

**Fort Island PTA Minutes**  
**Monday, February 9, 2009**

**Call to Order:** Debbie Forster called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

**First Vice President:**

\*Kristine Fonte informed us that this years COSI assembly is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the assembly will be "Agriculture". Volunteer flyers have been sent out. Those who choose to stay for the entire day will have lunch provided. Reservations will be made for next years COSI assembly.

\*Kristine in working on the Staff Appreciation Week. The theme this year is an Italian Theme, "That's Amore!".

**Second Vice President:**

Nancy Jones reported that the check for the online purchases for Sally Foster totaled \$599.50.

**Treasurer's Report:**

\*Liz Timm reported that we have a cash balance of \$13,754. Funds were received from market day, the fall fundraiser, script, after school programs, and box tops. Payments were made for holiday shop, teacher mini-grants, hospitality, reflections and National Geographic magazines. \$4.00 will need to be transferred from the Grandparent's Day funds to cover the excess cost for the National Geographic Magazine purchase. It was motioned by Liz Timm, seconded by Kristine Fonte and voted in by all.

**Recording Secretary:**

\*Blair Lampner announced to the PTA that the January meeting minutes were accidentally left at home and will need to be reviewed at the March meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary:**

\*Javan Rench will be sending out a get well card to Mrs. Stevenson for her recovery from surgery, a thinking of you card to the Siebert family due to the loss of a family member, and a thinking of you card to Kathy Harbough for family struggles. We received thank you cards from Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Check and from Meghan Gehring.

**Procedure Chair:**

Nancy Jones spoke on behalf of Sue Gigliotti concerning the motion to accept the changes to the PTA Bylaws and Standing Rules. Nancy reported the changes to the council, motioned for the changes, Javan Rench second the motion and all were in favor.

**Council Delegate:**

\*Elyssa Hilton reported on the February Council Meeting.

\*Mr. Kerrigan shared the OAT results for the district. All above 80% in every subject and 75% passing. The spring testing will be April 20, 22, 24 and 28.

\*Nina Hanhold from the Ohio PTA spoke about a family reading program, the fall conference is scheduled for September 29, and the judging for the Reflections program has started.

\*Dr. Sauer passed out information concerning school funding changes in Ohio and the current graduation requirements.

Mr. Poe talked about the kindergarten registration. The date is March 26, 2009.

\*There was discussion over the ODE and the Ethics Commission about teachers working as private tutors.

\*Mr. Robinson spoke about Jared's Law, which requires safety inspections of schools.

## **Committee Chairs:**

School Climate – Elyssa Hilton announced that the K-2 movie night is scheduled for February 13 and the 3-4 movie night is scheduled for February 20. Volunteers needed.

After School Programs – Debbie Forster spoke on behalf of Stacy Eager that the winter session classes will start the week of January 26<sup>th</sup> with Cheerleading, Chess, Science, Yoga, Cooking and Sports.

Character Traits – Linda Maynard reported that 47 new character trait “bricks” were earned. She received pictures of each student from Life Touch to put on each brick.

Coins for Compassion – Debbie reported for Kris Denholm that \$900 was raised to help 5 families from Fort Island during the holidays.

Go Green – Beth Britton will be leading the next scheduled meeting on January 21. The group will be collecting plastic grocery bags, counting them and then recycling them.

Grant Writing – A chair person is needed for this committee. Two possible grants that would need to be requested are Master Gardener and D.A.R. kits for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

K-Kids – Kristine Fonte reported that the group made snowman decorations for elderly families in the Fairlawn/Copley area who were receiving charity baskets from the local police department. The group also made Holiday cards for the ACCESS Women’s Shelter. Some of the kids and families participated in the Kiwanis annual food drive distribution and some rang the Salvation Army Kettle Bell at the Fairlawn Giant Eagle. The group welcomes any suggestions of groups or organizations that the K-Kids can help.

Market Day – Liz Timm reported that Market Day profits are down for the year. To date the profit is at \$1241.

Redemption – Acme receipts totals to date are \$2384.00. Our portion of the receipts is to be determined. Box Tops received a check for \$1575. Many promotions are currently going on to help support the collection of box tops. See your Tee Pee talk for more details.

Random Acts of Kindness – Mindy Beck and Nora McClarren have decorated the Fort Island Show Case for the “Winter Wonderland” theme. Children can fill out a snow ball with their name and the act of kindness that they accomplished. Extra snow balls can be picked up in the office.

Reflection – Susan Stranberg forwarded 1 literature piece and 8 visual arts pieces to the Ohio PTA.

Script – Claudia Weil reported that the profit from the December order is to be determined still.

Yearbook – The Year Book Committee is looking for pictures!! Email pictures to Shannon Pangus at [www.fortislandpictures@gmail.com](mailto:www.fortislandpictures@gmail.com).

School Board – Linda Miller reported that bids have been placed for a heating and ventilating system for the Middle School. The Middle School and Fort Island received a donation of 466 shares of II-VI inc., which equates to around \$8400. The money will be used to purchase technology for the Middle School and Fort Island. Aronno Elahi was the student of the month.

**Approval of Minutes:** Nancy Jones made a motion to accept the minutes and Liz Timm seconded the motion.

## **Principals Report: (Mr. Whitaker)**

\*Title 1 hours have increased from 4 to 6 hours daily.

\*Fort Island was randomly selected to participate in the N.A.P. testing. The fourth graders will be testing on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The exams test 1-3 main core academic areas and will be reported as a whole class, not individually.

\*The Ohio Department of Health will be screening the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on February 5<sup>th</sup>. They are conducting a longitudinal BMI study.

\*The door buzzer system is in place and working.

\*The River Valley recycling bin (the bin on the left of the trash bin) has been going very well. The profits from this service go directly into the Fort Island budget to be used for the children.

\*Five families from Fort Island received money from the Coins for Compassion. Concern has been raised about the accountability and liability of collecting that much cash. Mr. Whitaker would like to look at different ways of fundraising for this committee.

\*Mr. Whitaker commented on the cyber bullying workshop that is being offered at Hudson High School (see delegate notes). He highly recommends parents take a proactive approach to internet safety and using parental controls.

**Presidents Report: (Debbie Forster)**

- Thank you to the Room Parent Committees for great Holiday parties.
- Room 118 is now a classroom. We will still be able to store our PTA items in the room, but we need to work around Miss Hoyts classroom schedule to access any supplies we made need.
- Please adhere to the copy times.
- Founder's Day brunch is scheduled for February 18, 9:30 A.M. in the HS Tomahawk room.. The principals, helping hands award recipients and educator of the year recipients will be present and honored.

**Unfinished Business:**

No reports at this time.

**New Business:**

No reports at this time.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:02 A.M. These minutes are pending approval until our next PTA meeting which is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2009 at 10:00 A.M..

**Submitted By:** Blair Lampner