

**Fort Island PTA Minutes**  
**April 13, 2009**

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

**Report of Officers:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Kristine Fonte** reported that Staff Appreciation will be the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>. Forms are going out today for volunteers to attend an info. meeting on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. This year's theme is "That's Amore".

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Nancy Jones** reported that the canned food drive was a success. Over 500 items were collected and donated to Copley Outreach. 136 Entertainment books were distributed to students & staff.

**Treasurer: Liz Timm** reported the cash balance is \$16777.00.

**Recording Secretary: Meghan Gehring** asked attendees to look over March minutes for later approval.

**Corresponding Secretary: Liz Timm** read a thank you note from Elyssa Hilton.

**Procedure Chair: Sue Gigliotti** had nothing to report.

**Council Delegate: Elyssa Hilton** reported that the theme for next year's Reflection will be "Beauty Is..." and the theme for 2010-2011 will be "Together we can...". Dr. Saurer handed out copies of "How are our children" with statistics about health ins., reading, language facts from 2007 U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services. He also discussed homework & sports practices during break. OAT's will be given the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Poe thanked everyone for helping with Kindergarten Registration.

**Committee Reports:**

**After School Programs: Debbie Forster** reported that programs begin today, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Clubs are as follows: Science Club on Mondays, Zoo Club on Tuesday, Young Authors on Thursday, and Chess Club on Fridays.

**Character Traits: Linda Maynard** reported that a total of 225 students have been awarded traits so far this year.

**District Art Show: Julie Smith** reported the art show will take place Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm and all day on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in the multi-purpose room at the High School and refreshments will be provided. Art projects will be displayed at Fort Island after the art show.

**Family Fun Night: Debbie Forster** reported we made a profit of \$1369.00.

**Garden Club: Blair Lampner** reported the bushes have been removed and they are planning on making a butterfly, peace and herb garden around the flag pole area. They are hoping to do the planting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Go Green Club: Debbie Forster** reported there will be a guest speaker at their April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lisa Warner from Fairlawn Parks and Rec. will be talking to the students about worm composting. If anyone would like to collaborate on a campaign please contact Beth Britton @ 330-864-6983. Last meeting of the year will be at Crown Point Ecology Center in Bath on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Crayon recycling bin will be going out the last week of school. Beth also thanked the PTA for supporting Go Green.

**Hospitality: Debbie Forster** reported that they will be provided cookies for the Spring Music Program on May 7<sup>th</sup> and also providing refreshments for the Retirement reception on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**K-Kids: Blair Lampner** reported that the students made blankets & pillows and then gave them to children at Harvest Home. A special thank you went out to Nancy Jones for showing the students how to make the blankets and for sewing the pillows. K-Kids will be helping with the butterfly garden in May. Their June meeting they will be making books with the 1<sup>st</sup> graders. More parent support is needed in future meetings.

**Kindergarten Registration: Debbie Forster** reported that registration went well and was happy that the PTA was able to set up a display.

**Land Lab: Debbie Forster** reported that wood chips are being delivered from Asplundh.

**Market Day: Debbie Forster** reported that sales were up a little for the March sale.

**May Plant Sale: Debbie Forster** reported the sale will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Morning with Mom-F.I.R.S.T.:** Nancy Jones reported that forms are going out this week for attendees. There will be planters on each table with seed packets. Menu includes Einstein bagels, Starbuck's coffee, muffins, juice, cream cheese.

**Box Tops:** Kristine Fonte reported we made \$1347.10 this year. Joshua Wright won the March drawing and received 4 tickets to the zoo. The May drawing is for 4 tickets to Rinky Dink. Giant Eagle rewards program has ended, Ft. Island received 513 points total.

**Right to Read Week:** Debbie Forster reported that 1419 books were collected. 1072 went to Barberton City Schools, 95 went to Urban Vision, and 252 went to Sunrise Assisted Living.

**School Board Representative:** Debbie Forster reported the Student of the Month was Elena Neal. Adam Ben-Porath spoke about uniforms being enforced and said it would be a good idea but should not be forced on students. Board recognized the retirement of Mrs. Shepherd & Mrs. Worthington. Mr. Whitaker's contract was approved for another 2 years.

**School Climate:** Elyssa Hilton reported that movie nights are over and went well. There will not be a Family Fitness Day this year, no response from survey that was put in the Teepee Talk.

**School Picnic:** Debbie Forster reported the picnic will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm.

**SCRIP:** Jennifer Matheos reported that future dates have been set.

**TV/Technology Free Week:** Debbie Forster reported that flyers are going out this week. This year there will not be a poster contest, instead it will be a creative writing contest. The winners will receive a Barnes & Noble gift certificate. This event will take place April 24<sup>th</sup> -May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Yearbook:** Debbie Forster reported the yearbook is done and going to print. Yearbooks should be ready for distribution the end of May.

**Approval of March minutes:** minutes were approved by all present.

**Principal Report: Mr. Whitaker**

- OAT taking place the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten Registration went well
- Bushes have been removed along driveway
- Fire alarm problem has been fixed-faulty sensor
- Toilet issue-changes toilet paper and solved problem
- Thanks to volunteers who helped with Picture Day
- Art Show
- Child to Work Day-not recognized at Ft. Island
- Early Ohio Day-May 1<sup>st</sup> for 4<sup>th</sup> graders
- U of Akron percussion ensemble assembly will be held May 14<sup>th</sup>

**President's Report: Debbie Forster**

**Thank You's**

- Sherrie Jones-Kindergarten Registration
- Nancy Jones-Entertainment Books
- Picture Day volunteers
- Right to Read Week chairs
- Kathy Harbaugh/Katrina Houk-Family Fun Night
- Key Club

**Unfinished Business:** A motion was made by Kristine Fonte to approve the 2009-2010 Slate of Officers. A second motion was made by Liz Timm and was approved by all present. A motion was made by Liz Timm to nominate Mrs. Malick & Mr. Norman for the Ohio PTA Achievement Awards. A second motion was made by Elyssa Hilton and was approved by all present.

**New Business:** None at this time.

**Next Meeting is Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Prepared by Meghan Gehring  
Recording Secretary