



**PTA General Meeting  
November 4, 2009**

Call to Order: 9:20am

Attendance: Cassie Eatmon, Debbie Leo, Tricia Monroe, Carole Gunn, Dr. Teresa Hicks, Mr. Jason Pannutti, Margaret Benson-McCarthy, Mindy Conway, Mark Cutlip

October 7, 2009 Minutes presented and accepted.

**Treasurers Report:**

Current Balance = \$49969.19

Great American fundraiser bill outstanding is approx \$13-14,000

**Old Business:**

- Committee Updates
  - Science Quest scheduled 3/24 4pm-9pm – Interest Meeting to be scheduled to promote involvement. Teacher liaisons are Judy Thomson and Matt Krummert.
  - School Supplies – Dawn Cochran (Chairperson) is looking into changing vendors. Staples is offering lower prices for the same services. Question – will there be on-line ordering? Jennie Bush will check.
  - New Clubs- No volunteer as of yet to head committee. Some interest has been put forth to lead clubs: Acting Club (Toby Reidway), Writers Workshop, Nutrition Club. Cassie will develop an interest survey for yellow envelopes. We will go from there.
  - Office Coverage – volunteers are needed for administrative lunches (2X year) and periodic office projects. Mrs. Thomas expressed a need the week before Thanksgiving week for help with the Federal Aid Impact forms. Margaret Benson-McCarthy offered to help with this project.
  - Great American & Spirit Wear – delivered. Good Feedback regarding the new Great American products. Overall sales fell short approx. \$1,000 of projection. Not bad considering economy and newness of the fundraiser.
  - Bingo – very big success with Mr. Pannutti calling. May schedule another Bingo in Spring.
  - Directory Ads – have already covered the cost of the directory! Deadline to be extended.

- Upcoming Events
  - Restaurant Night – tonight at Pancheros. In the future we will get more notice for upcoming restaurant nights. Anything scheduled needs to be approved by PTA Board. Possible Moe’s “Battle of the Schools” - whichever school brings in the most sales will win a prize. Perhaps the week of the Volleyball game? Wear your spirit wear....
  - Entertainment Books to go home next Wed 11/11
  - Holiday Shoppe – 2 nights. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and SCA will be contacted (in addition to Middle Schoolers & High Schoolers) to assist with the event. This is a leadership opportunity for the upper grades.
  - Movie Night in Jan – date TBD
  - Winter Dance – 12/18? Will check with Lynne Heick if this date is firm. Possibility to change to January.
  - COPS – November event will be gift cards for the Orphan Fund. The is a part of ONC (focus is on teens)
  - Will plan to do canned food drives in conjunction with other social events to replenish WFCM Food Pantry.
  
- School Board - County budget process (Cassie Eatmon)
  - 20011 Budget projected deficit = \$176 million (includes no funding for salary adjustments). Many programs being looked at to cut costs: no full day Kindergarten except for Title 1 schools, charging for athletics, and many more. Encourage everyone to go to the website for complete details <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011.htm>
  - Nov 14 - Final public info session
  
- School Board – Southwestern Regional Planning Study Community
 

Engagement process - Parent Committee formed to evaluate facilities and enrollment in SW Fairfax County schools.

  - Different approach is being taken to look at the the topics - The study is being done at the community level first and then taken to the School Board. Study includes: Boundary study, capital improvements, Clifton Elementary renovations. Most areas do not involve Va Run directly, but will have an indirect impact as these topics relate to financial resources. All information can be reviewed at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/swcountyschls.htm>

## **New Business:**

- Mr. Jason Pannutti presents “Viking Voyage”
  - Program will launch Tues Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - The program is a systematic approach to reinforcement and expansion of learning for all students. All staff will be included: art teachers, music teachers etc.

- Program is designed by each grade level. Most grades will begin with the focus on math. 5th Grade will focus on Global Awareness Project  
6th Grade – Focus on reading, writing, math.
- This will be a period of active instruction. It will not be a study hall or independent study session.
- There will be elevated instruction material for extensions. There will be the ability to tie in different disciplines with the teacher as the facilitator.
- Next meeting there will be more information regarding the grade level breakdown for enrichment.

Next General Membership Meeting – December 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm (Holiday Shoppe to take place along with the meeting).