Fort Island PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Jessica Lewandowski at 7:05 pm.

Minutes for the October 2019 general meeting were approved. Members should know that meeting minutes are posted on the Fort Island PTA website.

President’s Report:
- Please continue to use the Google Drive for committee documents and reports.
- It is important to use the Fort Island PTA email accounts in communication with parents or outside parties so it is clear who is sending the message.
- Wear lanyards to PTA events to clearly identify volunteers.

Report of Officers:

1st Vice President Pam Gierke announced Holiday Shop will be December 4 – 6 with a new company, Fun Services. It will take place in Room 118. The November Teacher Appreciation event will be a breakfast on Wednesday, November 27. The December event will be a cookie exchange on Wednesday, December 11. She is meeting with Mr. Whitaker to determine how to use remaining assembly budget.

2nd Vice President Fundraising Report: The fundraiser with The Giving Bean will run November 4 – 18 with 40% profit from forms and 25% from online orders. Dewey’s Pizza Night will be on November 18. Other potential fundraisers planned are nights at Chickfila, Chipotle, a mini photo session, and Carnival Night.

Treasurer Barb Ingratta reported a balance of $11,095.26 on hand as of October 31, 2019. She provided a spreadsheet of the PTA income budget. The income from spirit wear doubled from previous year.

Secretary Katie Ferrier reported sending a thank you for the donation of plants for the raised beds.


Committee Reports:

Membership – Rachel Weigand
As of meeting date, have 211 members, but still lacking many staff members. More membership flyers are going in take home folders soon.

Staff Dinners – Rachel Weigand
Utilized sign up genius and Facebook to solicit donations.
School Kits – Shelley Melchior
First Day school kits contract has been renewed.

Volunteer Coordinator – Vicki Ivin
There were some classroom volunteer sign ups after the designated end date. These new sign ups were forwarded to the head room parents and teachers and the Google forms have now been closed.

Health & Wellness – Vicki Ivin
Walking Club has come to a close. It went really well this fall! We had a lot of student interest with many students completing the distance of a 5k. We always had enough volunteers and Ali is looking forward to starting it back up again in the spring. 
We will be providing cheese snacks for the Health and Wellness Fair on November 20. We will also be setting up a Teal Table for the event with a few top-8 allergy-friendly options.

Art/Reflections – Bethany Saris
44 entries will be judged and 24 entries will move on to the next level of judging.

Climate Committee – Jacki Lewis
Movie Night will be November 22 with a showing of Secret Life of Pets 2.

Beautification Committee – Jacki Lewis
The raised beds by the staff lot have been planted! Dayton Nursery donated plants as well as a member of the committee. All four third grade classes came out and learned about what a pollinator garden is and why it’s important before helping plant all the new plants. It was a fun experience all around and we’re looking forward to finishing the beds out in the spring. We also plan to add a water source for pollinators and adding some educational signage in the spring as well. Thanks to all the committee members who helped with weeding, tilling, and planting!

Box Tops – Carrie Sisco
Box Tops submission in October was $262.00 Will publicize the app on Facebook.

Principal’s Report – Mr. Whitaker
Veteran’s Day event was a big success. Veterans thanked school leadership for the event and the kids understand and engage with the visitors. 
Police have been really responsive after reports of speeding on Dowling. An electronic speed sign has been installed to help.
Wildlife have been sighted on the playground, but have been dispersed easily.
Fort Island has the highest rate of participation in the backpack food program in Copley school district.

Special Presentation by Treasurer Barb Ingratta on Cheddar Up
Cheddar up is a money collection service that we can use to replace all forms that require payment. Ohio PTA will accept parental waivers submitted through this site. Committee chairs
submit details of forms to Treasurer who will create an individual url. To accept in-person payment via credit card, we need to purchase a CheddarUp card reader.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.