

**Fort Island PTA Minutes**  
**March 9, 2009**

**Call to order:** Deb Forster called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

**Report of Officers:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Kristine Fonte** reported that COSI went well and she had a good response. COSI was held March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and the theme was "Agriculture Adventure". The COSI theme for 2010 will be "Space". She also reported that Staff Appreciation will be May 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> with a "That's Amore" theme.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Nancy Jones** reported that Fort Island will be doing a Canned Food Drive March 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. The canned goods will be donated to the Copley Outreach. Any student who donates a non-perishable food item will have their name entered in a drawing to win an Entertainment Book, which have been donated. K-Kids will be helping with the drawing and collection of the food.

**Treasurer: Liz Timm** reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year audit went well and we passed. The cash balance is \$15780.00.

**Recording Secretary: Meghan Gehring** asked attendees to review Jan. & Feb. minutes for later approval.

**Corresponding Secretary: Javan Rench** reported that she sent a card to Mrs. Calcei for the birth of their daughter.

**Procedure Chair: Nancy Jones** made a motion to change the By-Laws and Standing Rules presented at the Feb. meeting. Vote would take place during Unfinished Business.

**Council Delegate: Blair Lampner** reported the meeting was held March 4<sup>th</sup>. The district 13 meeting was March 5<sup>th</sup>, the district Helping Hands & Educator of the Year were being selected. The Educator of the Year for Akron schools is a Copley parent. Early bird registrations for the PTA convention are due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Saurer showed the new logos and letter heads for the district. Mr. Poe asked that if we hear of any info. from the kids that the district needs to be aware of, please contact building principal or counselor. He handed out a draft of the community survey that will be going out. Mr. Robinson spoke about the repairs that have been done to warm up the pool water at the High School. They have also signed a contract with a company owned by a Copley parent to do the needed repairs for the heating/cooling system at the Middle School. Council can present an Ohio PTA Achievement Award. It is given to someone who has done a lot in the school. The art show this year will be held at the High School on March 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports:**

**After School Programs: Debbie Forster** said that instructor forms have been turned in and sign up forms for students will be going out shortly. The new session begins April 13<sup>th</sup> and will run for 6 weeks.

**Character Traits: Nancy Jones** reported that traits can still be submitted by anyone, not just staff.

**Conference Dinners: Debbie Forster** thanked everyone for their donations and said things went well.

**Family Fun Night: Debbie Forster** reported that flyers have been sent home. Volunteers are needed for set-up and tear-down. Event will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> and will include 2 jumpers, cakewalk, concessions, pictures with the Easter bunny and much more.

**Go Green: Debbie Forster** reported the Cafeteria Challenge is underway. 106 students have registered to participate. Mr. Norman reported that we have reduced our daily trash output by nearly one full barrel. Go Green held its second annual shopping bag recycling day on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1778 bags were collected and taken for recycling. Recycling Opportunity: Go Green is collecting bottle caps made of rigid plastic, such as caps from water & pop bottles, milk jugs, laundry detergent bottles, ketchup bottles, etc.. These caps will be sent to Aveda Corporation for recycling. A big "thank you" goes out to Miss Cutillo for taking the lead on this project! Also, Best Buy is advertising free recycling for most consumer electronics and appliances. Fort Island continues to collect ink and toner cartridges and glue sticks for recycling. If you have broken or stubby crayons, don't throw them away....a new recycling opportunity is coming soon.

**Grant Writing: Liz Timm** reported that she has applied for a grant with Ohio State Extension Garden Program. This is a \$500 grant that would be used by Ms. Morgan to plant a vegetable garden that would be used to incorporate classroom lessons. The Hidden Valley grant she applied for was denied.

**Kindergarten Registration: Debbie Forster** reported this event will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the High School.

**K-Kids: Kristine Fonte** reported the last meeting was held 2 weeks ago. They decorated boxes for the Right to Read book drive and made cards for 3 special people.

