

**FSUS PTSA
General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2006
FSUS Cafeteria**

Meeting was called to order by President Heidi Abernethy at 5:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by a student and Bonnie Abellera read a brief meditation entitled "The Right to Vote."

Approval of Minutes

Recording Secretary, Christy Gandy, read the minutes from the May 16, 2006 PTSA General Assembly meeting. The minutes were approved by general consensus.

The minutes from the August 29, 2006 PTSA General Assembly meeting were also read. The minutes were approved by general consensus.

Susan Epstein, Legislative Chair, explained the events for the evening. Once the PTSA business portion of the meeting was completed, candidates for City and County Commission seats would be addressing the general assembly, having 3 minutes each. In between each candidate a door prize drawing would be held.

Treasury Report:

President, Heidi Abernethy, reported the PTSA Board had approved an amended budget at their September 26th meeting. Some key points in the amended budget included decreasing the revenue, miscellaneous income was increased and funds budgeted for replacing the playground were deleted altogether. Most all expenses were reduced to align with revenues.

MOTION: To amend the budget as presented. Danni Vogt.

SECOND: Christy Gandy

Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Abernethy also reported the PTSA Board also approved moving funds raised in the 2005/2006 school year specifically dedicated to the playground, to be moved to a 501c(3) account with the FSU Foundation. This will allow the PTSA to receive tax deductible donations for the playground.

MOTION: To move the funds from the SunTrust account to an account with the FSU Foundation. Kathy Bishop

SECOND: Lori Fitzpatrick.

Motion passes with 2 no votes.

Fundraising Report

Fundraising Chair, Lori Fitzpatrick reported the Innisbrook Wraps recently completed and finished very well.

The Pennies for Playtime campaign is also going well with \$483.00 having been donated in change by students in September. Mrs. Fitzpatrick noted the bank in which her committee has been using to count the change is now charging a fee to use their machine. If anyone is interested in helping count change, please let her know. November will be "Stuff the Turkey" month and the class with the most "pennies" donated will have a turkey donated to a needy FSUS family in their name.

The Cookie Dough fundraiser is set to begin on November 9, 2006 with delivery on December 11, 2006. Mrs. Fitzpatrick also noted the fundraising committee will host a bake sale in November at the Southwood Harvest Festival.

Membership

Currently, PTSA membership is hurting with less than 400 members this year. Please encourage teachers and family members to join.

Reading Programs

Kate Pulver, Reading Programs Chair, was not able to attend the meeting; however, Christy Gandy reported for her. The fall bookfair went very well with over \$10,000.00 in book sales. Family night was lots of fun with Mrs. Ebener's chorus and Orffestra performing. However, pizza sales were down. The next bookfair will be a Reading Wonderland to be held December 8-15, 2006 with family night on Tuesday, December 12. Hot chocolate, coffee and desserts will be served.

The book character parade is set for Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 1:00pm.

Health & Safety Committee

Health & Safety Committee Chair, Danni Vogt, reported on the three projects his committee is currently working on:

1 – Elementary and Middle/High School vegetable, herb and butterfly gardens. All three gardens will be between the gazebo and the playground. He has received approval from administration to move forward with the project and plantings will begin in the next two weeks. The Damian Organization is helping with design and providing soil. If you are interested in helping with the gardens, please let Danni know.

2 – SNAP has been looking into the foods available to students on campus. With the new Wellness Plan, which sets standards and criteria for foods and snacks sold on campus, they have found there are over 140 foods available to students. Currently, the group is looking at the nutritional information for these foods and will be publishing a report and provide a list of healthy/alternative snacks that can be substituted. SNAP will also have students taste test snacks for approval.

3 – The Bike Rodeo is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2006 immediately following school. The location is set for the basketball courts behind the gym. FSU Police Department will be setting up stations, giving away helmets and checking for bike safety. Other prizes will also be available for those participating.

Playground Committee

On September 12, 2006, Playground Committee Chair, Lisa Pessin, presented all the findings of her committee to the FSUS School Board. Currently, the wooden structure has been disassembled and disposed of in a proper way. The soil around where the wooden structure was located has been tested for arsenic and upon further findings will most likely be remediated.

On October 10, 2006, Mrs. Pessin met again with the FSUS School Board. The FSUS School Board has dedicated \$20,000.00 for the playground. They also reiterated the school's responsibilities, not the PTSA's, to this issue. Mrs. Pessin will continue to work closely with the school on the playground.

Technology Committee

Kasey Chapin, Technology Chair, reported the PTSA website is coming soon. Currently, she is collecting items to include in the archives section of the website.

The deadline for the November newsletter is October 25. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please contact Mrs. Chapin.

Correspondence

At the September 12, 2006 and the October 17, 2006 PTSA Board meetings the Board approved seven mini-grants from teachers. Currently, these mini-grants are in need of approval from the General Assembly.

1. MOTION: To approve the mini-grant request by Suzzanne Horton for \$250.00. Nancy Magnuson.

SECOND: Ashley Munn.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. MOTION: To approve the mini-grant request by Nancy Magnuson for \$250.00. Christy Gandy.

SECOND: Suzzanne Horton.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. MOTION: To approve the mini-grant request by Karyn Rushe for \$250.00. Suzzanne Horton.

SECOND: Nancy Magnuson.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. MOTION: To approve the mini-grant request by Jamie Childs for \$250.00. Kammie Gargan.

SECOND: Kathy Bishop.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. MOTION: To approve the mini-grant request by Lauren Telesmanic for \$250.00. Ashley Munn.

SECOND: Suzzanne Horton

Motion passed unanimously.

6. MOTION: To approve the mini-grant request by Beth Robertson for \$250.00. Christy Gandy.

SECOND: Alicia Cherry.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. MOTION: To approve the mini-grant request by Katherine Maxson for \$250.00. Nancy Magnuson.

SECOND: Suzzanne Horton.

Motion passed unanimously.

Currently, there is \$2000.00 remaining in mini-grant funds.

Announcements

Trevor Brumbley, Boxtops/Labels for Education Chair, thanked Alicia Cherry for all of her help gathering and mailing all of the labels collected for the first period. Currently, we have 3,789 Campbell's Labels for Education and 648 Tyson Points.

Bonnie Abellera, Programs Chair, announced the program that will target middle school students in November is called Michael's Message. Look for more information coming soon.

The elementary science night at FSUS is scheduled for November 8, 2006. The Mary Brogan Museum, Mad Science and Science on the Move as well as 65 additional demonstrations will be available for participation through FSU elementary education students. Family Science Night will take place from 6:00 – 7:30 in the cafeteria.

The next PTSA General Assembly meeting is to be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned for the Candidate meet and greet at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Christy Gandy.