

**Forest Park Elementary PTA | General Membership Meeting**  
**Friday, February 7, 2025**  
**Forest Park Elementary Cafeteria / Zoom**

President Madeline Moore welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

**Updates and Reminders**

- Madeline Moore asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous monthly PTA meeting, held November 2024. Grace Hartmann made the motion. Angela seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.
- Nominating Committee Nominations/Voting – will slate officers for 2025-2026 and vote at the April meeting.
- ViPS/Volunteer Hours Reporting – please make sure to submit all volunteer hours. Melissa Peacock reported that there have been 6,000 volunteer hours reported so far this year. We will have a raffle (\$100 gift card to the Buttered Biscuit) for those who submit hours between now and March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Reimbursements and CC receipts due to Treasurer Lacey Watts.
- Chicken Survey/Feedback – Elizabeth Ivory reported that she has arranged for educational classes on chickens to be held in conjunction with garden classes with Ms. Rose for all grade levels on Fridays. An email will go out via room parents with more information.
- Ms. Graves and Ms. Gray were presented with flowers and recognition for Love Your Library Month and National School Counseling Week, respectively.

**Principal's Report, Principal Teresa Ketcher:**

- The floor has recently been redone in the teachers' lounge – they are now in need of an icemaker. Hopefully, the PTA can provide this for the lounge.
- Haskell Dickinson donated books about the Constitution as well as six \$25 gift cards for winning essays for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. She announced the top three winners from each 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class.
- The U.S. Department of Education has nominated Forest Park for a Blue Ribbon Award, and she is working on the application for this process. We are one of only four elementary schools in the state to be nominated. We have met growth and achievement scores and standards for the last five consecutive years.

**Committee Updates:**

- Grace Hartmann, Inclusion Chair – mentioned that the Inclusion Committee may form its own group – needs feedback
- Ann Marie Gray, Education Chair – Book Fair has been held all week. Every child has received a book this week. The Book Fair Committee and volunteers have been beneficial to the success of the event along with Outreach and the "Share the Fair" funding program. Club dues are now due from participants for the spring. Rangers Cheer information is coming this spring.
- Kelsey Sandvall, Building & Grounds Chair – reiterated the chicken education report previously given in the meeting. Let her know if you can help out with any grounds work.
- Megan Irwin & Maeghan Overley/Kelsey Sandvall – update on Art in the Park, a collaborative classroom art effort as well as individual art is featured in our spring fundraiser. The event will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup>. All pieces are up for auction, and the individual student pieces will be

available for a lower “buy it now” option. New this year – a coffee table book will be for sale for \$45 and will feature photos of all artwork. There are Silent Auction items that have been donated – thank you to our generous donors. Tickets are still for sale.

- Stephanie Keogh – update on the March 1<sup>st</sup> Little Rockers Marathon – sign up and run if your child is able – you don’t have to attend practices at school in order to participate. All participants receive medals.
- Random Acts of Kindness Day to be held February 18<sup>th</sup>.

A PTA meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 4th at 8:00 a.m.

President Madeline Moore adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Submitted by:

Kami Coleman, Communications Chair

(in place of Secretary Ashley Jackson, absent)