

**FC PTA General Meeting**  
**October 17, 2016 6-7:30pm**  
**Cafeteria, Fall Creek Elementary, 202 King St, Ithaca, NY**  
**Meeting Minutes – Margaret Royall**

1. Call Meeting to Order
  - a. Welcome & Introductions – your name, children, favorite ice breaker question
2. Review and Approval of meeting minutes by consent – Margaret Royall
  - a. Motion to approve, approved
3. Treasurer's Report, Revision of Budget, Release of Funds – Christina King
  - a. See attached report
  - b. Audit
4. Speaker: Food Allergies – Elaan Greenfield
  - a. 15 million people in US have food allergies (more children than adults)
  - b. 1 in 13 children lives with a food allergy (increased 50% between 1997 and 2011)
  - c. Common allergies:
    - i. Milk, eggs, peanut\*, tree nut, soy, wheat, fish\*, shellfish\*
    - ii. \*Most prevalent and least likely to grow out of
  - d. Food allergy vs intolerance/sensitivity
    - i. Allergy –comes on suddenly (20-30 min max), takes small amount, every time you eat, can be life-threatening (immune response)
    - ii. Intolerance – gradually, may only happen with a lot of food, if you eat food often, not usually life threatening
  - e. Reactions: pulmonary, cardiovascular, digestive, swelling, skin reactions
  - f. Anaphylaxis comes on suddenly, within minutes, with a second wave happening hours later
  - g. EpiPen is the only cure for anaphylaxis
  - h. Cross contamination from touching surfaces with allergen, kissing, close contact
  - i. Helpful to be conscious of allergens
    - i. Wash hands
    - ii. Wipe surfaces
    - iii. Be aware of what's touching allergens
    - iv. Ask if people/children are allergic; check in with parents
    - v. Be vocal if someone is allergic
  - j. Teal Pumpkin Project
    - i. Allergen free candy: Dum Dums, Smarties,
5. Membership Update – (Kate Dimpfl, absent) – information not presented, but in agenda
  - a. **Staff members : 15**
  - b. 37 members on the NYS PTA website. 150 on our own PTA membership form.
  - c. **Approximately 33% men and 66% women.**
  - d. **Approximate Members in each grade (duplicates for multiple grade families):**
    - i. Pre-k: 8 members
    - ii. kindergarten: 24 members
    - iii. 1<sup>st</sup>: 28 members
    - iv. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 15 members
    - v. 3<sup>rd</sup>: 23 members
    - vi. 4<sup>th</sup>: 25 members
    - vii. 5<sup>th</sup>: 12 members
  - e. **Free and Reduced Lunch Members: 12**
6. Standing Committee/Coordinator Updates
  - a. Play Committee – (Kate Dimpfl absent) Jamie Jones-Rounds
    - i. Natural way that kids play is socially healthy for them, how can we facilitate this?

- ii. Ithaca Children's Garden (ICG) Play Symposium – Principal Simons and a few teachers attended
  - 1. Kindergarten now starting the day with recess to get jitters out
  - 2. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers are looking at the recess rules: current status of rules, what works, what students struggle with, what would they like to change and how
  - 3. Hoping to get these classes to ICG to be observed by play workers and FC recess monitors
- iii. Democratic Rulemaking fits in with the Haudenosaunee
- iv. ICG In school trainings happening over the next few months – first one this Friday
- v. Q&A from attendees
  - 1. Mariah Prentiss (mother of 1<sup>st</sup> grader) – Less play in first grade already, can you speak to how play can be more incorporated over all grades?
  - 2. Mr Bell – They play for at least 30 minutes in the morning, schedule is tight, wish it were considered for non-primary grades as well. Difficult to quantify whether play time has certain effects, but we rely on the science to guide us.
- vi. Please contact Kate Dimpfl if you want to be involved with the Play Committee
- b. Halloween Party, Friday, October 28th – Christine Evans
  - i. Lots of activities, music, dancing, costumes, crafts
  - ii. **Need volunteers – sign up sheet passed around**
- c. [Room Parent Coordinator – (Susie Gutenburger-Fitzpatrick absent)]
- d. Lego League – Elaan Greenfield
- e. Talent Show – Chris Bell
- f. Craft Night
- g. Winter FUNdraiser; January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tamara Acosta – THE BIG FUNDRAISER
  - i. **Need a new FUNdraiser volunteer for next year**
  - ii. Bake Sale Coordinator – Melissa Dhundale
  - iii. **Need a volunteer to get sponsors – a video will be played on YouTube and at show**
  - iv. **Need a volunteer coordinator for the day of the shows**
  - v. Spread the word – Hilby's last year of involvement
- 7. Projects in the works
  - a. Math and Movement – Elaan Greenfield
    - i. Working on a date, within the next month
    - ii. Training for an hour – **volunteers needed**
    - iii. The children and families come for 1-1.5 hours
    - iv. Already funded
    - v. Teresa Mogil volunteered to run this program
  - b. Science Olympiads, Ithaca SMArts – NEED COORDINATOR
  - c. Reading Celebration – Contact Ms. Spencer, librarian
  - d. Directory needs artwork – two per class; email jpg or photo to [art@pta.org](mailto:art@pta.org)
- 8. Request for ideas for future speakers from meeting attendees
  - a. Use of technology in classrooms and school
- 9. Announcements
  - Halloween Party – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm
  - Election Day Bake Sale – November 8<sup>th</sup> – NEED BAKERS from all grades
  - Next PTA Meeting – November 14<sup>th</sup>
- 10. Adjourn

