

FARRAGUT PTA MEETING

MINUTES OF October 19, 2009

PRESENT: Anne Charney, Michael Engel, Ann Easley Bishop, Kerri Glickman, Martie St. Paul, Barbara Clark, Angela PENCHANSKY, Amy Shimoda, Suzan Glickman, Kimberly Hall, Anne Finestone, Deborah DeLa Cruz, James Yankopoulos, Hunter Yankopoulos, Wiley Yankopoulos, Zobra Ward, Kerby Caudill, Jennifer Mann, Dawn Revel, Jonas Basom, Susy Porter, Nancy Shin, Bridget VanSlyke, Kathleen McKernin, Brian Kasch, Steve Levin, Youngsook Johnson, Kristen Walker, Gianna Gray, Estella Villanueva, Jodie L. Wilson, Karla Meeks, Susan Obrow, Dina Wahlert.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm at the Farragut Library, President Michael Engel, presiding.

Item 1. Thank Yous Received.

Michael started the meeting with some 'Thank You' notes. Patty Eskridge 1st grade teacher. Another from 3rd grade teacher - Ms. Morgan. We were able to provide each teacher with a \$100.00 voucher.

Excused Absences

1) Terry Delegeane

2) Frannie Faull

Item 2. Secretary's Report – Minutes from September 15, 2009 meeting.

Michael Engel presented the minutes from the September 15, 2009 meeting. He announced the minutes no longer needed a motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Item 3. Treasurer's Report - October

a) The balance on hand October 1, 2009 was \$23,547.61; the total receipts were \$31,857.16; the total disbursements were \$4,411.52; the balance on hand October 20, 2009 was \$50,993.25.

MOTION: ANN EASLEY BISHOP MOVED TO RATIFY BILLS PAID BY CHECKS #2384- 2398 FOR A TOTAL OF \$4411.52. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND ADOPTED.

b) As you can see we made some nice deposits. We did great on the Innesbrook gift-wrap sale, \$21,482.77 - great amount!! Our book fair did great too! We have \$11,000 to purchase books.

Item 4. Principal's Report

a) Began with thanking everyone for such a wonderful book fair.

b) 4th grade students are getting ready for the LA opera presentations. For now, they are scheduled to have 2 performances. Oct. 27th Ms. Connor's class will do the Opera, and October 29th Ms. Tsubakiyama and Ms. Fredal's class will perform. Times TBA - likely 9am for the first performance.

c) The chess club is starting up and the man leading it is amazing!

d) Our annual Halloween parade is coming up on Oct. 30th and it should be lots of fun, parents are invited. The parade will be first thing in the morning.

e) As part of anti-bullying campaign, our 5th grade students will be taking an online survey. Permission slips will go out.

f) The data system Galileo survey is going well - children will be taking 1st bench marks in December – It is a great predictor of how children will do on CST. When teachers get data back they can see how students did as a group and individually.

g) A grant to get all 4th and 5th grade teachers to get LCD players is being written. Based on the \$1000-5000 range given last time, she decided to ask for \$6500. The goal is to be able to each time, do another grant - to do 3rd grade , then 2nd - document cameras as well as LCD players.

h) She introduced Pearson Learning - she has worked with them over the years and felt they had excellent educational software. In day to day instruction, a teacher has about a minute for each child. This software can push that up to 15 minutes per day, making it possible to really cater to each student.

Item 5. Rick Lippert from Pearson Learning re: Waterford and Success Maker software

a) A detailed presentation was made regarding the software. It goes from K-8th grade, and is designed as individualized instruction at a child's specific level.

Item 6. Teacher's Report - none

Item 7. President's Report – Red Ribbon Week

a) Michael discussed the meaning of red ribbon week and how it focuses on making healthy choices.

Item 8. Committee Chair Reports

a) GIFT WRAP – Did very well!

b) FALL FESTIVAL – We could use more help with the haunted house.

c) REFLECTIONS – Had a great workshop on Friday. Bridget mentioned this Friday would be Literature for grades 3-5.

d) BEAUTIFICATION – The dedication bench for Barbara brown has been completed, and Barbara Clark will place it in the school garden.

e) 5TH GRADE ACTIVITIES – A special thank you to last year's gift, a popcorn maker from the 5th grade. We will also have a new storage bin that will be used solely for fall festival content. Ann Bishop thanked everyone for their generous purchases and announced the Chico bag sale was going well. The "Growing Great" 3-5th grade program was terrific.

Item 9. Old Business - none

n/a

Item 10. New Business - none

Item 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM

Devrha Warren

