Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, purchase 5 qualifying box top products and instantly receive 20 Bonus box tops. Giant Eagle is also running the Apples for the Students promotion as well, once

you have registered online @ [www.gianteagle.com](http://www.gianteagle.com) a percentage of you sale will go back to Fort Island.

**Reflection: Susan Stranberg** reported that things are going well in preparation for the art show on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30. Mrs. Worthington has done a wonderful job explaining the project to the students and helping them with ideas. Every student has made a project for the Open House and there will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each classroom. The baking committee will be providing cookies & drinks for the event. They are asking 2 parents from each class to be in the classroom to oversee that nothing gets disrupted during the event.

**School Board Representative: Deb Forster** reported that the Fort Island student of the month was Leah Jones.

**School Climate: Elyssa Hilton** reported that walking club went well and will start up again in the spring. The total miles walked were 1065 and over 100 students participated. Movie nights are to be discussed.

**SCRIP: Claudia Weil** reported that the new form will be going out tomorrow. Orders will be due by Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and gift cards should be in by Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Teacher Conference Dinner: Deb Forster** reported that the 3 conference nights went well. Moms In Touch supplied dinner for the staff during the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of conferences.

**Yearbook: Deb Forster** reminded everyone to continue to send in your photos from class parties, etc. to [www.FortIslandpictures@gmail.com](mailto:www.FortIslandpictures@gmail.com).

**Approval of October Minutes:** A motion was made by Kristine Fonte and seconded by Nancy Jones.

#### **Principal Report: Mr. Whitaker**

- Thank you to all volunteers who helped with conference dinners and all who helped with Walking Club
- Achievement Test for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has been completed and results should be in this week
- 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be completing an added assessment test on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. The NAEP will be testing students in math, reading, and science.
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> was Professional Development Day and teachers got together with other teachers and talked about different ideas they had.
- Red Ribbon week-Ft. Island made the West Side Leader with a photo of the flag they created on the playground.
- Veteran's Day assembly will be on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15 which will include music & singing
- Halloween costumes-received positive feedback
- Mock election- the students voted and went with the national results, 60/40 Obama.
- There has been another recyclable dumpster added to the parking lot which has been getting a lot of use. The green and yellow dumpster may be removed for there are only certain items allowed

#### **President's Report: Deb Forster**

- Mini Grant forms have gone out to non grade teachers and their ideas must be submitted by Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. Grants are available from \$25-\$100. Miss Hoyt & Mrs. Blackledge have purchased books through the Scholastic book fair.
- Continue to invite family to the Reflections art show on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Helping Hands & Educator of the Year nominee forms must be turned in by Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 have been received so far.
- Thank you's:
  1. Jennifer Matheos for putting the directory together and distributing
  2. Nancy Jones for taking care of the Sally Foster fundraiser
  3. Elyssa Hilton for organizing Walking Club
  4. Mrs. Worthington & Mrs. Hatch for helping with Reflections
  5. Javan Rench for organizing Bagels with Dad
  6. Jami Brookhart & all the volunteers that helped with the Book Fair

**Unfinished Business:**

- Boxes to be placed in the lobby on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> for collection of canned goods
- Mr. Whitaker checking on Christmas Tree to be placed on lobby for hat & mitten donations
- Middle School accepting old cell phones for recycling

**New Business:**

- Still in need of a Council Delegate to attend council meetings and bring report to both the executive & general PTA meetings monthly. Elyssa Hilton has volunteered to fill this position.

**Next Meeting is Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:18.

Prepared by Meghan Gehring  
Recording Secretary