**PTA Minutes**

**October 14, 2013**

**6:30pm-7:30pm**

President’s /Vice President’s Report:

\*There was a drumming assembly on September 27th. This presenter involved all students in this presentation.

\*American Education Week will be November 18-22nd.

\*Normally there is a hospitality table is set up for American Education Week. Need to see if some volunteers are able to assist with this table.

\*There will be a Cyber Safety presentation at Pinewood Elementary that is open to all parents on November 5th from 6:00-7:30pm.

\*A drop box account has been set up for chairs & room parents: www.dropbox.com/home/FGES PTA - contact Tanzi or Ayme with questions.

\*There will be a room parent meeting 10/15 from 12-1pm at Candy’s house. Money handling procedures have changed this school year.

\*Next PTA Meeting will be held on November 11th at 6:30pm

Treasurer’s Report:

For the month of September:

Revenue: $9,095.00

Total expenses: $1, 571.45

Net income: $7,523.55

Contact Anna Tkach directly to transfer money safely to her after event sales.

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Principal’s/Vice-Principal’s Report:

\*Mrs. Gorman shared that the BCPS webpage contains helpful links that gives information about Common Core.

\*Mrs. Gorman responded to some parent questions regarding Common Core.

\*Parents will receive report cards on Conference Day. All report cards will be sent home November 18th if a parent does not meet with their child’s teacher on Conference Day (report cards will not be send home prior to conference day).

\*MAP reports will not be sent home to parents at this time. This information may be presented to parents at conference time. These scores are to be looked at as a portion of your child’s progress.

\*Due to many student having food allergies, no food is permitted to come in for birthday treats. A small non-food item is encouraged to be sent into school if you wish to acknowledge your child’s birthday.

Event Chairs Report:

*Communications*: Damian shared all is going well

*Holiday Shopping*: Will be held the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday before Thanksgiving (during the school day); information/flyers will be sent home, volunteers are needed,

*Holiday Bazaar*: will be held the evening of November 13th, about15 vendors have signed up so far, contact Suzy for any more information

*Auction at Spring Fling*: a letter has been created to give to any business that could be interested, any business that donates will be acknowledged; restaurants are a great place to ask to donate to our auction

*Directory*: In the proof stages and close to breaking even between advertising and cost of printing, hope to be distributed at the end of next week

*Fifth Grade Chair*: Quarry Night was last Thursday- decent turn out, Thank you to Irina to help with this fundraiser, Friday Freezees was a hit- over $160 earned, November 8th will be the next day freezes will be sold (in general the first Friday of every month)

*Fit at the Fort*: Girls are enjoying this after school activity

*FORT Gives Back*: October 21st-October 31st we will be collecting coats and hoodies for two women’s shelters. Collecting gently used items for all ages (children through adults)

*Halloween Monster Bash with Trunk or Treat*: Will be held Friday, October 25th, an email reminder will be sent out this Thursday for nut-free candy and for trunk or “treaters”. A lot of candy and trunk or “treaters” are needed, donations of bottles of water are needed, volunteers are needed to sell the bottles of water too. Medstar Prompt Care will be collecting candy to send to military that is overseas, Medstar will also x-ray candy (flyer will be sent home with more information)

*Membership*: Over $10,000 has been collected so far, have passed last year’s earnings

*Square One Art by Kids*: Flyers were sent home a week ago, a customized catalogue will be sent home the week of October 22nd. There will only be 10 days for orders to be submitted, can order on-line, a display will be set up in school too, parents can order after the deadline but will have to pay for shipping, a reward will be given to the grades and the class that have the most participation

*Yearbook*: Have received several message orders for 5th grader students to be printed in yearbook, yearbook cover contest will be kicked off this week, this year’s theme is “what it means to be green”, steps to upload pictures for yearbook were attached to the yearbook order form that was sent home last week

*Spirit Day*: Will be held on November 8th, items will be sold during lunch