

# **Thoreau PTA Meeting**

October 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Jill Hecht at 9:00 a.m.

## **In attendance**

Kathleen Lynn, Kim Ziegelbauer, Erin Lenart, Yoon Raxsdale, Jill Hecht, Debbie Tosi, Lorraine R. O'Reilly, Charisse Donnd, JJ Johnson Head, Mary Ann Ressin

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were read from the September meeting and approved.

## **Principal's Report**

Principal Mark Greenfelder reported that things are going very well. New Thoreau teachers are well-adjusted and receiving positive feedback. No big issues have come up. We have 100 participants for registering electronic devices. Wrestling with blending technology in to the classroom. Planning for February 2012 school renovation is ongoing. Guidance Department reported normal adjustment issues from students.

## **Treasurer's Report**

See attached.

## **Committee Reports**

- Community Service – Food for Others service opportunity is averaging 12-14 students once a month. Need to encourage 7<sup>th</sup> graders to participate.
- Directory – Copies were placed in teachers' boxes today for distribution.
- Hospitality – We are collecting candy for the teachers until Oct. 27. In November we will distribute pies to all staff.

- Landscape – 2 upcoming sessions are scheduled for Oct 29 and Nov 10.
- Membership – We have 201 PTA members representing 115 families. Good participation for the no-fuss fundraiser. A thank-you letter is being mailed to all PTA members.
- Parent Education Programs – Nov. 14 “Social Networking, Cyberbullying & Protecting your Online Digital Reputation.” The October program “Middle school Must-Knows” was a great program and well attended.
- Reflections Program – Deadline is Oct. 26. Please let Jill Hecht or Reshma Eggleston know if you are interested in helping with the reception for participants.
- School store – Sales are strong. “Sign-up Genius” may be running in November so volunteers can register their participation. Will greatly aid in coordination.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner – currently being organized and under control. A DJ has been hired.
- Volunteer Coordinator – An updated list of coordinators was sent to TMS Board. Picture Day went well. 3-4 volunteers have been submitted for Health Clinics training.

- Welcome – Debbie Tosi is designing a process to meet new families.
- School Liaisons – Great spirit week at Marshall. Louise Archer is having a 5K Fun Run and Madison’s Turkey Trot is Nov. 13.

### **New Business**

A group of parents is trying to raise awareness of offering more nutritious lunches in FCPS cafeterias. A session is scheduled at Wolf Trap Elementary School today (Oct. 24) from 2-4PM.

A new after-school activity will be offered “Cooking Club.”

Mr. Greenfelder brought up a concern from a TMS parent regarding the safety of students and the day laborers along Park Street.

### **Next Meeting**

December 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.