

**FAIR HAVEN PTA GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, November 18, 2010

1:40 PM

Classroom 117, Mrs. McGrade's Kindergarten

**AGENDA**

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker: Marianne Waldman

Approval of October General Meeting Minutes (available at meeting)

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Executive Board Reports

BOE Reports

Faculty Reports

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment of Business Meeting

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Mrs. McGrade's kindergarten classroom, 117

1:45 PM

For the names of those in attendance, please see the sign-in book kept with the minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President, Cathy Alescio at 1:45 PM.

**SPECIAL GUESTS: Charlie Hoffman, Fair Haven Parks & Recreation Director**

Charlie discussed the wide variety of recreation programs available to both children and adults in Fair Haven. Please check the website at [www.fairhavennj.org/content/recreation.html](http://www.fairhavennj.org/content/recreation.html) for more information. Charlie also discussed setting reasonable goals and expectations for children with activities.

**Motion:** The September minutes were accepted as distributed.

**Motion:** The 2010-2011 standing rules were accepted.

**September 2010 Treasurer's Report**

Opening Balance: \$62,436.71

Cash Receipts: \$ 19,795.50

Cash Disbursed: \$ 8,578.17

Ending Balance: \$73,654.04

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Cathy Alescio)**

- Thank you to Charlie Hoffmann our speaker today.
- Thank you to the Harvest Fest Committee and everyone who contributed to make Harvest Fest a very successful event.
- Thank you to Erin Simpson for coordinating our Coupon Book Fundraiser
- Thank you to Laura Nolan for coordinating our Family Portrait Fundraiser
- Thank you to Beth Sanville for our directory
- Thank you to our Charitable Giving committee and all those who participated in the food drive for Lunch Break.
- We will be meeting shortly with the administration of the schools to continue discussions about how the PTA can best serve the needs of the students.
- Amazon Rewards – please sign-up online so a portion of your Amazon purchases will go to the PTA
- Affinity – TD Bank. Account holders can link their accounts to the PTA. If 10% of our membership signs up, TD Bank will make a donation. Also, TD will give new customers \$25 for opening an account.
- Classroom Library program has been rolled out. Teachers were given a budget to purchase books for their classrooms funded by the PTA
- There's been great participation/support by FH businesses for the House Tour. House Tour ticket holders will receive discount at local businesses when presenting their ticket.
- The PTA created "VIP" cards that were given to teachers at the beginning of the school year. THE FHBA is going to add some offers for shopping in the local establishments.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT: (Tracy Rehder)**

**Art Appreciation K – 4 : Bennett Coleman, Chair**

Art appreciation presentations are already taking place. Artist information and ideas were disseminated at back to school night, class mothers are sending in their final volunteer lists, and everyone who volunteered will be contacted by the beginning of this week thanking them for volunteering.

**Directory Beth Sanville, Chair**

The PTA Directory is now in proof reading phase and hope to have it sent to printer over the next week!

**Go Green - Nenita Kilper, Chair**

Awesome new go green tips in November newsletter!

**Distribution** Gina Ern (S), Carolyn Riley (K), Chairs

The Distribution gals are up and running and getting the ever important flyers out to our youngest and only students. Please give the distribution team at least a full week of lead time to get your flyers in mailboxes.

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Bennett Coleman)**

**BoxTops For Education** Sharon Everett, Chair.

Our first graders are busy counting! So far for October, they have counted 650 boxtops! Please keep clipping and sending them in! For a complete list of products that contain boxtop labels, please go to [www.boxtopsforeducation.com](http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com) Questions? please call Sharon Everett at 732 936 0422.

**Clothing Drive** Donna Ridgeway, Chair

The PTA will take your used and soft household items and turn them into cash for our schools. We can accept **only** the following items: Wearable clothing (men's, women's and children's); shoes and accessories (belts, handbags, scarves, ties, hats); soft household items (bed-ding, curtains, tablecloths and towels); stuffed animals and **small** toys. The drive officially began on **Saturday, October 2nd** and ends on **Sunday, October 24**. Please put all items in plastic garbage bags and drop off on the front porch at 18 Browns Lane, Fair Haven. Questions? contact Donna Ridgeway 732-842-8625.

**Coupon Book Sales** Erin Simpson, Chair

Nothing to report – final numbers being tabulated.

**Family Portraits** Laura Nolan, Chair

Family Portrait seatings are almost full, with only 9 sittings available. **October 24, 25 and 30 have sold out.** The available sittings are on November 4, 5 and 6. Each sitting will include an 8x10 portrait and Visual Expressions will take 10% off the entire order, including holiday cards. There is no guarantee on the number of proofs or time of the sitting. It will vary based on "children cooperation", however the sitting usually lasts 20 minutes and Tina generally gets 8-12 proofs. Expected totals: **56 sittings at \$30 each (\$1,680 total).**

**First Floors House Tour** Heather Boyle & Laurie Bratone Chairs

**Friday, December 10th 10:30am - 2:30pm.** The Holiday House Tour will feature seven unique Fair Haven Homes with an exciting variety of holiday themes. Advance Ticket price is \$45. You may purchase tickets through backpack flyers or online at [www.fairhavenpta.org/housetour](http://www.fairhavenpta.org/housetour) Two fantastic raffle prizes are available: Dinner for 10 at your home prepared by the talented Chef Hernan Garces of The Raven Tea Room, and this year's most sought after piece of technology, the Apple iPad computer. Raffle Ticket cost is \$10 or \$5 respectively. Drawing will be Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ad sales are coming to conclusion. Please contact Amanda Stevens immediately if you would be interested in participating in this keepsake journal, brochures featuring the raffles and our participating homes have been printed and posters will be out soon.

