



**PTA General Meeting
March 4, 1010**

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Attendance: Cassie Eatmon, Debbie Leo, Jennie Bush, Tricia Monroe, Carole Gunn, Teresa Hicks, Jason Pannutti, Terri McClain, Andrea Jacobs, Barb Castro, Sally Richmond

December & January General Meetings presented and accepted.

Treasurers Report:

Current Balance = \$28561.68

Deposits of note: \$5850 Chess Club (Payment in the same amount to Silver Knights), \$5040.00 Yearbook,

Payments of note: \$7920 FCPS for Mobile Lab (technology budget), \$2047.50 for School Assemblies, \$4899 for Yearbook deposit

Old Business

- **Dr. Hicks** - school plans for making up lost instructional time due to snow will be to utilize the Viking Voyage. Dr. Hicks presented a thank you card from the teachers to the PTA & Melissa McKee for the Soup & Salad lunch. Dr. Hicks also discussed a letter to the editor of the Centerview in which she thanked the community for all of their hard work with snow removal around the school.
- **FCPS Budget** (Cassie Eatmon) – Much of the Budget is still in play. Decisions are still being made as to how much of the State money will come to Fairfax County. From there, the Board of Supervisors decides how much come to FCPS. As of now, the plan is for the budget to remain the same. Although, this will still be an operating loss due to increases in enrollment. Unlike Montgomery County, where Maryland law requires funding for each student at a certain rate, Fairfax does not get funding based on student enrollment. There is a proposal to cut the budget by 1%. March 9th the Board of Supervisors meets to set the tax rate for county property tax. We encourage all parents to stay informed. Visit the County website. Contact our Board of Supervisors member, Micheal Frey. Results of Budget may be: continued increase in class size (which will affect lower grades which have stayed smaller so far), loss of full day kindergarten, loss of strings & band, & decreases in staff.
- **SW Regional Planning Committee** (Cassie Eatmon) – 27 Elementary Schools are represented. Focus on overcrowding issues at some schools and status of Clifton Elementary. Final report will be submitted at the end of the month. Community meetings will be scheduled. Topics of concern: possible relocation of Advanced Academic Center, and possible programs moving to Virginia Run.

New Business

- **VR PTA Budget Process** (Cassie Eatmon) PTA would like to have the 2010-2011 budget in place before summer. With the current system of presenting and approving a budget in the fall, committees are working with unapproved funding. Plan is to vote on the budget in June. Cassie has asked Jennie & Debbie to have committee budget numbers before Spring Break. Dr. Hicks will get the teacher wish lists as soon as possible, but will not be able to do so before Spring Break.
- **Bylaws Revisions** – will be presented at the April meeting. Also at April meeting will be a vote to amend the budget for the yearbook. Tricia suggested all Board members receive a copy of the Bylaws. Bylaws will be posted on the PTA website and voted on at the May meeting.
- **Elections for 2010-11** – 2 Board member positions will more than likely be open (VP -Education & Service and Treasurer). Contact Nominating Committee (has been Barb Coleman in the past) and get the word out to the membership.
- **COPS update** - \$600 collected for Pennies for Patients
- **Variety Show** (Debbie) – March 5th – Event is a huge success PTA will be involved in helping with seating. Rehearsals are going well & show should last about 1 ½ hrs.
- **Cookie Dough** (Debbie) – packets will be coming next week. Product pick up will be April 21
- **Chick-Fil-A Family Night** (Debbie) scheduled for Wed 3/ 17. Full size Chick-fil-a chicken will be at Kiss & Ride. Office staff plans to be a participate in the nights activities.
- **Save the Date Flyer** (Debbie) – to encourage participation in PTA social events. Ran in Viking Voice. Carole will get a copy to post on the PTA bulletin board.
- **Fun Fair** (Debbie) – scheduled for Sunday June 13th. Jill Sullender is the Committee Chair. All planning is in initial phase: ideas for inflatable obstacle course, cake walk. Idea is to have an outdoor family event with a combination of rented games/activities and parent run games. Expense budget will be a consideration.
- **Original Artwork** – last orders being submitted.
- **Science Quest** (Jennie) – March 24th – 3 banners will be hung in the school to promote the event. 3 special stations: FCPS Naturalist will have live amphibians & reptiles, Catherine Conley (our librarian) will have her parrots, and Kathy Roberts will have Google Earth on the Smartboard. 2 Speakers – 1 from The Smithsonian and another from the National Wildlife Foundation. Event starts at 6pm with pizza concessions sponsored by the 6th grade committee. Stations will be from 6:30-8:30.
- **Garden Committee** update (Sally Richmond) 5 raised garden beds are in place. Teachers & classes will be participating. Mrs. Burley's 4th grade will be planting a Colonial Garden. Mr. Krummert & Mrs. Lybarger's classes will will planting broccoli and peas. 24 students signed up. 1st meeting is Monday, March 8th.
- **Boys & Girls Leadership Conference** (Mr. Pannutti) Hosted at Virginia Run this year and will be held on March 20th. Open to 5th & 6th Graders at Va Run, Deer Park, & Cub Run. On-line registration for kids and parents. 150 student openings. Parent topics will be: Westfields presenter, Police Dept. discussing technology threats and a new phenomenon that is "ghost calling". Many different student programs including aviation and engineering. PTA's from all 3 schools will be taking care of the Hospitality.

Next General PTA Meeting: Wed., April 7th @ 9:15am

Next Executive Board Meeting: Mon., March 15th @9:15am

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm