

Fruchthendler PTA 2022-23

Oct 6th 2022: General PTA meeting

1) Meeting Called to order @2:49pm Julianna Adam

2) Motion to approve meeting minutes from September.

- a. ** Request to include addendum
 - i. There was a discussion at previous meeting regarding the Communication between PTA and others and how it can be improved or allow for greater publication of events and the need for funding and participation to support PTA.
 - ii. Corrected date for Art Show from Oct. 21st to March 9th.
 - iii. Discussion under Art show committee, that storage can be a concern and that it stills needs to be determined how and where Art projects can be stored in the months prior to the Art show in March.
- b. Motion to accept as updated: Motioned Nicole Budd 2nd Christina Garcia

3) Committee Chair reports

- a. **Movie Night:** Due to change in availability and capacity at Galaxy theatre location, it was decided by Committee to change the location and the possibility of combining with a trick-or-treat event. There was extensive discussion regarding this event due to communication problems and lack of clear decision-making process between Fruchthendler's staff, PTA, and teachers. ** Point of clarification: PTA wants all events to make money but not all events have a money-making focus- Example fall carnival.
 - i. Teacher/ parents Emilee Hardt and Helen Ornstein questioned the expected participation of teachers and staff and the involvement of school staff regarding decoration and attendance at the event.
 - ii. Date and/ or venue change was also discussed.
 - iii. Alternative locations discussed for original date of Oct 28th
 - 1. Parking lot/ Lodge
 - a. Discussed, but most people at the meeting felt this was not a safe option due to dark streets and many kids in the area.
 - 2. Back field
 - a. Discussed and declined this option due to liability for PTA and No current event insurance. Increased costs associated with lighting and need for additional volunteers for clean-up after the event.
 - 3. Cafeteria

- a. This was discussed and was agreed by consensus that this was the safest, most economical, and best option to cover for weather.

iv. Cost estimates: Paula Christiansen

1. \$50 deposit on equipment
2. \$50 cost to purchase license for public showing,
3. Event popcorn provided by VIP Mortgage (Tim Baron)
4. Estimate attendance: 150 people at \$3/ ea.
 - a. Income estimate: \$450 - \$100 cost = approx. profit of \$350.
5. Additional income generation ideas:
 - a. Selling bottles of water at the event for \$1.

- v. Vote to change venue: proposed new location Fruchthendler cafeteria on Oct 28th.: Motion: Christina Garcia, 2nd Heather Baron. Passed by majority of members present.

b. Updated Event information:

- i. **Fruchthendler cafeteria on October 28th. Time TBD. Movie: Hotel Transylvania**
- ii. Annual candy collection contest.
- iii. **** Point of clarification**** Teacher/ staff participation is optional. Classroom door decoration TBD.

4) Principal's report: Mr. Eriksson, present

- a. Agenda item 5 combined with Principals report.
 - i. * List of items: Parent concerns, morning drop-off, parking lot problems, staffing issues, discipline issues, and lack of proper bookkeeping [the last item will be covered in future PTA meeting under treasurer's report being tabled due to time conflict for treasurer]
- b. Monthly principal's meeting to give community members an opportunity to discuss problems and concerns.
- c. Clarification of "Chain of command" for planning events.
 - i. Principal gives final approval.
 - ii. PTA should consult with teachers and other PTA members.

5) Teacher's report:

- a. No final decision was determined about who/if there is a permanent teacher member on the PTA.

6) Officer's Reports

- a. **Treasurer's report** – Tabled for future meeting and discussion at Nov. PTA meeting.

7) Committee Reports

- a. **Art Show** – No changes to previous report
 - i. Concerns brought up about storage space for Art and planning for this event

- ii. Date: March 9th
- b. **Families helping families: Heather Baron**
 - i. Change to family request process:
 1. 1 family per grade to be selected.
 2. Additional donations or gifts will be donated to the School pantry that provides food and clothing assistance to families at the school.
 - ii. Other ideas
 1. Book drive to provide books to students
 2. Use funds from scholastic book fair to purchase additional books for donation.
- c. **Spell-a-thon**
 - i. Packets distributed on Sept 20th and graded on Sept 28th.
 - ii. Changes to reward structure and who earns prizes.
 - iii. Teachers will grade when completed. ** don't score as %.
- d. **Book Fair**
 - i. Oct 27th to Nov 4th
 - ii. Will it be open during Halloween movie/ trunk or treat event.
 1. Tim E will get clarification regarding use of the library for book fair.
 2. If library can't be used, then alternative location TBD.
- e. **Fundraising**
 - i. Nicole Budd: Suggestion to create PTA social events at a later time and location to welcome new parents and allow parents that can't attend the 2:45 meeting times to join the PTA community. Offer to chair the new committee next year.

8) Call to Audience/ general Discussion

- a. Veronica Chu: member
 - i. PTA needs to clarify planning process and what procedures committees need to follow when planning events. [all committees not just certain committees]
 - ii. Clarification regarding PTA events to community. What events are for fundraising and what events are community events.
- b. Significant ongoing discussion about PTA/ Teacher/ Staff communications and what role each group should be responsible for.
- c. Discussion about communications and transparency of PTA meetings, membership, and meeting times for meetings. Further discussion about alternative times for meetings that could increase parental involvement.
- d. Clarification that all PTA business needs to be written messages to eliminate/ reduce miscommunication.

9) Tabled Business for future discussion.

a. November PTA meeting

i. Treasurers report

1. **Noncompliance status of Fruchthendler PTA.**
2. **Cancellation of PTA event insurance.**

10) Meeting Closed

a. 4:12p Juliana Adams