

**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!"

\*Kristine presented the nominating Committee for 2009-2010. Kristine motioned for the slate to be accepted, Javan Rench seconded the motion and all were in Favor.

**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, SCRIP, 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 personal reasons. 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, 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 (Space Dogs) and the 3-4 movie night is scheduled for February 20 (Madagascar 2). Volunteers needed.

After School Programs – Debbie Forster spoke on behalf of Stacy Eager. The winter classes are in session. Because of the snow day, the Science Club, Cooking and Creative Play classes will be extended one week.

Character Traits – Nancy Jones reported that you can use outside activities to recognize someone for good character traits.

Go Green – Debbie Forster spoke on behalf of Beth Britton. The Go Green Club cafeteria challenge has had about 50 families from Fort Island participating.

Grant Writing – Liz Timm is working on getting a renewable grant for the Master Gardener. She is working with Mrs. Morgan from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (fall vegetable garden), Blair Lampner from K-Kids (butterfly garden) and Ms. Sheppard from guidance (Peace Garden).

K-Kids – Kristine Fonte reported that the group earned an award from the local Kiwanis group for their participation in the holiday food drive. They will be working on making "Totes" for the Haven of Rest and writing inspirational messages on 2x4s for Habitat for Humanity.

Market Day – Liz Timm reported that Market Day profits are down for the year. They will be meeting to come up with ways to boost sales.

Redemption – Acme receipts totals are down this year. Our profit from the receipts is \$244, over a \$1000 less than last year.

SCRIP – A new SCRIP order should be out this week.

School Board – Linda Miller reported that the Physical Education credit proposal was passed by the board. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17 at 7:00 P.M.

Kindergarten Registration – Sherry Jones will coordinate the upcoming Kindergarten Registration. Volunteers are needed. We will have a PTA table at the registration.

Holiday Shop – Next years Holiday Shop is scheduled for December 2, 3, and 4.

Right To Read Week – The Right To Read Week is scheduled for March 9-13. Camille Bendick, Charlotte Wooffer and Kathleen McMillan are the coordinators of this committee. There will be a children's book donation (books donated to Barberton Schools) and an adult book donation (given to a local women's shelter). An agenda for the week's activities will be sent home soon.

Teacher Conferences – They are scheduled for February 19, 2009.

Family Fun Night – Kathy Harbough reported that they will be using the services of Family Fun Services. The night will include a jumper, a slide and crawl jumper, a room with the Easter Bunny, Cake Walk and much, much more. It is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Year Book – Deadline soon. They need pictures! Order forms should be out soon.

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

\*Mrs. Malick needs volunteers to help with copying during the Kindergarten Registration day, which is scheduled for March 20.

- \*On Wednesday the students will read for a half hour for "This City Reads."
- \*Remember to provide "healthy" options to your Valentine's Party celebrations.
- \*The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students participated in a BMI study this week.
- \*The 4<sup>th</sup> grade participated in the NAI this week.
- \*During the Right To Read Week, Sandy Phillipson will be visiting Fort Island students. She is a local author who writes children's books about a three legged dog.
- \*This is Black History Month. The teachers have tried to integrate discussions into their curriculum. They have had a trivia contest and a poster contest.
- \*4<sup>th</sup> graders took the COGAT, which tests for identifying for gifted placement.

**Presidents Report: (Debbie Forster)**

\*Thank you to Winter Wonderland chairs, Go Green and K-Kids groups for wonderful activities.

**Unfinished Business:**

PTA needs a coordinator for Muffins for Moms and Spring Afterschool Programs.

**New Business:**

A discussion and a flyer were passed concerning the new Child Booster Safety Guidelines.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:38 A.M. These minutes are pending approval until our next PTA meeting which is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.

**Submitted By:** Blair Lampner