**Harvest Festival** Bennett Coleman, Chair

Beautiful weather, over 300 volunteers and more than 800 attendees (not to mention our 201 scarecrow sponsors) made this the most profitable Harvest Festival ever. Netting just over \$20,000 this year the committee would like to thank everyone who played a part in its success.

**Holiday Gift Show** Tori McAndrews , Beth Del Vecchio, & Peggy Dengler, Chairs

Fourth Annual Holiday Gift Show 11/13

Vendor tables are sold out! Flyers will be up and around town soon and a complete list of vendors will be posted on the PTA website the week before the show. The committee is coordinating with both Sickles and Knollwood principals to have student entertainment during the show. Additionally, there will be a baked goods and coffee sale.

**Luncheon** Britt Garrison & Patti Coughlin Chairs

Contracts signed for Saturday March 12, 2011 at Branches in West Long Branch.

The Luncheon Committee will hold it's first meeting next week.

**Super 50/50** Marie Nowglows, Chair

Raffle tickets are being printed and will be available for purchase at our Holiday Gift Show for \$10 a ticket. Drawing will be held March 12, 2011 at the Luncheon at Branches. Winner will receive 50% of the net profits.

**RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Tori McAndrews)**

**Family Fun Activities** Kerri Kostulias, Cathryn Danielczyk, co-chairs

Family Fun will have our first bingo on Friday, October 15th from 6:30-8:30 in the Knollwood APR.

**Charitable Giving** Cheryl McBarron, Courtney Kemler, Maureen Schmid, co-chairs

We are gearing up for our big holiday season events for Charitable Giving.

Our three charities will remain the same, Foster Parents association of Monmouth County (gifts for foster children), Jersey Shore Pediatric Unit, and Holiday Express.

Sickles children will be picking gift tag and bringing back an age appropriate gift for their

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Knollwood kids 4,5,6 will be decorating gift bags and providing a small gift (ex. gloves, beanie baby) for Holiday Express. They have not let us know yet what the small gift will be.

Knollwood kids 7,8 will be choosing gift tag and purchasing a gift for a child at the Jersey Shore Pediatric Unit.

We will be sending flyers home the week before Thanksgiving to let everyone know the exact dates the gifts will be due!

**Sickles Art Day** *Kim Colucci, Laura Nolan, Gail Reid, Co-chairs*

Art Day has been scheduled for Friday, April 8, 2011

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jennie Lucci)**

We are looking into a 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance presentation to assist in fulfilling the curriculum requirement – square dancing

**Cultural Enrichment** *Kerri Kostulias & Vanessa Spagnuola, Chairs.*

By the end of October we hope to have dates set for the following assemblies:

1. Rick Adams - addressing different character issues both at Sickles and Knollwood schools;
2. The Signature Project at Knollwood School in April;
3. Living Voices - addressing the Holocaust to the 7th and 8th grade and Immigration to 4th and 5th.

We have also narrowed it down to two Shakespeare productions. We are looking for suggestions to replace the Kids on the Block program presented to the third graders in conjunction with Understanding Disabilities Day. Finally, as we discussed Pat Cannon's Foot and Fiddle is \$1100. If we did two consecutive shows it would be \$1550. Let me know the Boards thought on providing this type of dance program to 6th grade only.

**Friends of Different Learners** *Carrie Marxen, Mary Friedman, Amanda Stevens & Kathleen Beausoleil, Chairs*

Little Silver is hosting "10 Ways for a Calmer Household" on Monday October 18th at 7:30 at the Women's Club. Sue Levine from FRA is the speaker.

Friends of Different Learners is hosting the Family Support Center of NJ in the Knollwood Media Center on Tuesday, November 30th at 7:30PM. Do you have trouble finding the right resources and information? The Family Support Center has done all the research and is an amazing resource for any parent who would like to learn about up-to-date information on national, state and local family support programs, services and disabilities. The Center offers a "One-Stop-Shopping" approach to individuals seeking information on disabilities and services by providing them with easy access to a comprehensive array of services. Family support is not a single service, but rather a flexible and varied network of supports that can change with individual family needs. Come join us to learn about what programs and services are out there for you and your family.

**Publicity** *Laurie Bratone, Chair*

PR Wise...If you could ask the board, if anyone sees information about FH PTA events to save me a copy...I don't see everything and am not always aware if articles or information gets published. Thank you!

**Harvest Fest** -- HF was nicely covered with visits from the Two River Times, The Hub, and the Asbury Park Press. Red Bank Red Hot wrote an article/interview featuring Cathy Alescio with photos in their September issue. The Fair Haven Fire House put the reminder message up on their sign board out front. The TRT printed a committee and "scarecrow" photo prior to the event, and hopefully will cover in their people pages.

**Holiday Gift Fair** A press release has been sent out "calling all vendors" and a second one has been sent, sharing general information for the upcoming Holiday Gift Fair.

**House Tour** -- Red Bank Red Hot has been provided photos of committee members visiting Fair Haven businesses involved with the tour. They have indicated interest in running a second article (in a series of three). Marketing brochures are now available.

**Sickles Science Club** *Shanda McManus, Chair*– 58 3<sup>rd</sup> graders signed up for the science club. The club has parent leaders for the experiments and is ready to go.

**Website/FB Site** *Jennie Lucci, Chair*- TBD

**PTA Membership** *Kim Browne, Chair*

All forms due by 10/15/10. So far membership is down from last year. We are analyzing why this is the case.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:** Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motions were made/accepted the September meeting minutes, and to introduce/accept the Standing Rules for 2010-2011.

Meeting adjourned by President Cathy Alescio at 2:30 PM.