

**CARDINAL FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:21am in the library.
Jill Chastain introduced the Executive Board of the PTA.

Approval of Minutes from April 14th May 13th, September 14th and September 16th PTA meetings:
Jill informed those present that the minutes from April 14th 2009 and May 13th 2009 had not been approved. Jill asked those present to review the minutes. The motion to approve April 14th and May 13th minutes was made by Jennifer Whitesel and seconded by Michaeleen Farrington. The motion to approve September 14th and September 16th minutes was made by Michaeleen Farrington and seconded by Angie Montoya.

Treasurer's Report: The PTA Year-to-Date totals as of October 14th were discussed. Jennifer Whitesel asked how many PTA members we have to date. Denise Wieder reported that we have 221 members. PTA dues increased from \$7 to \$9; therefore, the 2009-2010 budgeted amounts for dues also increased.

Principal's Report

Ms. Kenna emphasized the theme for this year: "Reaching for the stars...and beyond."
She reported that Cardinal Forest passed the Annual Yearly Progress. All schools in Fairfax County are fully accredited. Ms. Kenna provided the SOL results for 3rd thru 6th grades. The goal was to increase the SOL scores by twenty points in each category. She informed us of this years budget cuts. Class sizes have increased in grades 4 thru 6. Next years budget cuts are being discussed. Ms. Kenna reported that we have two new programs Autism Cluster Site with 27 children and two Early Childhood Special Education classes from Keene Mill Elementary. Cardinal Forest's enrollment is 570 students.
Ms. Kenna will be on the internet with Keep in Touch Messages. The messages will be sent bi-weekly.
She reported on the H1N1 flu no confirmed cases.
Mr. Smith beautification gifted to Cardinal Forest was Crepe Myrtles trees in the Kiss N Ride area.

Teacher's Report

Ms. Trinka thanked the PTA for the \$150 for teacher supplies. The teachers were thrilled. She also thanked the volunteers for the worked they did on October 7th.

Committee Reports

Reflections

Flyers were distributed in the Tuesday folders. The deadline to submit entries is October 23rd, 2009.

A+ Bonus Bucks/Box Tops/Tyson Chicken/Safeway/Coke Rewards

We have 114 Giant cards registered for the A+ Bonus Bucks program.
The Box Tops contest will begin November 1st and end in February 2010. This year, the contest winners will be according to the grade level. We want to reward our children for their efforts. Our goal is 11,000 Box Tops.
We discussed collecting Tyson chicken product labels. Each label in worth 24 cents, you must submit 100 labels at a time.
We discussed the Safeway and Coke rewards programs.

Lavenders Fundraiser

Karen Heal reported that we reached our goal of \$10,000. We received \$700 in donations. We had over \$19,000 in total sales.

Book Fair

Leann Lesniak reported the dates of the Book Fair October 27th thru October 30th. She needs volunteers for the entire week especially on Tuesday.

Pizza Night

Cindy Kraus is in charge of Pizza Night. Pizza Night will be held on Tuesday, October 27th.

Holiday Bazaar

Beth Bruin reported that the date of the Holiday Bazaar is November 6, 2009. The time is from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. Beth stated that she needs more volunteers and vendors for the bazaar.

The Lavender Fundraiser orders will be available for pick up at the bazaar.

Turkey Bingo

Turkey Bingo will be held on Friday, November 20th. Molly Snook will head up this event.

New Business:

McDonald's Night will be held on Thursday, December 3rd. Last year, the PTA made over \$700 at McDonald's Night.

Austin Grill - Rewards cards will be distributed on Book Fair Family Night October 27th. We will receive 20% of our Cardinal Forest participant's bill. We will receive checks quarterly from Austin Grill.

Austin Grill Night will be held on May 3rd, 2010. We will receive 20% of the nightly sale and 20% from the reward card.

Whole Foods want to team up with Cardinal Forest again. The contact at Whole Foods is Francine Cabal. Ms. Kenna will follow up on Whole Foods.

Barnes & Nobles night is tentatively set for February 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.