Forest Park PTA Meeting
April 8, 2017

Anne Tedford called the meeting to order at11:30a.m. and welcomed everyone to the final PTA meeting of the year.

Agenda Item **Contact for Information**

Special Guests **Kelsey Bailey, CFO of LRSD**

Kelsey came to explain that a YES vote tomorrow (May 9th) will extend one bond for 14 years. It will give the district access to 160 million dollars to make very necessary repairs to our facilities. The average age of our school buildings is 70 years old. He assured us that a YES vote will not put our school district in financial distress, but if this proposal doesn't pass tomorrow, our district will most likely go into facility distress in the next 5 years.

Minutes **Mary Margaret Wippo**

Julia Hamra moved to approve last meeting's minutes. Mary Katherine Nelson seconded motion. Minutes were approved.

Committee Recognition **Anne Tedford**

Anne thanked Beth Porter and her committee for a job well done on Art in the Park. It made a lot of money for our school. Anne thanked Page Gibson for all of her work on Go Green Month. Anne thanked Julia Crow and Morgan Smith for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week. And finally, she thanked Neil Lea for all that she did to make space camp happen for our 5th graders.

Principal's Report **Mrs. Ketcher**

Mrs. Ketcher announced that all students have finished their standardized testing. They were able to take their tests on their new chrome books. All 1st through 5th graders in the LRSD are currently reading the book The Lemonade Wars.

LR PTA Council Heroic Effort Award **Anne Tedford**

Anne was pleased to announce that our school's nominee won this award. Lindsay Coon's dad, Dr. Burns, volunteers at our school once a week. He is here every Friday and helps out in thousands of ways. A few examples: mans the front door desk, hangs banners, assembled carts for chrome books, brings donuts to teachers' lounge, gives dental hygiene demonstrations for students, and on and on! We are all so very thankful for Dr. Burns and so happy that the LR PTA gave him this recognition.

Bike to School **Lindsay Coon**
Lindsay said that Bike to School day is this Wednesday. They will have donuts, coffee and door prizes. Kids should wear spirit day shirts.

Mamacitas and Margaritas **Toga Tuite**
Anne announced that M and M will be this Thursday night at Toga's house at 6:00pm. Tickets can still be purchased.

Summer Camps **Monica Woods**
Monica will be doing camps for kids this summer at a local church. Contact her for more information. Gabriel Bond handed out fliers with camp info.

Yearbook Update **Lesley Roberts**
Lesley said that yearbooks are being delivered to school today. They will sort them and should be able to get them to students by Friday or Monday. There will be a few available for purchase next week for $30.

Overview of the Year **Anne Tedford**
Everyone on the Exec Committee thanked the chairs and committee members that served under them this year.
Anne invited all of the outgoing families to the front to be honored and she presented them with a gift.

Gift to the School **Anne Tedford**
Anne said that this year the PTA would like to spend an estimated $13,000 on Pass the Plaid storage room/renovating garage, disposal in teachers' lounge, sand troughs for playground and a fence around the Green House. We voted by paper ballot and it passed.

Budget 2017-2018 **Lesley Roberts**
Lesley presented next year's proposed budget. The budget was voted on and passed.

Things to Come **Angie Johnson**
Angie thanked E.W. Swan for the years that he's spent on our school's eblast and helping transition Molly Campbell and Amanda Denton to take over the job. She said that a new school website is coming, and there will be lots of great new things about it. One is a Kids' Section!
Angie also said thank you to Monica Mullens for the idea of opening the WatchDogs program up to moms and grandmoms. We will call the new program Ranger Watch and volunteers will be known as Park Rangers.

Angie asked that everyone do 3 things this summer: connect your Kroger card to Forest Park, sign up for Amazon Smile, and collect Boxtops.
Also, please keep up with Vips hours. Susan McGeorge will enter them for everyone if they turn them in to her.

School check-in starts next week. Students will come home with a packet. There will be an incentive of some sort when 100% of a class has turned theirs in.

Dates to Remember

Wed, May 10th	Bike to School Day
Thursday, May 11th	Mamacitas & Margaritas
Friday, May 19th	Field Day
Thursday, May 25th	5th grade Graduation
Friday, May 26th	Promotion Ceremonies
Monday, May 29th	No School – Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 30th	Last Day of School