

**CARDINAL FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PTA MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jill Chastain at 7:04 pm in the library.

**Austin Grill Update:** Jill turned the meeting over to Michaelleen Farrington to discuss the Austin Grill Rewards Program. Cardinal Forest will receive 15% of the total amount spent per card enrolled in the program. Cardinal Forest Night at Austin Grill is May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, and the school will receive 20% of the total sales. Michaelleen introduced Emily Richards. Ms. Richards is the manager of the Austin Grill on Old Keene Mill Rd. She explained the rewards program as well as how to sign up for the program online. Ms. Richards informed us that kids eat free on Tuesdays with a paying adult.

**Approval of Minutes from October 14<sup>th</sup>, PTA Meeting:**

Jill asked those present to review the October minutes. Joanna Ludwig made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Joe Maniscalco.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brooke Diaz provided an update on the Fall Fundraiser. The preliminary income from this fundraiser is approximately \$9,720.13. Final totals for the Fall Fundraiser are forth coming.

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Kenna thanked the PTA for their support of the Book Fair. She informed the PTA of the \$176M projected budget shortfall for the 2010-11 school years. Classroom sizes will increase again and there is the possibility of losing staff throughout Fairfax County. In spite of the budget crisis, Mrs. Kenna and her teachers are dedicated to educating our children. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, H1N1 shots will be administered at the Fairfax County Government Center for ages 4 to 9 years.

**Teacher's Report:** Mrs. Trinka thanked the PTA for the Ice Cream Social for the teachers. She said, "it made the teachers feel really special". Also, the parent/teacher conferences went well.

**Committee Reports:**

***A+ Bonus Bucks/Box Tops***

We have 131 Giant Bonus cards registered for the A+ Bonus Bucks Program. The program has raised \$448.

There were 3,500 Box Tops collected as of October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Box Tops program has raised \$350. This year, the Box Tops contest winners will be according to the grade level.

***Membership***

Denise Wieder reported that Cardinal Forest Elementary School has 225 members of the PTA. Our PTA dues are due December 1<sup>st</sup> to the National PTA.

***Book Fair/Library***

CF Librarian Mr. Joe Maniscalco thanked Leeann Lesniak and the PTA for orchestrating the most successful book fair he has been associated with in 18 years. He will use the Book Fair money to purchase World Book Encyclopedias, almanacs, and a digital camera. Leeann Lesniak stated that we made \$11,600 on the Book Fair.

### ***Pizza Night***

Pizza Night was October 27<sup>th</sup> which coincided with family night at the Book Fair. Pizza Night was a success, and we made \$436.

### ***Holiday Bazaar***

Beth Bruins stated that the date of the Holiday Bazaar is November 6, 2009. The time is from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. There will be 26 vendors at the Holiday Bazaar. The largest number of vendors secured for the bazaar. The vendors paid a \$25 fee which raised \$650. Beth needs volunteers at 2pm for setting up and 7pm for cleaning up. The Lavender Fundraiser orders will be available for pick up at the bazaar.

### ***Turkey Bingo***

Turkey Bingo will be held on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Molly Snook will head up this event. There will be a prize for those who register there Giant Bonus card. Michaelleen Farrington will distribute Austin Grill Reward Cards.

### **Old Business:**

R.E.A.C.H Week March 13<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> 2010. The kick-off for the reading program will be held in February 2010.

McDonald's Night will be held on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5pm to 8pm.

### **New Business:**

*PTA Bylaws* - Jill Chastain stated that Cardinal Forest's PTA Bylaws must be updated and voted on by a quorum of 25 members. There are two changes to Article XII, and one change to Article XIII. The bylaw changes must be posted 30 days for review.

*PTA Website* – Jill thanked Jenna Faust for setting up the PTA website. She thanked in advance Beth Bruins who will update the website. The PTA Bylaws will be posted on the PTA website.

### ***Announcements:***

Mrs. Kenna informed us that Pajama Day is December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Whole Foods want to team up with Cardinal Forest. Mrs. Kenna spoke with Francine Cabal of Whole Foods Marketing Department. Whole Foods would like to teach the children about nutrition. Mrs. Kenna will talk to her leadership team about how they can incorporate this information in their lesson plans.

The deadline for articles in the PTA Newsletter is November 14<sup>th</sup>. Send your articles to Beth Bruins.

Jill Chastain asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Joanna Ludwig and seconded by Denise Wieder.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

### **Attendance:**

Jill Chastain, Michaelleen Farrington, Denise Wieder, Brooke Diaz, Anita Branch, Karen Kenna, Sue Trinka, Joe Maniscalco, Fred Allard, Joanna Ludwig, Leeann Lesniak, Beth Bruins, and Lauren Williams

Guest – Emily Richards

