

Fremont PTA Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2011, 7pm

In Attendance – Shawn Perreault, Jennifer Rydeen, Michele Colman, Antje McKee-Courcy, Cathy Herrmann, Jennifer Brown, Tammy Bond, Sue Hinckley, Camilla Fraize, Vicky Nelson, Mellisa Copp.

April's Minutes were not received by everyone due to some problems with the Just Between Friends program. They will be approved at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report was presented. The total deposits were \$19,921.23 (Yankee Candle Fundraiser, After School workshops, membership, bookfair, Exeter night, Hannaford Helps Schools,). The total expenses were \$9,041.10 (Greenhouse project, Sam's club membership, Ball in the House CDs, Yankee Candle, Book Fair, Granite State Zoo). The ending balance as of 4/30/11 is \$32,650.46.

Bylaw Amendment – Our bylaws state that an officer cannot hold any one position for more than 2 consecutive years. In the event that a board member has served their term, and there is no one interested in stepping into the position, it would be a good idea to cover ourselves with a change to bylaws that states "A person shall not be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office." **Adding the following " This requirement can be overruled by a 2/3 vote of the membership if deemed in the best interest of the PTA"**. This amendment will be voted on at the next meeting as bylaw changes need a 30 day notice.

Mini Grants – There are none to consider at this time.

Spring Fundraiser – Shawn reported that the final numbers for the Yankee Candle Fundraiser were as follows:

2011 (Spring Fundraiser)

Total Sales – 13,199.00

Yankee Invoice – (7,729.94)
(133.80)

Total Profit – 5,335.26

2010 (Spring Fundraiser)

Total Sales – 13,109.00

Yankee Invoice – (7,812.79)

Total Profit – 5,296.21

Fall Fundraiser – Shawn brought forward the possibility of using Yankee Candle for the Fall Fundraiser instead of Meadow Farms this year and then do something different in the Spring. Also brought up was Genevieve's Fundraising. There was concern over the wide array of items

that Meadow Farms sells (sports themed, magazines, baking mixes, etc..) that can cater to more people; would another program offer the same variety? It was mentioned that we do have extra cushion in the budget this year so if it doesn't do as well as Meadow Farms we would still be covered; there would still be concern about the 6th – 8th graders who depend on their personal sales for their class trips. It was decided to send out a feeler e-mail to see what the membership would like to see.

After School Programs – The first in the series, Granite State Zoo was a great success! 70 kids were in attendance and they seemed to really enjoy the show. The next one is Curious Critters tomorrow, Friday May 6th.

Spring Book Fair Wrap Up – This was the buy one get one free sale and is never a money maker, but we do earn Scholastic dollars (139 earned this year) that are given to Jodi Antoine for the library. Tammy reported that there were fewer volunteers this time around, she'd love to see more help as it was very hectic! Family night had a great turnout. She said that the clipboards for the wishlists worked out fine, but that is helpful to have the books out. Tammy praised Jodi Antoine for being such an invaluable resource, and for all her help to make the Book Fairs successful!

Gift Card Program – Jen is going to add to the vendor list this time around, some grocery stores, and travel. She will be sure to clearly state on the forms that the PTA gets a percentage of the sales. The sales will run from the 13th through the 20th, orders will be placed by the 25th.

Target Grants – They've been submitted, specifically requesting for the After School Programs.

Movie Nights – Cammie brought forth the possibility of hosting PTA movie nights. We would need to purchase a copyright license in order to do this. The school doesn't currently hold a copyright license, but does show movies in the classroom so it would probably be a nice idea to buy the license for the school so that they are covered, with the added bonus that we could use it for movie nights. She received information on a one time license that was \$70.00 but would only cover one movie night. She contacted the license company and was quoted a price of \$400.00 for the year and would cover unlimited events. It was decided that, when the budget is put together for the upcoming year to work it into the budget and purchase the license starting in September to be able to get the most use out of it (a full year versus losing some time over the summer).

Field Day – The next meeting is Wednesday May 11th at 6:30. T-shirt order forms will go home tomorrow. The Storyteller will be brought in to entertain the K&1 when they return to the school.

Father/Daughter Dance – This is the 6th annual Father/Daughter dance. The theme this year is a HoeDown! It will be held on June 4th from 6:30 to 9:00pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the school, or CK Scoops Ice Cream Shop. They have secured Pam the D.J., and Allie Burke for photography. There will be lots of raffles and will be looking for donations for them, and for food, and decorations. There will be invites extended to other town pre-schools/kindergartens. There is a \$1000.00 budget for this event and the committee is; Mellisa Copp, Vicki Nelson, Sandi Donigian, Megan Chiacchia, and Laura LaChappelle.

Nominations – The following nominations were made at this meeting. Voting occurs at the June meeting.

Jenn Brown is stepping down as Treasurer.

President – Shawn Perreault

Vice – President – Jen Rydeen

Other Business –

Mother/Son Day – Bowling was too expensive to make work. Laser Tag didn't work for all age groups pre-K through 5th grade. The suggestion of Mini Golf looks like it might be a winner! Shawn contacted Captains Cove Adventure Golf in Hampton and was given the following options:

1. Just golf - \$5.00 per player.
2. Golf + ice cream - \$7.00 per player.
3. Golf, pizza and drinks - \$7.50 per player.
4. Golf, pizza, drinks and ice cream - \$9.00 per player.

We must have more than 10 players. It was decided to just go for the golf and let people decide separately on food purchases.

Our next meeting is Thursday June 2nd at 7pm in the Fremont Public Library.