

**FSUS PTSA
General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 2007
FSUS Cafeteria**

Meeting was called to order by President Heidi Abernethy at 5:34 p.m. Quorum was established. Chair, Heidi Abernethy, read a meditation called "Children Learn What They Live."

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 12, 2006 meeting were approved by general consensus.

Treasury Report:

Treasurer, Kathleen Brothers, reported the PTSA has \$19,739.20 in the SunTrust banking account.

Reading Programs Update

Kate Pulver, Reading Programs Chair, reported the spring bookfair will be held April 16 – 20, 2007. Family event night being held in conjunction with the elementary talent show on Tuesday, April 17th.

Special Events Update

Committee Chair, Marie Aguirre, was unable to attend the meeting; however Mrs. Abernethy reported the Cultural Dance Fair event is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2007 from 1:00 – 2:55pm.

Health and Safety Update

Danni Vogt, Committee Chair, reported the Health and Safety Fair is scheduled to be held in the cafeteria on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 from 3:30 – 6:00pm. Currently, there are over 20 vendor participants expected to attend, however, additional contact are being made to raise that number.

The three school garden plots are ready for planting vegetables, herbs and other items to attract butterflies. Barbara Davis, HS art teacher, and Pat Davis, elementary teacher, have both agreed to sponsor the garden club for student participation. There will be an email going out on list-serve beginning early March for interested students.

The SNAP Council has issued two reports regarding the survey on snacks available on campus. The Council has also met with the school Wellness Committee in hopes to make the new School Wellness Plan stronger.

Legislative Update

Susan Epstein, Committee Chair, encouraged all attending to sign-up for CapWiz. CapWiz informs all PTA members on important legislation and issues of concern related to PTA through email. To sign up go online to www.flapta.org/legislation and click on the legislative alert button. One current item House Bill 1257 – Relating to Green Schools Pilot Project is supported by local Representative Curtis Richardson. This bill was a platform item at the PTA state conference in November 2006.

Teacher Appreciation Update

Suzanne Lane, Committee Chair, reported Teacher Appreciation will be held during the week of May 7 – 11, 2007. An email will be going out soon on list-serve regarding donations and volunteer opportunities during the week. The Future Teacher's Association will also be aiding with the events.

Mini-Grant Review

At the February 6, 2006 PTSA Board meeting the PTSA Board approved one mini-grant application from Kristina Pineau, middle school guidance counselor for items pertaining to counseling elementary students, in the amount of \$226.85. Currently, this mini-grant is in need of approval from the General Assembly.

MOTION: To approve the mini-grant request by Kristina Pineau for \$226.85.
Mark Mahoney.

SECOND: Lori Fitzpatrick.

Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee

Chair, Heidi Abernethy, read the section of the By-Laws pertaining to the Nominating Committee. Nominees to the nominating committee were identified as follows: Bonnie Abellera, Kasey Chapin, Christy Gandy, Trevor Brumbley, Hank Stephens.

Ballots were passed out for a General Assembly vote for three persons to serve on the Nominating Committee. Votes were counted by Danni Vogt and Kammie Gargan by request of the Chair.

Program

Bonnie Abellera, Programs Committee Chair, introduced Kim Ellis with the Children's Home Society as presenter of the evening's program. Mrs. Ellis spoke on child abuse and the signs of abused children.

The Meeting resumed after the program. The Nominating Committee was announced as follows: Bonnie Abellera, Kasey Chapin and Trevor Brumbley. The Chair appointed Bonnie Abellera the Nominating Committee Chair.

Announcements

The next PTSA general assembly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 5:30pm. The program presented will be concerning learning disabilities. In May there will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 which will also be the night we elect the new PTSA Board for the 2007/2008 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Christy Gandy.