

**Fall City Elementary School PTSA 2.18.15
General Membership Meeting
November 13, 2007**

Call to Order: Lori Hollasch, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Proper notice of the meeting had been given, a quorum was present, and the Treasurer's Books were on hand and available for review.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the September 20, 2007 General Membership Meeting were distributed and reviewed. Cathy Renner made a motion to approve said minutes and Karen Hunt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without changes.

Update on Fundraising: 1. No-Effort Fundraising: Lori Hollasch reported that \$1,900.00 has been raised through No-Effort fundraising so far this year. 2. Walk-A-Thon: The PTSA met its goal of \$65,000.00 in this year's WAT. 3. Literacy for Life Grant: Lori announced that FCE's Literacy for Life program has received a two-year \$78,000.00 grant from the Discurin Foundation. Ninety-five percent of every dollar the PTSA raises goes directly into programs for the students.

Update on Literacy for Life Program: Miranda Thorpe, Chair of the Grant Committee, presented an overview of FCE's Literacy for Life Program and how the grant money will be used in the program. Miranda explained that the Instructional Aides for reading and the Reading Buddies are under the umbrella of the Literacy for Life program. The grant money will fund two IAs, the Homework Club, and the Literacy for Life lead teacher, Katie Morris. All students took the Diebels test in reading this fall and the students with the lowest scores were assigned to the IAs. Katie Morris trained the IAs and oversees the Reading Buddy program. Students who need marginal help are being assigned to reading buddies. The goal of the Literacy for Life program is to get all FCE students to read at grade level. Twenty four percent of FCE students are not reading at grade level, according to the fall Diebels testing results. Parents will be notified if their child has been selected for one of the Literacy for Life programs.

Update on Book Fair and Spaghetti Dinner: Spaghetti Dinner: The PTSA served over 650 dinners and received \$1,122.00 in donations at the Spaghetti Dinner. Tracy Egan was thanked for stepping in and heading up the dinner's organization. Book Fair: Over \$22,000.00 of books was sold at the Book Fair and over \$10,000.00 in free books was given out. The library received \$2,400.00 in free books and each teacher received \$100.00 in free books.

Directory Update: The PTSA directory is finished and will be distributed later this week. Lori Hollasch thanked Steve Hollasch, Michelle Sellers and Stephanie Ploof for their work on the directory. Almost \$3,000.00 in advertising was sold in the directory this year.

Principal's Report: Dan Schlotfeldt stressed that the money the PTSA raises and receives from grants all goes back to the students in order to do what is best for them.

Teacher's Report: Barb VanOeveren, teacher representative to the PTSA, thanked the PTSA for the book fair and for its support of the reading programs. Mrs. VanOeveren also said that Vicki Bettis asked her to announce that the pick up and drop off etiquette will be addressed shortly to improve parking lot safety.

Election and Bond News: Cathy Renner, Legislative Chair, presented the following reports: **School Board Election:** Caroline Loudenback and Katherine Lerner were newly elected school board members in the November election. **Simple Majority Campaign:** Cathy Renner announced that as of 5:30 p.m., the Simple Majority proposition was winning by 7,000 votes with 72,000 ballots left to count. Most of the remaining ballots are from King County. **School Bond:** The Facilities Task Force has been reconvened and is listening to more citizen input. Community Meetings are set for November 27 and 29 to review new options for the bond. Maggie Grate from FCE is on the Task Force. **Legislative Roundtable:** A PTSA Legislative Roundtable will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at Newport High School at 7:00 p.m.

Request for Nominating Committee Nominees: Betsy Evensen, Co-President, announced that the PTSA is forming the Nominating Committee early this year so that the recommended slate will be posted by the end of February 2008. Betsy took nominations for a five person nominating committee from the floor. The following members were nominated and accepted their nominations: Julie Chappel, Tracy Egan, Tammie Klupar, Cheryl Duncan, and Michelle Madani. The membership voted for Tracy Egan to be committee chair.

Volunteer Opportunities: Betsy Evensen announced that the following volunteer opportunities are available for FCE parents: Reading Buddy program, Make It/Take It Fair, Lost and Found organization, Website and acting as a parent volunteer in your child's classroom.

Upcoming Dates: Betsy announced the following upcoming dates:

- *Food Ball: Starts Monday, November 26, 2007
- *Wolf Tale Assembly: November 26, 2007
- *Parents Play Day: Friday, November 30, 2007
- *Reading Buddy Coffeehouse: December 6, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 7
- *Make It/Take It Fair: Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.
- *Next Board Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2007 in Room 7
- *Next General Membership Meeting: January 8, 2008

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