**Roles that need filling:**

PTA Council Rep

PTA Meeting Dinner Server

Ithaca SMArts

Staff Luncheon Coord.      Teacher Appreciation Week Coord.      Fundraising Chair  
Next PTA President      Next PTA Secretary

**Room Parents Needed:**

Kindergarten (3)?

2<sup>nd</sup> (2)?

3<sup>rd</sup> (2)?

4<sup>th</sup> (2)?

**Remaining Events – 2016-2017**

October 28	Halloween Party		
November 8	Election Day Bake Sale		
November/December	Talent Show	Craft Night	Gimmie Fundraiser
	Math and Movement		
*January 22	Winter FUNdraiser		
January-March?	Basketball		
February-March	Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Sale		
April	Family Math night		
May	Reading Celebration	Teacher Appreciation Week	Talent Show
June	Bike Rodeo	June Playground Party	Staff Luncheon

**Remaining PTA Meetings:**

<b>October 17</b>	<b>Fall FUNdraiser Planning, Committee sign-ups</b>
<b>November 14</b>	<b>*At Southside Community Center Speaker, Form Nominating Committee</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>May and June event committees</b>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Nominate new board</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Vote on new board</b>

Monthly Treasurer's Report August-September 2016

Fall Creek PTA

<b>Balance on Hand:</b>	<b>9/20/16</b>	<b>\$ 9,991.38</b>			
		<b>Actual</b>			
<b>ACTUAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Actual YTD*</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	
				<b>Variance</b>	
	Local Membership Dues	521.55	874.55	450.00	424.55
	Donations	36.00	223.00	200.00	23.00
	Fundraising Projects:	-	-	-	-
	<i>Winter Fundraiser</i>	-	-	11,300.00	(11,300.00)
	<i>Bake sale (other fundraising)</i>	323.00	323.00	4,845.00	(4,522.00)
	Programming	1,570.00	1,570.00	7,416.00	(5,846.00)
	Other Income	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$ 2,450.55</b>	<b>\$ 2,990.55</b>	<b>\$ 24,211.00</b>	<b>\$ (21,220.45)</b>
<b>ACTUAL EXPENDITURES</b>					
	Administration				
	<i>Supplies</i>	29.40	217.26	700.00	482.74
	<i>Insurance</i>	-	-	290.00	290.00
	<i>Council Dues</i>	-	-	50.00	50.00
	Leadership Development		212.24	600.00	387.76
	Fundraising Supplies/Talent	-	-	4,931.00	4,931.00
	Membership Promotion				
	<i>Welcome Back Coffee</i>		118.56	130.00	11.44
	<i>Fall Playground Party</i>	384.44	407.57	-	(407.57)
	<i>PTA Meeting Food</i>	280.00	380.49	1,050.00	669.51
	<i>PTA Meeting Childcare</i>	485.00	485.00	1,200.00	715.00
	<i>Curriculum Night Supplies</i>	18.13	18.13	25.00	6.87
	Grants/Curriculum Enhancement				
	<i>Teacher Grants</i>	292.15	292.15	4,800.00	4,507.85
	<b>Printing</b>				
	<i>Yearbook</i>	-	-	\$ 225.00	225.00
	<i>Directory</i>	-	-	\$ 250.00	250.00
	<i>Newsletter</i>	-	-	\$ 300.00	300.00
	Programs				
	<i>Basketball</i>	-	-	2,010.00	2,010.00
	<i>Bike Rodeo</i>	-	-	150.00	150.00
	<i>Cass Park Trip</i>	-	-	500.00	500.00
	<i>Craft Night</i>	-	-	250.00	250.00
	<i>Credit Union</i>	-	-	400.00	400.00
	<i>Enrichment</i>	-	-	9,000.00	9,000.00
	<i>Family Dance</i>	-	-	100.00	100.00
	<i>Lego League</i>	-	-	200.00	200.00
	<i>Halloween Party</i>	-	-	150.00	150.00
	<i>Rainbows and Sundaes</i>	-	-	340.00	340.00
	<i>Science Olympiad</i>	-	-	250.00	250.00
	<i>Staff Appreciation Luncheon</i>	-	-	300.00	300.00
	<i>Play Symposium</i>	100.00	100.00	1,000.00	900.00
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 1,589.12</b>	<b>\$ 2,231.40</b>	<b>\$ 29,201.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,969.60</b>
<b>TOTAL VARIANCE</b>	<b>10/19/16</b>				<b>\$ 5,749.15</b>
<b>Balance on Hand:</b>		<b>\$ 10,852.81</b>			