

FES PTA Regular Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2014

Executive Committee/ Board Members present: Emily Phillips, Nancy Downie, Nikki VonDenBosch and Tania Alexander

Sign In Sheet Attached with 11 General Members and 5 prospective members.

The second meeting for the 2014-2015 school year of the FES PTA *General Membership Meeting* was called to order by President, Emily Phillips, at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 6th. The meeting was held in the Media Center. Childcare was provided by CRHS Teacher's Academy students in the gym.

The September 12, 2014 General Membership minutes were read and approved as presented.

The Treasurer, Nancy Downie, reported that since the last meeting there have been \$476.00 in Total Receipts and \$1,152.67 in Total Disbursements leaving this PTA with an account Balance of \$1,873.86 as of *October 5, 2014*.

Fundraiser

Guest, Mrs. Lisa Schmitt, attended the meeting to present the Celebrating Home fundraiser, set to kick off school wide the next day, Tuesday, October 7th through Thursday, October 23, 2014. Mrs. Schmitt shared a wide sampling of the items for sale and explained that the class with the largest number of sales would receive a Pizza Party from her. Also, the 5 highest sellers for the school will receive personalized bags. Emily Phillips added that all students who participate in any amount will be given \$5 to use at the November Scholastic Book Fair.

Old Business

Results of the Membership Drive held at the beginning of the school year were given by Emily Phillips. As of this meeting there were 90 members total. 93% of the FES staff has joined at this time. 78% of the teachers and 58% of Administration and other staff members. There was a tie for the classroom with the highest percentage of PTA memberships between Mrs. Amy Riley's Kindergarten class and Mrs. Kelly Carels' Third grade class, with 38%. Both classes will receive a free ice cream treat during their lunch times in the cafeteria later this week.

A report of September's activities were given. They included: a dedicated Membership Drive (Treats for Teachers, Donuts for Dads, Goodies for Grandparents & Muffins for Moms); the first General Membership meeting; the purchase and planting of mums by the school sign; participation in the Habitat for Humanity 5K Race in Denton by 9 staff, 3 staff children and 3 school teacher friends from other schools; a Homecoming float; and the selling of Snow Cones at the Homecoming Fall Fest.

Towers' Signs of Seaford, DE has been contracted to construct and install a 1" x 8" addition to the top of the existing FES sign in the front yard, which will advertise the school's website.

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The six goals for this year that the Board of Directors set over the summer were shared again. They are: Increased Membership, Promoting Wellness, Offering Increased Family Activities, Supporting PBIS Activities, Fundraising and Showing support for Teachers, Staff & Students.

New Business

Nancy Downie presented the idea of the PTA hosting a Holiday Family Picture event. The PTA nor FES would reap any profits from the sale of picture packages, however she suggested that we would sell refreshments and offer free craft activities. The idea was discussed and there being no negatives suggested a committee will be formed to plan the event for November.

Jennifer Shoemaker shared that the PTA would be working in conjunction with the FES Wellness Committee to offer a Family Fitness Night in January and anyone wanting to help with the plans should feel free to join that PTA committee.

Other Sub Committees presented for membership were: Sunshine, Morning Announcement Humor, PBIS Pumpkin Decorating on Wednesday, October 29th from 3:00 -3:30 p.m., Family Movie Night on Friday, November 7th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Topics for next meeting will include the Holiday Picture Report, Family Fitness Night date and plans for the Christmas Parade float.

The next meeting of the FES PTA General Membership is set for Friday, November 7th from 6 -6:30 p.m. immediately preceding the PTA Family Movie Night.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Emily Phillips, at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Phillips

President (in the absence of Secretary, Amy Smith, who was ill)

Approval pending next meeting.

Approved November 7, 2014.