



STEVENS FOREST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA
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PTA General Meeting- 2/3/16

Quiana Holmes called meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the media center.

Board Members present:

President - Quiana Holmes
Vice President for Membership – Lena Kennedy
Vice President for Fundraising – Vacant
Vice President for Programs – Krista Threefoot
Recording Secretary - Daphne Harrington
Corresponding Secretary - Jonathan Edelson
Treasurer – Jessie Patterson
PTACHC Delegate – Jacqueline Jacobs

Board Members absent:

PTACHC Delegate – Reg Avery

General Membership Present:

See attached sheet.

It is established we have a quorum

Reading and approval of the Meeting Minutes: 1/6/16

Reading and approval of the meeting agenda:

1. Motion to approve the agenda
2. Vote: approved the agenda

Treasurer's Report: Jessie Patterson

\$15,128.52 – more money came in for the Books for Bobcats – up to \$865.60

Money came in for the first submission of boxtops – over \$645.04 were raised

Question about if money came in yet from Verizon for the volunteer hours for Matt Threefoot – not yet

Hospitality: Tawania Williams

Bob Evans in Columbia will give 20% off but can't give a total yet until tomorrow when the food exchange is done

VP of Membership: Lena Kennedy

Updated Member Total 133 total

Incentive for staff after the holidays only got 2 new members, Mrs. Albright wants to find out why teachers aren't joining. She will be trying another incentive for February
Discussion about whether we should try incentives for general membership and what membership does for the PTA. There is also discussion about changing fees, and also whether having an on-line payment system would help people join quicker. For instance, we could increase membership dues to pay on-line. \$4.75 of the \$10 membership fee goes towards National PTA, the other \$5.25 goes towards SFES PTA.

VP of Programs: Krista Threefoot

Family Bingo Night – March 18th

Krista is setting up with Brigitta Warren at the Other Barn

Buying gifts for the bingo games – \$1 per bingo card

Raffle for Girls on the Run last year, this year we could do raffle for Battle of the Books

Students made cupcakes for sale last year – so we could do refreshments for sale

Should we do the Vennari's pizza night again as well to tie that together? The decision is made to contact Vennari's to make arrangements for that.

We have 6 students in the Reflection program who have moved up to the state competition

Michele Threefoot for photography

Robin Holmes for photography

Penelope Kennedy for Music

Lauryn Barr for visual arts

Thomas Anderson for film

Shayla Herron for film

Marilou Art Grant – a desire for after school art programs at our school, so Krista is working with Mrs. Malihom to try to figure out a program

Mrs. Malihom wants to pursue an arts and education grant, which is what we received to make the mural last year.

Spring International Day, May 14th – different groups take care of different aspects of the event
The PTA's role is to get volunteers for the day of the event – something will be done during the week leading up to that event

Corresponding Secretary: Jonathan Edelson

- School Directory
 - Should be printed this week
- Website
 - Updated with new news, new officers
 - ~64 unique visitors per week with ~164 page views

- Auction page will open soon with lists of auction items and other information
- Facebook
 - 145 page likes (5 new in Jan. '16), 83% women, 17% men
 - Recent peak reach – 261 (Mr. Johnson clearing snow)
 - Reach – 71% women, 29% men, 99% U.S., >1% China, Honduras, New Zealand
- E-mail
 - Updated membership list from new Family File extract – up to 446 e-mail subscribers
 - 18 bad addresses, 3 opt-outs
 - First News & Notes to expanded list went to 425 recipients
 - 138 confirmed views (32.5%), 270 delivered without confirmation of view (63.5%), 17 failed to deliver (4%)
 - Please provide content for News & Notes by Wednesday of each week
- Newsletter
 - Moved to second week of month so it follows the meeting and can include any items of importance discussed during the meeting
 - Needs content by the first Friday of each month

Jon needs to put something in the Newsletter so if have anything, give to Jon

New Business/Member Comments

Recess and Lunch concerns – issues with Wellness policy – need to have 30 minutes of unstructured recess – lap is questionable, as well as seating policy at lunch
 Propose a survey – should we send out a survey asking about opinions on recess policies and lunch policies

PTACHC Delegates: Jacqueline Jacobs

Bring Your Own Device – gave out summary of the bring your own device proposal

Committee Chair Reports:

Dinner & Auction: Daphne Harrington & Jonathan Edelson – very short update of what was going on with the auction and discussion of donation suggestions

Meeting is adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Feb 4 – ½ Day; **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Feb 5 – School Closed; **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Feb 8 – School Closed

Feb 11 – Board of Education Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm

Feb 15 – President's Day, School Closed

Feb 22 – Burger King Night 5:00-9:00pm

Feb 25 – Board of Education Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm

Feb 29 – Kindergarten and New First Grade Registration