



**TES PTA Board Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2012**

I Call to Order- 7:00PM

Laura led self-introductions of all attending.

II Approval of the September Minutes-

Approved

III Report of Officers

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Patterson said she was "amazed to be in October already." Back to school Night was a great success. The video of faculty song was enjoyed by the parents, and the children were also able to see it on following Friday.

It will be a busy month of PTA events. A Walk to School Day reminder will go out tomorrow night (10/02/12). Mrs. Patterson reminded everyone that safety is crucial. The Freeman H.S. band will perform in front of the school to welcome the walkers.

Also, Friday is future Freeman Rebels night at Freeman High. The children can meet Mrs. Patterson and Mr. Gordon by the goalpost at 6:45. Kids who wear Spiritwear, or green and white, attend the game for free. At halftime a bully prevention program will be presented.

On Nov.9th two Veterans Day assemblies will be held for K-2 and 3-5.

Every 3 years each Henrico county school has safety audit. This is the year for TES. All aspects of safety are reviewed including character education, physical safety etc..

This year, since there is no school on election day, fall conferences

will be on Monday November the 5th. Cindy will meet with teachers this Weds. to set up the details but she assured the group that all parents will have opportunity for conferences. Conference sign up will be over the internet. Each teacher will have a different web address for parents to access. Details will be provided later in the month.

Teacher Representative

Mrs. Archer thanked everyone for the wonderful treats in the teacher's lounge in Sept. She also discussed the possibility of a fundraiser using pizza delivery by teachers (Like Skipwith's fundraiser). The group agreed to continue to consider the idea for TES.

Corresponding Secretary

Julie Flournoy reported that she sent a few notes out to members of the TES community recognizing hardships. Please continue to keep her apprised. She will also arrange for a gift for the guest author at TES this month.

Treasurer's Report

Diana Alger passed out the budget report for October (attached) and explained the current financials. She reported that PTA cash receipts are good. The Annual fund brought in over \$16,000, \$5,000 above target. Diana pointed out that the Sally Foster number reported is gross- costs (50-60%) and shipping and handling need to be subtracted. Nonetheless, the Annual fund plus Sally Foster net is over target! Some numbers on the budget sheet don't have costs deducted yet.

Diana also reported that the 2012 tax exempt form is now available.

Treasurer Elect-

Laura thanked Melissa Sanne for her extraordinary efforts on the annual fund and directory. The directory is undergoing final edits.

President Elect-

Elaine Peterson led discussion on a proposed technology initiative where we would like to do registration and payment forms on line without great expense. Mrs. Patterson said that TES was working on something similar and asked that we hold off until we see what the school is doing so we are on the same page.

President's Report:

Laura Pleasants reported that the company that ran the on-line school supplies ordering this summer provided the PTA with a rebate of \$154, which will go to annual fund. 104 kits were purchased for \$5100. There was discussion about this number likely increasing next year because more people will be aware of the program. Those who used it were very satisfied.

Laura told the group that Signal read-rate is up to 65-75 %. The newsletter is going out to more parents now because of new names from room parent lists. The next Signals will include a Budget report.

Laura reported that the PTA still needs a Journalism chair, and Spring Fling still needs help.

IV Committee Reports

- ASE - (After school enrichment for 1st-5th graders) Elaine reported that ASE has 225 places filled for fall winter ASE which begins October 10th. The committee is working on the Spring program and plan to hold the classes in February- March 2013 instead of later spring.
- Annual Fund- See Treasurer's report above.
- Bake Sale-Set for election day. There was discussion about expanding the bake sale to include casseroles and also adding a table at Third Presbyterian. Mrs. Archer mentioned that teachers love picking up a casserole. Laura will follow up with the Bake Sale chairs
- Book Fair-Claire Newton reported via e-mail that the committee will be working with teachers to make the book fair available to

their classes for a story time or kids' wish list making this year. Mrs. Hubbard will facilitate this! Several well known authors will be visiting TES this year, and their books will all be available for order through bbg. Information will be available at the book fair.

- Buildings and Grounds- Heidi Frenzel reported that the committee is getting ready for clean-up day on the 13th. They are working with Mrs. McIntyre on PowWow patch improvements and Mrs. O'Connor on Peter Rabbit Garden.
- Calendar and Directory- See above under President's Report
- Chess- Heather Gavin reported that 31 children are signed up for 24 spots. They will try to winnow down by using ASE chess opportunities.
- Drama- Drama is going well. SPARC still needs to sign contract so we can pay them. There are 2 groups of 45 kids..
- Duathlon- 315 people have signed up and the committee has obtained lots of new sponsors through the Signals Advertisement.
- Family Night- Family night still needs volunteers!
- Journalism- no report
- First Grade Musical- no report
- Holiday Kids Corner- The Committee now has the co-chairs it needs for crafting, . While the event prep is going well they still need new decorations. Wendy Rountree has ideas and will try to help.
- Hospitality
- Lego- Going well. There is a second junior team now.
- Newcomers- no report
- Reflections- Followed through with new publicity to help everyone understand the program.
- Room Parents- All are assigned.
- SEATS- The Signals article today highlighted SEATS.
- Square One Art- The Square 1 Art package was received this summer and is currently underway. Mrs. Ranson began the projects this week.
- Spirit Wear- Going well- \$1600 over goal but have still to deduct expenses. Lisa is handling teacher orders. She also led a discussion about whether to skip selling at Family Night .
- Sally Foster- See Treasurer's Report
- Volunteers-
- Walk to School-On track-Old and new D.A.R.E.officers will help monitor safety. The Freeman band will greet walkers as they arrive at school.

VI Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned.