

Forest Park PTA Meeting

August 29, 2016

Anne Tedford called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m. and welcomed everyone to the first PTA meeting of the year.

Anne informed everyone that if they make a purchase for an item that the PTA is responsible for paying, the receipt should be deposited in the PTA safe in the school office.

Agenda Item

Contact for Information

Budget

Katherine Butler

Katherine announced that the Friday Farmers' Market at school has made \$214 so far. This money goes directly back into the garden project at school. She also said that popsicle sales have made \$130. This money goes towards 5th grade camp.

Committee Recognition

Anne Tedford

Anne thanked the Check-in committee, PreK and K popsicle party committee, Grounds and Garden crew, people who helped with carpool and traffic the first week of school, and Moms and Muffins hostesses.

Anne explained how the PTA is setup. She informed everyone about the executive committee and how there are sub-committees that fit under executive committees.

Anne explained the importance of the PTA's fundraising for Forest Park. She provided a pie chart that laid out the annual PTA's expenses.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Ketcher

Mrs. Ketcher said that we have 469 students currently enrolled at Forest Park, and we are to capacity. She informed every one of several afterschool enrichment programs. Violin Lessons will be offered to 1st and 2nd graders, coding classes will be offered to 5th graders, piano lessons will be offered to 4th and 5th graders, and chess club will be offered for 1st through 5th graders.

Mrs. Ketcher also announced that Chrome Books will be provided for every student in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.

Directories

Emily Roberson

Emily said that every family at Forest Park will get a directory. She expects them to come out sometime in mid-September. She is still taking ads, so if anyone has a family business that they'd like to advertise, contact her.

Emily Roberson also announced that she is the Room mom coordinator, and there will be a meeting for all room moms immediately following this PTA meeting.

ROOTS Garden

Kerry Guice

Kerry said that we have hired a garden educator, Eleanor. She will be a liaison between teachers and garden. Kerry also said that we will have a Farmer's Market on Fridays whenever possible. All of the money made there will go directly back into the Garden Project.

Hospitality

Morgan Smith/Julia Crow

Julia Crow explained what the Hospitality Committee does throughout the year. She said that they have already given each teacher a \$50 gift card to the Knowledge Tree and a free drink card to Burge's. Burge's donated these cards. Hospitality gives teachers a loaf of bread every Fall, hosts a Christmas luncheon, and provides meals and other treats in the Spring for Teachers' Appreciation Week. She asked that people please sign up to bring snacks when needed.

Spaghetti Supper

Nicole Locke/Leslie Porter

Anne Tedford encouraged everyone to come to Open House and Spaghetti Supper this Thursday night, September 1st. She informed that all profit from this event goes to 5th grade camp trip. Dave's Place is catering the meal, Catering to You is providing desserts and Tipton & Hurst is making center pieces.

Spirit Day Pop Up Shop

Gerritt Whittaker

Gerritt said that she will set up a Spirit Day Shop the night of Spaghetti Supper. 5th graders will be manning this shop and even personalizing tumblers. Please try to bring only cash or check for purchases.

Pass the Plaid

Kristen Pfeifer

Kristen said that if anyone has gently used uniforms that they would like to donate, there is a bin outside of the school office that they can be put in. If for some reason the bin is not there, you can just give them to Mrs. Goodson in the office. Pass the Plaid will be selling uniforms at the Spaghetti Supper.

Space Camp

Neal Lea

Neal said that 5th graders will take their trip a little earlier this year than last. It will be at the end of April 2017. There will be a mandatory meeting on September 12th. The cost of camp is approximately \$375 per student. After fundraising, it ends up costing each student approximately \$200 to \$250 out of pocket.

Neal expects the Spaghetti Supper this week to bring in about \$2000. That will go directly to Space Camp fund.

Mixed Bag Sale 4th/5th grades

Neal Lea

4th and 5th graders will be selling items from Mixed Bag to raise funds for camp trip. 5th grade has \$4000 already that they raised last year as 4th graders. People will be able to order online starting September 12th.

Pumpkins in the Park

Emily Stein

Emily said that date is set for October 21st from 5-8 pm. Families can bring picnics. Wristbands will be \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. This is a fun carnival for the school that will have bounce houses, face painting, cake walk, and other activities.

Watch D.O.G.S.

Angie Johnson

Angie said that we are now asking Watch D.O.G.S. to volunteer in shifts from 10:30 til 1:30. Room moms will be sending out emails encouraging volunteers, and weeks might possibly be assigned to classrooms or grades this year. This idea will be discussed at the Room mom meeting held today.

Box Tops

Crystal Amos

Crystal encouraged everyone to keep clipping Box Tops from product packages. She told us all about eboxtops. These are specials that will require a specific purchase. When purchase is made, code will be printed on the receipt. Elizabeth Grotte said that she will take the receipt and enter codes for our school. These eboxtops are worth a lot. Crystal reminded everyone to encourage extended family members to also clip boxtops.

Stride Pride**Amanda Fugitt**

Anne Tedford said that Stride Pride will be on October 5th this year. T-shirt forms will come home. Students are encouraged to walk to school. If families don't live close enough to walk, they can park at Kroger and walk from there.

Fun Run**Stacy Grobmyer**

Elizabeth Grotte explained that the Fun Run is our biggest fund raiser every year. Last year we netted around \$40,000. Children will be asking for flat donations. Our goal is for every student to raise \$100. Kick off will be October 3rd and the Fun Run will be on October 13th. There will be many incentives for students. We will need lots of volunteer support for this event.

Recruitment**Julia Hamra**

Julia said the "Come Check Us Out Days" will be October 10th – 12th. We will have an Open House on the night of the 11th. If anyone knows of children going into PreK or K next school year, please email Julia and let her know.

Chess Club**Anne Tedford**

There will be a \$20 fee for Chess Club that will cover a t-shirt and the student's first chess tournament. Mr. Hansen will be overseeing Chess Club after school 3 days a week.

Anne Tedford adjourned meeting at 9:05.

Reminders/Announcements

- Eblast submissions must be sent to Anne by Friday
- Our new website is up. www.parentsatthepark.my-pta.org.
- Remember to link Kroger Card to Forest Park.
- When checking out at Office Depot, tell them you are a Forest Park parent. They will give us 5% back in credit for school supplies.
- Buses are having a hard time turning the corners. Please don't park too close to corner. Cars should be 25 feet from crosswalk. Parking spots in front of school are reserved for PreK pickup and drop-off.
- Please c.c. Anne Tedford on all PTA related emails

Dates to Remember:

Thurs, September 1st
House

Mon, September 12th
September 12th - 26th
Fri, September 30th

Spaghetti Supper & Open

5th Grade Trip Meeting
Mixed Bags sale 4th/5th grades
Patriotic Assembly