

Dorothy Fox General PTA Meeting

Dorothy Fox Library

6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

PRESENT: See Attached Sign-in

Tammy Lochner (President) called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Laura Alley read the minutes from the September General Meeting (for Michelle Fitzgerald). Angela Fadlovich motioned the minutes be approved as read. Rhacelle Anderson seconds the motion. Motion approved.

FINANCIALS: Laura Alley (Treasurer)

- Direct Drive is currently at \$4, 300 this is half-way to our goal of \$7, 800
- Entertainment Books brought in \$4, 422.50
- Scrip currently shows a loss, but they recently replenished inventory. YTD profit from Scrip is \$713.45
- Carnival \$1, 800 profit. \$218 credit from inflatables company because we had issues with some of the equipment. Also we need to still pay Tim, the Janitor's, wages

•Lara Harker states she feels a \$10,000 inventory for Scrip is too high. She feels \$4-5,000 is much better. The major concern was our Financials are posted, and it would be easy for someone to see the \$10, 000 and make off with the Scrip inventory. She questioned what impact/recourse the PTA has if this happens. Laura Alley thinks our PTA insurance would cover the loss if stolen from the school. Lara Harker states she still feels this is too high of a risk, and the Scrip deposits should be timed differently and inventory lowered. Tammy states the issue will be brought up at the next Board meeting

MEMBERSHIP: Kim Schluter

- Membership is currently at 206
- Kim is working on Name tags. They should be ready in about a week
- Kim is also working on Thank You letters to go with the badges

COMMUNICATIONS: Lisa Algstom

- Anything that Committee Chairs, or anyone, would like Lisa to post to the weekly email/PTA website needs to be formatted in WORD
- These blurbs, and any Flyers, need to be sent to Lisa by Saturday 9 p.m.
- QLUBB website will now only have the Calendar of events. The PTA website (accessed from the Dorothy Fox website) will now have ALL Friday Folder Flyers

PRESIDENT: Tammy

- We all need to remember to CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESSES
- Tammy challenges everyone to try to get someone new to join PTA
- Field Trips are now a success due to the fact the PTA is funding the cost of the buses
- On the Entertainment Book sales. During the original sale, PTA got 50% of the profit. Currently any books we sell, we will now get 100% profit as the sale is done
- Paperless Communications. We currently have 200 people that would like paperless communication. It is Coming!!!! More news next month from Lisa on the progress
- Carnival was a HUGE success. Thank You Shannon, and committee
- Scrip--Catherine and Kristen are doing a great job, and are being very inventive

FUNDRAISING: Tammy presented for Sheri

•Sally Foster catalog sale starts Friday October 16. Also Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough sale will start the same day. Remember everything in the Sally Foster catalog is \$20 or under

\*\*Ms Sork asks that the PTA be willing to help in the mornings to hand out the incentive prizes the students will earn during the catalog sale. She feels it is too much for Ms. Duley, as mornings are overly hectic. Angela (Volunteer Coordinator) will work on getting volunteers\*\*

SPIRITWEAR Tammy presented for Anna

•Sales are going well. Anna has a new display on the PTA Bulletin Board. Anna has asked to replenish stock on hand. Tammy states for now we're holding off

RETAIL REVENUE: Heather Reeves

- Heather asked, Do those in attendance think we should try the BoxTop incentive. Explained the incentive is for everyone who joins the BoxTop website, we get 5 Bonus Boxtops. Those in attendance felt it was worth putting a blurb in the weekly email and letting the members decide if they wanted to pursue
- BoxTops contest goes until the end of November. Heather wants to send out a batch of collected tops early to take advantage of the first payout date of December 1

\*\*Ms Sork sent a shout out to the Carnival committee for an outstanding job

DINNERS OUT: Catherine

•Catherine states that Panda Express prefers we not use Scrip on the Dinners Out night (Wednesday October, 14). This is due to the fact Scrip yields 10% for the school, and the Dinners out yields 20%. When combined it is 30% and that is too large. However she doesn't think people will be turned away

OLD BUSINESS: Tammy

•Next Month the hope is to have a paperless newsletter as a test to the new Paperless Communications. By November there will be further testing of the conversion and the hope is Paperless Communications will be up and running by January

•Lisa Algstom states she spoke to the Camas Library and they told her the upstairs room at the Library need only be reserved, there is no cost associated with it. This may be a good idea if we wish to have a Fox Movie Night, or a night where the kids can come and share stories

•Jodie Beck brought up Kiggins Matinees. For \$7 your family can see 10 movies. Fox can get \$3 of this. Jodie asked if she should have the flyer posted on the weekly email. Those in attendance felt it was a great idea.

•LAp Reading. Ms Sork and Julie Walker, LAp Specialist, ask that the PTA help by having volunteers that would be willing to have the kids read to them. Contact Ms. Walker if interested

STANDING RULES: Tammy

- Standing Rules need to be approved. See attached for proposed changes/amendments
- Angela Fadlovich moves that the Communications position be a permanent Board position. PTA Board would then be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, Membership, Fundraising and Communications/webmaster. Catherine Bush seconds. Motion approved.
- Jodie Beck motions to ammend rule #15. She moves the line "...extensions be granted for one year only..." be removed. Catherine Bush seconds. Motion approved
- Angela Fadlovich motions rule #15 be further ammended by rewording "...have all Committee Chairs in place by August 30th..." To instead read "ideally have all Committee Chairs in place by August 30th". Rhacelle Anderson seconds. Motion approved.
- Angela Fadlovich motions, when possible, a portion of the last year of a Chairpersons term be spent mentoring the incoming Chairperson. Catherine Bush seconds. Motion passes
- A Board of Directors and an Executive Board quorum is a majority of those currently serving on the board--50%+ 1.

With the aforementioned amendments, Jodie Beck motions to approve the standing orders for 2009-2010 school year. Catherine Bush seconds. Motion approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Tammy

Tammy states she would like to see the Nominating Committee in place for next year. Mary Ford Volunteers to join. This puts the Committee as Jodie Beck, Kim Schluter, Leslie King, Rhacelle Anderson, Lisa Haase, and Mary Ford

MEETING TIME CHANGE Tammy

Tammy asked those present if they felt it would be best to change the meeting time? There were mixed views on the topic. Discussion tabled until next meeting

MS SORK

- CEF Auction. The highlight this year was a "Flat Cash Donation" option. \$11,000 was raised for SpEd equipment
- Mini grants are how Fox can get CEF monies. Anyone is allowed to apply on the schools behalf. Deadline for submission is January with awards coming in February. Grant forms are easy.
- District has now added back the Elementary Tech positions at 4 hrs per day. Everyone cut from these positions took them back
- Levy Meetings will be starting soon. Expectation at this point is it will be a replacement Levy. We only need 50% of the votes to pass!!
- Ms Sork asked those in attendance if they felt that it would be acceptable to add an explanation of the new Math curriculum on Reflections night? She stated a concern would be that it is also traditionally used as a Specialist night as well. All in attendance felt it was better to have the Reflections, specialists and curriculum all together
- Ms Sork would like to begin a monthly email that would be a Q & A format. Asks those in attendance what should the first three questions be? Suggestions were "What can I do to help the school? What is the proposed construction schedule?" Ms Sork asks that suggestions be emailed to her.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.