Fort Island PTA
General Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Jessica Lewandowski at 9:34 am.

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

Helping Hands Award – Cherie Arthur
Putting the T in PTA Award – Mrs. Brown

President’s Report:
- Family emergencies have kept me distracted and extend apologies
- Shelley Melchior can schedule Facebook posts in advance, so let her know as soon as possible when you need something shared
- We received a thank you from Ms. Walton regarding our support for Mr. LeGrair

Report of Officers:

1st Vice President Pam Gierke reported that the first teacher appreciation event was a success with donations from Panera. The next event is a cookie exchange scheduled for December 11. The next school wide assembly will be Alex Simon and scheduled in January in coordination with the middle school in order to receive a group discount. His message is one of positivity and anti-bullying. The Holiday Shop was also a success. Parent volunteers were crucial and the kids expressed gratitude to them. Pleased with better products from Fun Services.

2nd Vice President Fundraising Report: We are expecting about $1500 in profit from the fundraiser with The Giving Bean. Dewey’s Pizza Night brought in $500. Carnival Night will be January 31. It was agreed that a flyer should be created that lists all fundraising sources to disperse to families.

Treasurer Barb Ingratta reported a balance of $19,393.40 on hand as of November 30, 2019. Please note that there is a 30-day window for submission of receipts and reimbursement of purchases. The Amazon Smile account is now active. Go to smile.amazon.com to place orders. Fort Island PTA will get ½% on purchases.

Secretary Katie Ferrier reported sending a thank you for the donation of coffee from Panera.


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
Fall dinners went well with varied menus and plenty of choices. The next round of meals will be in February.

Health & Wellness – Vicki Ivin
The Health and Wellness Fair on November 20 was well attended. The Committee set up a Teal Table for the event with a few top-8 allergy-friendly options. The group has also provided Ms. Booth with information on food allergies/limitations and she has begun teaching the lessons.

Art/Reflections – Bethany Saris
42 entries were judged here at Fort Island and 24 will move on to the district level of competition.

Climate Committee – Jacki Lewis
Movie Night went well with 71 kids in attendance. The new sound system made a big difference. The Princess Dance is scheduled for February 21 and a planning meeting will occur in early January.

Box Tops – Carrie Sisco
Box Tops submissions are up to $318. Need to get Giant Eagle status to share in fundraising flyer.

Principal’s Report – Mr. Whitaker
The Winter Music program was amazing with a great turnout. Will have to make decisions for next year in order to ensure enough room for the audience
The school will be providing guidance to families to clarify the amount of screen time on devices at home.
The drive for canned goods and winter wear items has begun. The staff has a drive for supplies for the backpack program and has a goal of ensuring that each family member has hat and gloves. He’s very proud of the staff.
The 3-year district-wide calendar has been released.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 am.