**Market Day: Debbie Forster** reported that sales for the year have been down, over \$2500.00 from last year.

**Morning with Mom: Nancy Jones** reported that this event and Mr. Whitaker's Volunteer Recognition brunch be combined and renamed F.I.R.S.T., Fort Island Recognizes our Support Team, on May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are asked to attend.

**Redemption-Acme Receipts/Box Tops: Jennifer Matheos** reported that we earned \$359.67 from Acme receipts, an increase of \$61.37 from last year. **Kristine Fonte** reported that we have earned over \$1800 from Box Tops. If your child turns in 10 or more Box Tops, their name will be entered into a drawing to win Zoo tickets.

**Right to Read Week: Charlotte Woofter** reported that this week is Right to Read Week. There is a Reading Challenge for each classroom, each student is to read a book or read 1 chapter a day. When a class meets its goal, each student will receive a coupon for a FREE Chick-Fil-A sandwich. There is also a book donation drive, books will be donated to Barberton City Schools, Urban Vision, and Sunrise Assisted Living. Sandra Philipson, a children's author will also be visiting the school with her 2 dogs on March 12<sup>th</sup>. There is also a mystery reader each morning, the students are to fill out the entry slip with their guess and will be entered to win a cool T-shirt.

**SCRIP: Debbie Forster** asked that we consider SCRIP for our smaller gift card needs.

**School Board Representative: Debbie Forster** reported that Dec. Student of the Month was J.T. Forster. The Jan. Student of the Month was Austin Eck. Also, school uniforms are being considered.

**School Climate: Debbie Forster** reported that both movie nights went well. There were around 70 people that attended the K-2 night and about 40 people for the 3-4 night. Walking Club will start on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, volunteer flyers will be going out this week. There will be a map of the US with a "Reach the Beach" theme. Each grade will pick a beach they would like to walk to. There was a survey in the Teepee Talk about Family Fitness Day, we are trying to decide if it should continue and what the format should be.

**TV Turn Off Week: Charlotte Woofter** reported that they are looking for suggestions. This event begins April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Yearbook: Debbie Forster** reported that order forms have been sent out to students.

**Approval of Jan. and Feb. Minutes:** There was an error on the budget amount for the Jan. minutes, the correction will be made and we will approve them at the April meeting.

**Principal Report: Mr. Whitaker**

- Apology for missing Founder's Day
- Right to Read Week-Dog Week
- Sandra Philipson, children's author coming in
- Thank you to volunteers who helped with COSI
- Food Drive
- Kindergarten Registration
- Jared's Law Inspection-passed with minor problems
- Attendance letters went out-students getting close to the 15 day maximum
- FIRST breakfast-May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
- Book Bingo Night-Mrs. Cadnum

**President's Report: Debbie Forster**

**Thank You's:**

- Elyssa Hilton-Movie Nights
- Krsitine Fonte-Founder's Day & COSI

- Students-Posters for Black History Month
- Liz Timm-Treasury & Grant Writing
- Go Green Club
- K-Kids Club
- Conference dinners
- Jennifer Matheos-Acme Receipts

**Unfinished Business:** Vote of Bylaws/Standing Rules changes

A motion was made by Nancy Jones and seconded by Blair Lampner. All present voted for the change.

**New Business:** Presentation of 2009-2010 Slate of Officers

The slate of officers is as follows:

- President-Kristine Fonte
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Nancy Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Jill Royka-Kline
- Treasurer-Liz Timm
- Secretary-Meghan Gehring
- Corresponding Secretary-Jennifer Matheos
- Procedure Chair-Barb Varley
- Council Delegates-Laura Comstock & Blair Lampner
- Council Delegate Alternate-Valerie Wright

Ohio PTA Achievement Award-nominations and vote at the April meeting.

**Next Meeting is Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:03am.

Prepared by Meghan Gehring  
Recording Secretary