

## Fremont PTA Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 3, 2011 – 7pm

**In Attendance** – Jennifer Rydeen, Shawn Perreault, Antje McKee-Courcy, Doug Totten, Sue Hinckley, Beth Swanson, Jennifer Brown, Nicole Szymkowski, Brittany Thompson, Sarah O'Connor, Tammy Bond, Lia Sprague, Camilla Fraize.

**October's Minutes** were approved

**Treasurer's Report** – Beginning Balance as of 10/1/11 was \$25,058.77. Total Deposits were \$14,985.82 (Fall Fundraiser, membership dues). Total Expenses were \$1,388.05 (math facts supplies, Insurance, Convention registration, Mrs. Coyle's mini grant, membership dues)

**Fall Fundraiser** – Orders came in today. The total sales were \$14,764.89. Genevieve's invoice was \$7,417.03. The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade profits were \$2,168.23. The total profit to the PTA was \$5,179.63.

**Volunteer Tea** – Went over well! Shawn is meeting with one more person; overall this worked well!

**10 for 10** – Reminder about the 10 for 10 event with Exeter Merchants on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the flyer went home in the October newsletter, and will be going out again in blast form soon.

**Mini Grants** – We have exhausted our funds for Mini Grants at this time. Shawn put up a notice informing teachers/staff, but explained that they can still submit applications, and if we have the funds to replenish the mini grants in January, we will take them in the order they were submitted. We have received an application from Mr. Brown.

- Mr. Hermann – The Mantis Tiller has arrived!
- Mrs. Coyle's listening caddy came in and is a great size!
- Mrs. Eichen's Cuisenaire rods have been ordered.
- Mrs. Jackson was able to find a better deal on her Kettlebells. She was approved for \$157.64 at our October meeting which was the cost for 2 Kettlebells with shipping. She was able to find them for \$39.99 each at Dicks Sporting Goods for a total cost of \$79.98. This is a savings of \$77.66!
- Mrs. Gobeil is contacting the company about the workshop she is bringing in. She will be inviting the other 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes as well.
- Mrs. South had requested at our October meeting the amount of \$228.38. We had approved only up to \$228.00 because we had exhausted our funds. Antje was able to find the order cheaper, at \$203.00 so we were able to cover her entire order!

**Gift Cards** – Orders are due back tomorrow, and goes in next week. There will be another run of the program the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December.

**Book Fair** – There is one more day left of the Book Fair. Brittany has shadowed Tammy, and will be co-chair in the spring. Family night was successful, and worked well with having the after school program the same day. Tammy reports that we have sold approximately \$5,500.00 and expects about \$1,000.00 more before the end. One for Books was better this year; we collected about \$33.00 this year as opposed to a total of \$15.00 last year. She said letting elementary school students wear pajamas and middle school students to wear hats to school for a quarter to school was successful with the elementary grades, but not so much with the middle schoolers. Tammy reports that she's been re-ordering lots of books and has had a great volunteer response this year! There will be 22 posters given away in the "guess the number of pages" in the foil wrapped books contest.

**Reading Night** – The Shel Silverstein Family Reading Night was a success! Cammie reports that the crowd was quite a bit younger than she expected; she was worried about having enough activities that would interest the older kids, but it turned out the group was mostly K-2 grade anyways. We had some poetry readings, as well as reading of *The Giving Tree* and *A Giraffe and a Half*, an activity table, and a book swap. The book swap was a great success, and we were left with a number of books to bring along to the next event. The kids seemed to have a good time and even though the activities may have been a little older for them, they didn't seem to mind coloring in the cryptogram and word finds! Special thanks to our three readers; Kathy St. Germaine, Martha Abney, and Cathy Herrmann!

**State Convention** – The entire board will be attending State Convention this year! We just found out that our own Jenn Brown will be awarded PTA State Member of the year! We are so proud!!

**Lowe's Grant** – Jen reported that Mr. Hermann has been speaking with Revision Energy about affordable options for solar heating in the greenhouse.

**BoxTops and Movie Night** – Cammie reports that the BoxTops have been counted and the latest submission was \$404.50. The check that will be cut on 12/15 will be at least \$1,948.20 and will be the most ever earned in one check!! The classroom that collected the most BoxTops was Mrs. Whitehouse, so they will be choosing the first movie night movie! We need to come up with 3 options for them to choose from. It was agreed that since Kindergarteners are included in the certificates we are giving away for a free movie snack to all students who turned in a collection sheet in the Summer BoxTops challenge that the options should be rated G. Cammie did some research and found three movies that are rated G, and are fairly recently released; *Gnomeo and Juliet*, *Cars 2*, and *Rio*. Everyone agreed these would be decent choices so she will contact Mrs. Whitehouse.

**Artist in Residence** – These need to be booked in advance, so we should start thinking about it. We'll be looking for ideas at convention and anyone who has any ideas please bring them to the December meeting! Someone mentioned Amazing Hero Art as a suggestion. Rob Surette is a painter who will paint a large canvas to music, and charges \$1,900.00 for one single school day performance. Sounds very interesting and we'll add it to the list!

## **Other Business –**

- After School Program – Jenn Brown reports that the first one of the year was a success! We had Mad Science come in again, but with a different program called “Fire and Ice” this time. She said that the program was good, but the leader seemed a little inexperienced with keeping the kids focused, unlike the gentleman who presented last years’ program. Overall though, it was a good time!
- Math Facts – Shawn had to buy a few items for the program including pouches for the cards and tabs for the student’s names. She still needs to purchase 4 binders. So far these items have been going under supplies for our budget. Being that the PTA has taken over this program, should we make this a line item in the budget? We shouldn’t need to spend as much next year as was spent this year, the cost would be minimal, so it was decided not to make it a line item. If you are interested in participating in the Math Facts program, please contact your teacher.
- Our next meeting will be Thursday December 1, 2011 at 7pm in the Fremont Public Library Community Room.