

**Fall Creek Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting
September 14, 2009**

In attendance: all PTA board members, Principal Karen Keller. Roughly 60 adults in total

5:30 Food Served, Slideshow Begins

6:00 Hilby performance in gym

6:20 Business Meeting start in cafeteria.

6:20 PTA President, Rebecca James: introduction, icebreaker

6:23 Principal, Karen Keller

- Introduced school board liaison: Brad Granger
- Provided H1N1 info: recap of letter from school nurse: use sanitizer, etc
- Fence around front playground will stay until next summer for renovation

6:30 PTA Board intros, parent introductions around the room

6:40 Reports from PTA Leaders: (mostly same info presented at previous PTA board meeting)

6:40 David Moreland: Hilby Fundraiser

- Hilby Fundraiser: Sat afternoon, Nov 14th, 2:00pm, State Theater
- State Theater has 1600 seats, compare with 800-900 seats at Kulp Auditorium where previous fundraisers were held (w/4 other PTAs sharing ticket sales in the past)
- David has a tentative yes from 5 PTAs (for collaborative ticket sales). If South Hill and Caroline get onboard, this would cover all 7 elementary schools in the district.
- This will be a 2 act show with nationally renowned friends of Hilby from Boston opening with yo-yo tricks.
- Concessions: Fall Creek PTA will handle this and keep all profits (not shared with other PTAs). There will be concessions before show & during intermission
- The State Theater will not do ticket sales, that is up to our PTA
- **Ticket price decision: \$6 presale / \$9 at door. No family ticket.**
- **Ticket sales from other PTAs will be split 50/50 with our PTA**
- David needs help with:
 - publicity, photocopying
 - flyers and posters
 - ticket sales
 - concessions, ushers (day of show)
 - putting together possible souvenir program: selling ads for it, etc
 - hospitality package for opening act, who is performing gratis and coming in from Boston

6:47 **Chris Mize: Room parents**

- Still needs volunteers to help with room parent program: typically 2 parents per class who organize contact info for other parents and help with communications
- Can be reached at: roomparents@fallcreek (Mike C will check to make sure this email forwarder is setup properly)

6:50 **Mary Waisbrot**

- **Yearbook**
 - Significant changes this year for the yearbook: we will not be using Lifetouch anymore for the yearbook. Instead, the PTA will use Boces for printing the yearbook.
 - Boces printing cost for yearbook is \$1.50 each, which is 1/5 the price of yearbooks from previous years! Big cost savings.
 - Due date for printing is June 1st (we now have more time to work on the yearbook)
 - PTA subsidizes yearbook for those who do not order pics.
 - FC School already has software to edit yearbook
 - Mary is looking for: people to use yearbook software and work with 5th graders, photographers, helping kids take photos.
- **School Pictures**
 - Still using Lifetouch for school pictures, just not yearbook
 - Picture date will be a Thursday in October, roughly the 15th. Mary will send out an announcement soon.
 - Everyone is photographed for id purposes (eg: rolodex for principal). Everyone gets a yearbook.
- **T-Shirts**
 - Fall shirts will be in color, feature logo (image from Nina) using 2 color design to cut costs
 - Shirts will be all made in America
 - Pricing: \$6 kids / \$8 or \$9 adult
 - Shirts will be short sleeve only, there was not much demand for long sleeve in the past
 - Shirts will be available roughly mid-October

7:04 **Lisa Witchey: Halloween**

- PTA Halloween Party will be on: Friday Oct 30 6:30.
- Looking for volunteers for: decorating, snacks, staffing games, donations of Christmas lights and lamps

7:06 **Lauren McFeeley: Scientist in Residence**

- Last year, the PTA hosted an artist in residence, this year there will be one or more scientists in residence who will help promote science education and interest in the school
- The plan is to have one Friday per month designated as a “Science Friday” at morning program
- Lauren has some leads on people who would like to participate as the scientist in residence. She is looking for contact with other people who would like to take part in the program.
- There will be compensation for the scientist in residence position.
- Lauren also needs: ideas and help for posters around school

7:10 Darcy Bedore: Enrichment

- The afterschool enrichment program will start in mid-October and run for 6 weeks.
- The cost for students is \$40 per class, \$15 for those who receive reduced price lunches.
- The classes are still being finalized. Darcy is looking for people who are interested in teaching an enrichment class. There is a \$240 stipend for teachers up to \$60 provided supplies.

7:13: Trena Haffenden: Credit Union

- The PTA Credit Union, which works in conjunction with Alternatives FCU will start in October. Students may make deposits from 7:40 to 7:55 on Wednesday mornings before school.
- The Credit Union could use more adult tellers. 4th and 5th graders are also eligible to become tellers as well.

7:20: Helen Ann Yunis: Curriculum Enhancement Committee (formerly Arts Committee)

- \$8000 in grants were awarded for programs last year thanks to the work of the former Arts Committee
- Many of the parents who have written grants in the past have left the school, as their children have graduated. Thus, some of the institutional memory has been lost. It is critical for this next generation to continue with the grant writing.
- Several grant deadlines are approaching, including the Fine Arts Booster grant which is due in Oct.

7:21: Diana: New strings teacher

- Diana will have more time at FC school.
- Students can start the strings program in 3rd grade.

7:22 Meeting officially adjourned

Food Information

- 11 sheet pizzas ordered. Cost \$143 + \$20 tip for deliverer
- 2 sheets left over