



Fountain Green Elementary School PTA

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**FGES PTA General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2023
6:30pm, Zoom**

Call to Order: Michele Lorenc Hufnal, President 6:36pm

Reading of PTA Purpose: Nikki Byrne, Vice President

Approval of Minutes: Tuesday, 11/22/22 Michelle Grimes, Secretary

- Amanda Macri
- Nikki Byrne

Treasurer's Report: Lauren Kim

Committee Updates:

- Dining Out: Nikki Byrne
 - Vagabond is coming up on Monday 1/7
 - The Local 2-night event is coming up on Monday 2/6 and Tuesday 2/7
- Spirit Wear: Nikki Byrne
 - We reached our \$500 goal
 - Trying to get in contact with Bertucci's
- Yearbook: Sarah Forrester/Katie Stowers
 - Layout and prep is going great. We still need to get the word out about sales.
- Hershey tickets: Sue Rys
 - Discount tickets now available \$3 of each ticket goes to FGES
- Pie Sales: Sue Rys
- Sweetheart Dance: Nichole Snyder
 - Flyers are coming home next week

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- Date is tentatively set but we are waiting on Use of Facilities form to be approved from HCPS.
- Bingo: Nicole Moskovitz/Michele Lorenc/Sharon Ouellette
 - 133 people registered so far. Location is C. Milton Wright.
 - We are still in need of donations. Asking for volunteers to donate to make baskets that will be themed per grade level.
- Hospitality/Room Parents: Christine Hannon/ Meghan Phelan
 - Thank you to room parents who organized holiday parties and gifts
 - Teacher appreciation is coming up soon!
 - Suggestion: Pie Day on 3/14?

Administration Report: Ms. Clinton/Ms. Ward

- New fire alarm system was successfully installed
- Slated to get new flooring soon
- Learn with me is getting good feedback, which replaces American Education week
- Mrs. Wilson is on extended leave & Mrs. Ward will continue to be Acting Vice Principal through the end of the school year.
- Current Acting Teacher in Charge is Mrs. Rose
- Reading night was a success and a good number of people attended. Door prizes were announced at Good News Assembly.
- Trying to plan an Art Show around Earth Day

President's Report: Michele Lorenc Hufnal

- Game night
 - Cancelled due to scheduling
- Night at the Museum
 - Coming up soon, scheduled for April
- Cards for a Cause
 - \$969 raised and will be split between all classes for supplies and misc. items that they may need. Michele will communicate to staff directly.
- Holiday events update: cookies, light trail, centerpieces
 - Cookie decorating was very successful and had great feedback. Thank you to Erin McConkey.
 - Light trail was fun. Thank you to Meghan Phelan.
 - Centerpieces from Libs event just ended 2 days ago and was very well received. Will know more details later.
- Need nominating committee volunteers
 - We need a nominating committee which will be responsible for nominations and elections.
 - Executive board is not allowed to be on the committee
 - Would like 3 volunteers
- The role of the PTA
 - The PTA is responsible for outside events such as bingo, dance, and run fundraisers that supplement the school
 - Not in charge of school events that offer field trips and an educational experience
- Facebook group rules reminder

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- We don't always have answers to questions that are being asked because some questions need to be answered by school and some can be answered by the PTA; we work hand in hand as a team.
 - Sharing of handouts and flyers are not a responsibility of the PTA
 - Delays can be due to approval of projects, flyers, use of facilities
 - We are open to questions and comments; however, we request that your comments and feedback be constructive and not so demanding and abrasive. Please be mindful of how you are voicing your concerns. We are volunteers as well, and have working families, sports, etc. and are overextended as well. We are trying our hardest to make this a great experience. Please offer a solution to your problem or suggestion.
- Patriot Program
 - This program did not get rolled out as soon as it normally does. It took a lot of work and time to put this program together due to lack of volunteers. We worked with school administration and once we received approval, we sent everything out.
 - Administration sent a blackboard email on 1/10/2023.
 - Paper copies were made and sent home, as well as uploaded to the PTA Facebook page.
 - Executive board will be working on plan recognition.
 - Aiming to entice the kids to participate for the love of our Country and County.
 - Suggestion: Maybe make a blanket statement moving forward about removal of field trip? Maybe hold a Patriot Program meeting next year?

Comments/Concerns: Taken from the floor – n/a

Announcements:

Early Dismissal Friday, 1/27/23
 Early Dismissal Thursday, 2/16/23
 School Closed Friday, 2/17/23
 Schools Closed Monday, 2/20/23
 Early Dismissal Friday, 3/10/23
 Sweetheart Dance Friday, 2/24/23
 Bingo Friday, 3/10/23

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:30pm at FGES Media Center

Adjournment 7:23pm

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