

Forest Park PTA Meeting

February 6, 2017

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

Agenda Item

Contact for Information

Minutes

Mary Margaret Wippo

Page Gibson moved to approve last meeting's minutes. Conley Golden seconded motion. Minutes were approved.

Budget

Katherine Butler

Katherine told us that Pass the Plaid is doing great. It's made about \$2500. Anne reminded us all that when making a donation, make sure that it is something that you would buy yourself. Katherine thanked everyone for keeping expenses low. She asked that if anyone has a reimbursement that they need to please get it to her this week. She will be gone next week.

Committee Recognition

Anne Tedford

Anne thanked our Spanish teacher for the wonderful job that she's done this year. She told us all about a celebration that she had for every classroom in December. Anne thanked the teacher appreciation committee for the Christmas Luncheon that they held for Forest Park staff.

Anne said that thank you letters went out to all who donated \$100 or more to the FunRun.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Griggs

Mrs. Griggs started by saying what WONDERFUL teachers we have here at Forest Park. She also said that we only have 2 women currently cleaning our buildings, and in her opinion, that is not right. There is too much work for just 2 ladies to do. She is fighting to get another custodian hired at Forest Park.

Mrs. Griggs believes that our dishwasher will be fixed next week. She also has 2 new water fountains being installed in the building, and she is having the 2 outside of the building fixed.

Mrs. Griggs had a hole in our track filled in that was a potential hazard for a child running.

Art in the Park

Beth Porter

Beth announced that Art in the Park will be at the Arkansas Art Center on April 14th. She said that she will be meeting with her committee this week, and if anyone has ideas for the party or auction, please send them her way. She plans to

do a section this year for Parents/Grandparents at the Park that features art contributed by parents or grandparents.

Grandparents Day

Lesley Roberts/LeighAnn Raper

Lesley informed everyone that Grandparents Day will be held on March 2nd and 3rd. The theme will be Lucky. The committee is currently working on options for ordering lunch. They are encouraging Grandparents and Special Friends to take pictures with their own phones this year. We need volunteers. Lesley passed around a sign-up sheet.

Little Rockers

Sarah Olney

Kids in the Little Rockers program need to sign up for Little Rock Marathon. We need volunteers to help with kids at afternoon practices. Contact Sarah Olney to help.

ROOTS Garden Center

Kerry Guice

Kerry said that Eleanor has been doing amazing things with the kids in the garden. The kids have learned about seeds, they went on a scavenger hunt, and they made leaf art, birdseed cookies, and couscous. They've talked about how the chickens stay warm in the winter. There's lots of learning going on in the garden center! We are getting a new compost bin. The farmers market will start back up in March. Someone suggested that the garden schedule be posted online, so parents can join their kids if they'd like.

Library Helpers

Jessica Lord

We really need some volunteer helpers in the library. Jessica is going to create a schedule for people to sign up on. Should be able to do one training session, then go in and work on your own after that.

Tutors

Anne Tedford

We need some more tutors. Please contact Angie Suffridge (asuff1@comcast.net) if interested.

Seatbelts on School Bus Bill

Anne Tedford

Anne informed us that the Arkansas PTA is really pushing a bill for seatbelts to be added to school buses.

AR School Recognition and Reward Funds

Anne Tedford

Our school received \$80,000 for ranking in the top 5% of AR schools. Money will be given to Forest Park staff as bonuses.

ViPS hours

Anne Tedford

Anne asked everyone to please go online and log volunteer hours.

Reminders/Announcements

- Anne is handing out the Bright Ideas Teacher Grant forms today at the FP staff meeting
- If you shop on Amazon, please sign up for smile and link your account to Forest park

The Nominating Committee for next year's PTA Exec is:

Julia Crow

Lesley Roberts

Elizabeth Grotte

Conley Golden

Julia Hamra

If you have any suggestions of someone that you'd like to see serve on the PTA executive committee, please give their name to the ladies listed above.

Dates to Remember:

Friday, February 17th

NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 20th

NO SCHOOL

Friday, February 24th 9:00AM

3rd grade Black History Program

March 2nd-3rd

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Monday, March 6th

PTA Meeting