

**October 14, 2014**

**Officers’ Reports**

Meeting called to order by PTO Assistant Vice President- Leah Jenski at 9:34am.

16 people were in attendance.

Treasurer’s report was completed by Sandy Addison and presented by Leah. Motion to approve the budget by Leah.

**Principal Chris Adkins:** Please make sure you are aware of Senate Bill Sixteen. It is something to keep informed of regarding our own District 303.

NAEP Testing (The National Assessment of Educational Progress) will be coming up for all 4th graders in January. Ferson Creek has been selected as one of the schools to participate in this testing process. This test is the largest national assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in [mathematics](http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/mathematics), [reading](http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/reading), [science](http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/science), and writing. The duration of the test will be approximately 40 minutes.

The Baier family has donated a patio with a bench to be built in the front of the school near Mr. Adkins office. Thank you Baier Family for this generous donation to Ferson Creek Elementary.

**Committee Reports**

**WAC**: Write a Check will be extended one more week (October 17th). We are at $9,500 so far with about 35% of Ferson families contributing. We are looking to set up a paypal account as another way to donate. This may be another option for extended relatives or friends to contribute.

**Boo Bash:** Boo Bash will be held on October 25th. There will be lead contacts working shifts within the Pre-school, Community Room and the Gym areas. There will be a meeting at the end of this week detailing what is involved in the lead positions for these areas. Please contact Leah Jenski if interested at (312) 498-1174.

We need debris for the **Haunted Hallway**. Bring your Goodwill items (old toys, tricycles, shoes, clothes, etc). We also need kids who want to be zombies in the hallway. (Older siblings are welcome). Email Bob Werderich at [bobw@illinoisaviation.com](mailto:bobw@illinoisaviation.com) directly if interested. We are in need of a volunteer to be a **cotton candy spinner** during Boo Bash. (Dads and Grandparents are also welcome to volunteer in that role). Please contact Shannon Sullivan or Leah Jenski if interested.

Please get your Boo Bash pre-order forms filled out and sent in by October 17th.

**Service Learning**: Mrs. Cournaya presented **Pencils of Promise** today as one of the charities the Ferson Creek students can consider as their fundraiser this year. The purpose of this charity is to raise money to help build schools in India and or Africa, as every child should have access to an education. The cost is $25,000 to build one school in those specific areas. However, the money raised can also go towards supplies for just one classroom. There are many areas the funds raised can be used towards helping the schools in these under privileged countries.

Lara Hoepner presented **Cal’s Angels** as another fundraiser to consider. Cal’s Angels are a pediatric cancer foundation that grants wishes/financial assistance for kids fighting cancer. They have assisted over 400 families each year with their programs which includes hospital parties and their 12-days of Christmas program. This charity is about raising awareness and kids helping kids.

Both presentations will be presented to the Ferson students for voting this week.

**Ferson Family Directory**: Shannon mentioned that the directory is currently being worked on. The goal is to have the directory before Thanksgiving. Every year each family has to fill out a new PTO dues form for that upcoming school year. There is no carry over from year to year.

**Committee Chair List:** Mattine Gallentine and Jenny Hunt-Kesner will be co-chairing our Valentine’s social in February. We are still looking for a co-chair to help Jenny Hunt-Kesner with the Holiday Festival. (This is a family free event that includes crafts, activities and vendors) If you are interested in helping with the Holiday Festival, please contact the PTO.

**Karen Johnson**: (Teachers’ Report) Thanks to the PTO for funding the recent field trips. Mrs. Johnson will be sending out an email to the staff regarding Boo Bash. Writer’s Theatre will be coming soon and the teacher’s are all looking forward to that event.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:33 am by Shannon.**