

**March 10, 2015**

**Officers’ Reports**

Meeting called to order by PTO President- Shannon at 9:30am.

16 people were in attendance.

Treasurer’s report was completed by Sandy Addison and presented by Shannon.

FYI…All PTO minutes are posted at [www.fersoncreekpto.com](http://www.fersoncreekpto.com) within 48 hours after each meeting.

**Principal Chris Adkins:**

* The students are doing well with the PARCC tests they have been taking. There are some links online that Mr. Adkins encourages people to look at for practice assessments.
* Mrs. Kinney will return to school April 15th. Mr. Adkins wanted to let everyone know she is doing well at this time.
* There have been a lot of new families enrolling at Ferson Creek since Christmas. Our findings are that a majority of these families have lived in the community for some time and have decided to change schools. These families have picked Ferson Creek as their new school based on reputation and other positive comments from within the community. Great news for our school!
* Mr. Adkins would like to remind all parents and children to keep good hygiene practices in effect. We need to remind our kids that hand washing with soap and water is the most effective way to cut down on germs. We should be reminded that this is especially important after using the bathroom facilities and before lunch. This has been a challenging year with sicknesses. As a reminder, the school’s policy states that if a child has a fever of 100 degrees or higher then he/she needs to be fever free for 24hours before coming back to school.
* There are six teachers retiring at the end of this school year. (Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Kinney, Mrs. Staub, Mrs. Virtue, Mrs. Bordenave and Mrs. Kazwell) There will be retirement reception after school in the community room on May 15 to celebrate. Also, the school will be contacting the Herald and Chronicle newspapers with the information so the community will be informed as well.
* Ferson Creek will host their Summer Camp program again this summer. Academics will be held in the morning and crafts and games will take place in the afternoon.



**Committee Reports**

**Year Book Sales**: 403 orders have been placed for yearbooks. March 13th is the extended final deadline. Please place your order if you haven’t done so. These are great memories to have and share.

**ASE (After School Enrichment):** We had another great year of ASE! A lot of children signed up making 36 full classes. Some of the most popular classes this year were shrinky dinks, jazz & poms and the reptile’s class. Thank you to all the volunteers, Liz Holcomb and Joy Larsen!

**Valentines Social:** A fabulous time was had by all! There were over 200 people that attended. Great reviews on the face paining, balloon artist and the fantastic DJ. Thank you to Mattine Gallentine and Jenny Kesner.

**DPTO**: Shannon attended a DPTO meeting last month. The theme was a PTO Summit. Representation came from all the PTO’s in the district. Some of the issues that were covered included PTO were effective communication, improvements on recruiting, and financial support and the PTO. There were several different discussions. The next meeting is scheduled for Wed, March 18th at 9:30am. The topic will be a wrap-up of the PTO Summit and The Candidate forum.

**Spring Auction Team:** We are looking for parents to join the auction team and help solicit corporate and local businesses for auction items. There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 12th at 9am at Panera in South Elgin. This will be an auction brainstorming session. Family letters are going to be going out this week regarding how to donate. Please contact Shannon Sullivan if interested in helping out with this great fundraiser shannonlnj4@gmail.com.

**Market Day:** For those of you that aren’t familiar with Market Day…..Market Day offers butcher shop quality meats, quick cook entrées and sides, breakfast items, lunch box favorites, appetizers, indulgent desserts and more.

We are looking for **one or two volunteers** to chair Market Day next year. The work involved is very minimal for this monthly fundraiser. There are also some incentives involved for those volunteers that chair. Please let Shannon know if you are interested.

**Barnes&Noble Book Fair:** We are looking for a committee chair to take on the B&N book fair. This event will take place on Friday, May 8th. All proceeds that are earned go to Mrs. Ignoffo. This is very helpful to our school library as it gives them extra funds to have at the beginning of the year for additional purchases. Please consider volunteering for this great scholastic event. Contact Shannon Sullivan if interested.



**Service Learning – Cal’s Angels:**

Continuing to grant wishes for kids fighting cancer Cal’s will host a Toy Drive March 16-20 at Ferson Creek. With your child go pick out a cool toy for a boy or girl something they would like themselves that some else could enjoy and drop off in the Cal’s Angels box in the lobby.

**Karen Johnson**: (Teachers’ Report) The Science Assembly was awesome! The children really enjoyed themselves and there were a lot of positive comments. The ASE program was also a great success. Teachers will be reminded that the allocations need to be sent in as soon as possible.

**PTO Meeting April**: The next PTO meeting will be an evening meeting on April 14th at 6:30pm in the LRC.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:38am by Shannon.**