

MINUTES OF September 15, 2009

PRESENT: Anne Charney, Robert Charney, Michael Engel, Ann Easley Bishop, Kerri Glickman, Martie St. Paul, Barbara Clark, Angela PENCHANSKY, Amy Shimoda, Suzan Glickman, Kimberly Hall, Melissa Lane, Juliet Conroy, Anne Finestone, Franny Faul, Deborah DeLa Cruz, Scott Malsin, James Slarlim, Colleen Malone-Engle, James Yankopoulos, Katherine S., Zobra Ward, Marilyn Staine, Christine Ramsey, Kerby Caudill, Jennifer Mann, Bonnie Farag, Dawn Revel, Aaron Revel, Jonas Basom, Susy Porter, Lillian Morris, Gitty Amini-Treanor, Pamela G. Jackson, Bonnie Wacker, Christine Johnson, Ave Jacinto, Harold Shin, Nancy Shin, Bridget VanSlyke, Faye Garrett, Nelson Gonzalez, Gloria Jacob, Terry Delegeane.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:27 pm at the Farragut Library, President Michael Engel, presiding.

Item 1. Welcome PTA/ Since 1948!

Michael - welcomed everyone back and gave a brief explanation of the PTA, and the primary mission is to bring programs to all. Michael attended a meeting last week with other PTA presidents. Farragut has been a member since August 1948, and we now have the charter certificate. The fact that you're here is really great, said Michael, don't become discouraged and not come back. Get on the yahoo group –also, you can always email Michael.

Item 2. Secretary's Report

Michael Engel presented the minutes from the August 18th meeting. A motion was made by Ann to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded and entered into the record.

Item 3. Adoption of Proposed 2009/2010 Budget

The proposed budget was sent last week, and copies are here tonight. The only change made was clarification of allocation of membership dues to council of \$3.85 per member. Michael mentioned the budget committee met during summer, and reminded everyone this was a budget proposal only – It will depend on how well we do with fund raising before we have a better idea. Bonnie made motion to adopt proposed 2009/10 budget. The motion was seconded and the proposed budget was adopted.

Item 4. Treasurer's Report

a) Aug-Sept. are included in the hand out.

b) #2376- 2383 amt \$3147.08 - some were expenses paid for last year.

c) \$500 budgeted for back to school picnic and the check was for \$750 – however, since the fan club pays half, we are actually under budget. Steve made motion to approve the report, the motion was seconded and approved.

-----Item 5 Principal's Report

a) First of all thank you to all of the parents for all that you've done to enrich our schools- the back to school pizza party was well received!

b) We were officially allowed to have the children watch Obama's address. They took with them the

message of how important education is, and this message seemed truly bipartisan. It encouraged children to try hard – and be encouraged to study.

c) The API formal release was today - API is state academic performance index - target is expectations that every school hits 800. (max is 1000). only 40% schools are currently hitting that. our API is 858 which is great. Last year was 838. With the consistency of academics - it really can make a difference. The federal govt. (set target system...) 2008 was all students past year 2009 46% - we have met all targets. Not just overall, looking at variables - disabilities, English language learners... we are very proud of our scores this evening. CST - calif state testing....only applies to public schools.

d) The district has anti bullying task force. Our district, all teachers and personnel will be trained on how to deal with bullying. They will partake in any procedures and strategies... with cyber - bullying. There is a law that schools can become involved if this happens - will have training for our staff. Even the principal of the school is required to sign a document that goes to the state dept. mandates instructional minutes that are owed to them.

Item 6. Teacher's Report - n/a

Dawn Revel was here tonight as a parent, not doing a report now.... Michael thanked her.

Item 7. President's Report - Michael

a). PTA membership - Katherine is our coordinator - we have 225 people so far - our goal is 300 members this year. If you are a PTA member for a child in middle school, for your vote to count here - you need to sign up here.

b). PTA has endorsed measure EE – Although we cannot endorse candidates, we can endorse the cause – With regards to the \$96 parcel tax. There is an exemption for seniors - none of the \$\$ raised goes towards salaries – This is to maintain advanced math science, and technology, to retain the quality of our programs... due to the 6 million in cuts that already happened over last 2 years...if measure EE doesn't go through - it will hit heavy. None of the \$\$ goes to Sacramento, it is all locally funded. Bonnie requested volunteers to help distribute the EE pamphlet - Terry added 3 new seats for the school board as well - and these people will help decide ... we need you to get out and vote. Go on the site to check more out.

c) Volunteer welcome committee at back at school.

Item 8. Committee Chair Reports

a) GIFT WRAP –Nothing to report yet

b) BOOK FAIR - Please come to the book fair.

c) FALL FESTIVAL – We are trying to set up a meeting, however in meantime, there are 15 sub committee's, all covered but we need volunteers to help sign up to take over once others leave. We have entertainment - maybe high school band.

d) BEAUTIFICATION – during this month, 20% will go to the 5th grade school by going to Menchies Yogurt. The new 3rd-5th grade program (new in the garden) -- growing great. It is 5x year and a great new program. It is funded by downtown Culver City- for the 1st year, and we would like a parent volunteer to help facilitate - and to train for the future....

Paula Clarkson – The coordinator for El Rincon's program 'growing great' spoke. This 3rd year doing

the program. The cost is approx. \$1300 per year, though Farragut is being gifted the program this year by donation. There are 5 lessons, and the children love it - lessons are scripted and do not require prior knowledge of nutrition... It is not about cramming information down the kids' throats. For example, she mentioned the harvest of the month (decided by the Culver City Farmer's Market and a surprise to the kids). A lesson example was whole grain.... educate them on why you don't want to take the germ out. Label busting is another lesson, and it is all about getting the kids to make better choices. The lessons are about 45 minutes.

Item 9. Old Business

n/a

Item 10. New Business

- a) We were cited over the summer for how we were storing things - district told us that we needed proper storage. To resolve the issue, we will add a permanent shed on the field. We will not be able to make a motion until the district approves the idea of a shed.
- b) Every year there is a parent guide – containing a list of everything and contacts. Should go in backpacks by 1st week of October.
- c) family movie night coming up - Oct. 9th. Please email with any movie suggestions/ideas. Ms. Carroll makes the final choice
- d) Bridget made an announcement that it's the reflections time of year.... new flyer to explain what it is, etc. will be coming home with the children soon.

Item 11. Announcements and Upcoming Events

Item 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM

Devrha Warren

Recording Secretary