

Farmdale FPA Meeting

March 3, 2016 at 6:30 pm

In attendance: Erica Richards, Johanna Kreibick, Kristen Nikolaus, Steve Richardson, Trisha Pearson, Sue Forry, Melissa Reihart, Lisa Miller and Lynn Shoffler

February 2016 Minutes: Changes: None. Accepted

Treasurer's Report: Changes: None. Accepted

Principal's Input: Mrs. Pearson reported that the first week has gone well. There have been changes implemented to the concert and car pick up process. The feedback has been positive and adjustments will be made as needed. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Pearson with any issues you may experience or with any positive comments.

Teacher's Input: Mrs. Kling was unable to attend the meeting. Mrs. Pearson reported that the school nurse has contacted her about changes in the field trip policies regarding students who require medication for various reasons. If a doctor or parent note is not obtained before the trip, or a parent cannot attend with their child, then the FPA is required to pay for a nurse to accompany the student. Any new developments or arrangements made, will be communicated to the board.

SPAC Report: Meeting was held on February 8, 2016. No representative was able to attend the meeting. Please see the SPAC report minutes on the FPA site.

Old Business:

- The Kid Stuff chairperson position has been filled by two individuals for next year.
- The gratitude gram sale was very successful this year and sold more than the previous year. There was a lot of good feedback from all involved and it will be held next year as well.
- The Gertrude Hawk sale has ended and delivery is set for March 10th from 4-6 pm in the cafeteria. We are currently looking for volunteers to help sort the orders during the day. The FPA will earn 50% on the profit of this fundraiser.

New Business:

- The "find the shamrock," will take place this year throughout the school. Students who find hidden shamrocks, will be able to return them to the office and receive a prize.

- Mrs. Tower's second grade class won the box tops contest last month. She was able to purchase a lego set that the class has been asking for all year.
- The Hershey Park ticket sales will be held from March 31st to April 15th. Regular tickets will be sold at \$39.95 apiece, compared to the regular price of \$63.80. This year, the FPA will receive \$4.50 for each regular ticket sold. Junior/Senior, Senior Plus and Hershey Park meal tickets will also be sold. Please encourage family and friends to take advantage of this great offer!
- McDonald's night will be held on March 15th from 4:30-7:30 pm at the Mt. Joy location. Please have students fill out and bring their homework passes to this location.
- The Campbell's Company will be discontinuing their label program next year. This decision was made due to lack of participation by organizations.
- The board is currently collecting ideas for fundraisers for the 2016-2017 school year. Please let us know if you have any ideas.

Round Table:

- Kristen Nikolaus: The festival planning is beginning. Teacher sign ups have begun, via Sign Up Genius, and will continue until March 14th. At that time, room parents will begin asking their parents to sign up for open time slots. Each room parent is being asked to find 8 parents to fill the slots assigned. Brickers and Good Life has been reserved to provide food trucks and several new games and contest ideas are being developed.
- Sue Forry: The 6th grade t shirts are purchased from Peter Kline. The students are asked to sign "The Class of 22," logo and it is then placed on the back of each shirt. Each student has a label with their name and are asked to write their shirt sizes on it. This label is then placed on their shirt and given to them for field day and the class trip.

Parents can also receive Hempfield notifications on facebook by going to the Hempfield High School page and liking the page/group. At the drop down menu, you will see "notifications," select the ones you want. If you want to get everything, select "all." Do this for all the schools you want (or any pages you want). Warning, if a page posts a lot, you will get a lot of emails! Then just go back and deselect. Parents can also receive Blog notifications via 4pm emails. To do this: go to the Hempfield homepage and select "Choose a School" from the drop down menu. Click on subscribe. You will then be asked to confirm your subscription. Both of these are good ways to stay informed of events and changes quickly.

- Mrs. Pearson: Is considering placing a monthly update on the Farmdale Blog. Monthly notifications will be sent to email and phone numbers.

The next Farmdale FPA meeting will be held on April 7, 2016,

