

Forest Park PTA General Committee
Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023
Meeting held at Forest Park Elementary Cafeteria

2023-2024 PTA Executive Board:

Courtney Black- President
Madeline Moore - President-Elect
Erin Long - Treasurer
Lacey Watts - Treasurer-Elect (absent)
Anna Shelley - Secretary
Mollie Campbell - Education
Sarah Duke - Buildings and Grounds (absent)
Grace Fleeman – Outreach (absent)
Kami Coleman- Communication
Julianna Garner- Hospitality
Sydney Ross- Welcoming

Courtney Black welcomed group, thanking everyone for the volunteer support with all of the events going on around campus and called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

September Minutes, Anna Shelley:

- A. Shelley called for a motion to approve the September PTA minutes; J. Garner motioned to approve, L. Ritchie seconded the motion. Motion approved.

PTA Budget Report, Erin Long:

- Up \$3,000 dollars so far this year, Fun Run is already doing very well so far; please see attached copy of Profit and Loss Chart

Introduction of Special Guests, Courtney Black:

- C. Black introduced Anna Strong who is running for LRSD School Board. Election is on November 15, early voting November 7. Mrs. Strong is passionate about early education in childhood, husband is Dr. Aaron Strong (pediatrician), loves community schools that are a part of LRSD. She is passionate about advocating for safety and positive mental health environments in all of the schools. (501-626-5777- Anna Strong's cell phone)

New Business, Courtney Black:

Fun Run, Sarah Gibson:

- Flyers went out to assist with registering students within the Fun Hub platform (please contact Sarah Gibson or Callie Gutierrez if you need assistance with this); November 2, 2023, is the date of the actual run; sign-ups for volunteering on day of run will be sent out soon; \$13,685 raised so far, 6 classes have already raised over \$1,000
- Donations can be made via QR code, on the Fun Hub platform, OR through Venmo to the PTA Venmo address (@ForestPark Memo: Fun Run Donation and Student

Name/Grade) or check; prizes will start going out Friday, October 6 and will be distributed twice weekly

Stride Pride, Katie Sachleben:

- Walk to School Day is this Wednesday, October 4; prizes donated from Domestic Domestic and Le Pops; families who live farther away may park at Kroger and walk from there, crossing guard will be present to assist crossing Cantrell

Roots Garden, Heather Amaro:

- H. Amaro says that garden is in a rebuilding year, currently redoing the orchard, purchasing new picnic tables, moving aviary and replacing climbing vines, wildflower cottage garden coming soon. **October 26 : Arkansas Farm to School Day**, Sec. of Agriculture will be here to sign a proclamation at 9:30-10:30; representatives from Student Council will be present to give speeches
- Weather and seasons unit coming next in the classrooms, learning about different climates and growing zones in the US

Buildings and Grounds, Heather Amaro for Sarah Duke:

- H. Amaro says front flower bed will be planted with weeping cherry tree, matching boxwood coming on opposite side of FP sign, green and white "Spirit Garden" flowers will be coming soon, flower planters will be replanted with fall annuals in time for Pumpkins in the Park

Pumpkins in the Park, Courtney Black for Mary Katherine Hastings:

- In need of volunteers for set-up/take-down and running the carnival games, please encourage families to volunteer during the event

Welcoming, Sydney Ross:

- Fall preview is November 9; let Sydney know of any names of new families to contact

Principal's Report, Ms. Ketcher:

- Ms. Ketcher said teachers are getting ready to do interim assessments (not counted as a grade) that will be done quarterly, these help teachers and administrators to re-evaluate teaching approaches and curriculum.
- Ms. Ketcher mentioned the "walking laps around the track"- walking the track was a consequence for behavioral issues in the classroom because that was the only strategy for discipline; now behavior documents will be sent home that report behavioral issues in the classroom instead of walking. Reports will be kept for just the school year as a means for tracking behavior patterns and to determine the need for a parent conference.

Education, Mollie Campbell:

- Chess club is underway, parent designing t-shirt for members; pre-order coming soon

- Teacher grant applications going out next month and will be due in December for review
- Character Education is present and can be found in agenda books, with Ms. Gray (7 Habits of Highly Effective People); M. Campbell planning to highlight a trait on entry bulletin board
- C. Black mentioned that Cheer City United has agreed to teach cheerleading classes, open to 3rd-5th grades, 28 students have signed up

Hospitality, Juliana Garner:

- J. Garner thanked parents for their donations of snacks/drinks for teacher meetings
- Pumpkin Bread sign-ups will be coming out soon, loaves to be delivered the week before Thanksgiving

Communications, Kami Coleman:

- FP Directory should be completed by Friday, October 6); printed copies will be available for purchase and directory may also be accessed online via password protected site

Outreach, Courtney Black for Grace Fleeman:

- Halloween costume drive ongoing with Student Council supporting Women and Children First; **October 20 is the deadline for donations**, costume donations may be dropped in labeled boxes by the front doors of the school

Yearbook, Jenn Moquin:

- J. Moquin is getting lots of great pictures, please keep sending them to email address (FPyearbook2324@gmail.com); email to be distributed to remind room parents to take pictures of classrooms during class parties/activities

Spirit Shop, Courtney Black for Betsy Blankenship:

- Pre order sweatshirts should be here by end of October; other new exciting items coming soon

Reminders/Announcements, Courtney Black:

- C. Black reminded everyone to submit their VIPs hours through the PTA option under 'Parents Tab' on the Forest Park website (www.forestparklr.com)

Red Ribbon Week is typically the last week of October; Ms. Gray in charge of arranging this, Ms. Ketcher will touch base with Ms. Gray to get that on the calendar

Garden Work Day October 13 or 14 with Heather Amaro

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 am.

Minutes Submitted by:
Anna Shelley, PTA Secretary

Minutes Approved by:
Courtney Black, PTA President

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Profit and Loss

June 25 - October 3, 2023

	TOTAL
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Income	
5th Grade Trip	
5th Grade Camp Income	
5th grade Chaperone	1,400.00
5th grade Child	1,800.00
Southern Supper Expense	-1,652.69
Southern Supper Income	4,736.85
Space Camp Donation Income	600.00
Spirit Shop Expense	-11,061.59
Spirit Shop Income	20,085.46
Total 5th Grade Camp Income	15,908.03
Total 5th Grade Trip	15,908.03
Fundraising Income	
Fall Event - Fund Run	
Sponsorships	6,250.00
Total Fall Event - Fund Run	6,250.00
Other Fundraising	
Community Partners / General Donations	413.26
Total Other Fundraising	413.26
Spring Event - Parties in the Park	
Auction Income	1,795.00
Sponsorships	3,000.00
Ticket Income	30.00
Total Spring Event - Parties in the Park	4,825.00
Total Fundraising Income	11,488.26
Money Market Interest Income	424.87
Other Income	
Credit Card Fee Income	451.37
President's Discretionary Exp Income	126.56
Total Other Income	577.93
PTA Membership	
Agenda Book	0.00
Chess Club / Coding	1,430.00
Pass the Plaid	3,367.00
PTA Membership	1,160.00
PTA Teacher Membership Income	25.00
Total PTA Membership	5,982.00
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	8,250.00
Total Income	\$42,631.09
GROSS PROFIT	\$42,631.09