



FCS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) General Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022

Attendees

- Attendance: Lydia Parris (President), Jennifer Renkema (VP), Karen Lecy-Alvarado (Excused), Paul Lowe (PTO Treasurer), Cheri Vislay, (Principal), Terrance Lawrence (Asst. Principal) Martha Arteaga, Mel Masta, Ginny Lee (excused), Julie Harmon, Erin Crowley, Kelly Herndon, Michael B, Jennifer Barnes, Thelma Hayes, Darielle Hobson, Kristie Palmer, Pat Fisher

Call to Order

- FCS PTO meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02pm by Lydia Parris, PTO President, virtually (zoom) on Nov. 1, 2022

Movie Night Thank You

- Mrs. Parris thanked all PTO members & FCS parents for their participation in PTO's first-ever movie night. Adult and middle school volunteers and great FCS community participation made this event a success.

Room Parent Program Update

- Mrs. Renkema reported that the room parents program was well on its way with some classes completing a fall class or grade-level event as an opportunity to build community early in the school year.
- Martha Arteaga shared her room parent experiences around planning class events.
- Mrs. Renkema will continue to lead the room parent program and room parents are encouraged to contact her with any questions.

Committee Reports

Staff Encouragement Committee

- Jennifer Renkema, chairperson, reported that staff lounge refreshes with snacks, drinks and supplies took place and will periodically happen throughout the year.
- Planning for a "Holiday Week" for FCS staff appreciation is getting underway.

- There will be a vote at the next meeting to install, Erin Crowley as the new chair of SEC.

Fundraising Committee

- Martha Arteaga, chairperson, reported that this committee continues to collaborate with the Events committee
- Movie Night was a success! Approx. 150 in attendance. Will report the final amount in Dec.
- Ledo's Oct. restaurant fundraiser earned \$315.
- Green Turtle Oct. restaurant fundraiser earned \$195, low amount due to a Monday/holiday.
- The next PTO fundraiser is November 17 at Squisito.

Events Committee

- Mel Masta, chairperson, reported that PTO volunteer support of the Fun Run on Oct. 7 and donations of popsicles and other items was a huge success. This event supports the school's annual fund for school and classroom improvements.
- He mentioned and thanked the Events committee for their involvement in the Movie Night.

Membership & Nominating Committee

- Mrs. Parris reported on behalf of Ginny Lee, chairperson that the committee finished a membership drive, adding 27 new members to PTO and continued to encourage members to join a committee or help with an event this year.

Financial Update

- Mr. Lowe, Treasurer, reported that he is continuing to track withdrawals & deposits.
- The current balance of the PTO funds are approximately \$ 8,207.95.
- Financial updates will continue each month.
- Mrs. Parris added that the PTO leadership is working on a PTO budget for review and a vote at the Dec. 6 PTO meeting.

Other Business

- The PTO is assisting Mrs. Groom with sending out a signup genius for volunteers for the Scholastic book fair.

Open Forum

The purpose of this forum is to address any questions or concerns from PTO leadership and PTO members alike.

- One room parent reported that it was beneficial to merge classes for the class picnic/beginning of the year gathering
- A parent who was new to the school reported that they were having an "amazing" start at FCS but suggested two things that could help more for new families:
 - A bridging program for kids coming into FCS to help them settle in, like a buddy system
 - An extended parent orientation to help parents learn about systems like FACTS, Google Classroom, and who to contact about different things

- **Another parent suggested organizing social activities for kids, such as a gym night or a movie night**

Closing/Adjournment

- **Closing prayer by Lydia Parris**
- **This meeting was adjourned by Lydia Parris, PTO President, at 7:48 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Lydia Parris, PTO President (on behalf of Karen Lecy-Alvarado, Secretary)