

**PTO Minutes
Franklin High School
November 4, 2009**

Meeting was called to order by Terri Stenger, co-president, at 12:00 noon in Lisa Welch's room.

Attending: Terri Stenger, Lisa Welch (faculty liaison), Annie Hornsby (student appreciation), Jennifer Hogsed (Spanish teacher) and Joani Yokel (secretary). The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The Franklin HS PTO Quarterly Report sheet was given for review. There was a beginning balance of \$423.77 and then after deposits and disbursements in Aug, Sept, and Oct., our ending balance was \$619.37.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Our "Germbusters" totals spent were \$133.56 from the general fund. We are continuing to hope for more \$5.00 membership donations to offset these costs.
2. SACS had great reviews not only from the Raleigh evaluators but also mentioned in a staff email from Gary Shields himself. He mentioned that the SACS evaluating team "never worked with a school that was such a 'team'. What they saw, heard and felt described a culture that respects each other both as professionals and with the students it serves daily." What a great community effort, HS teachers!

NEW BUSINESS

1. The "Spring Open House" is scheduled for Monday, February 8th. Open House will be "drop-by" from the hours of 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. Many teachers have younger children so having the event earlier is better. The PTO will supply snacks and drinks to the teachers who often have to stay all day and evening. This idea had support from Mrs. Hogsed who has young children and stays the whole day and night. PTO will plan to give snacks and waters earlier that day to all teachers. Welch Automotive will supply snacks, and Macon Bank will possibly supply water. Also we discussed how "Open House Night" falls on the third Monday of each semester.
2. Lil Gerber sent e-mail reminders to the teachers about Student Appreciations. So far, Annie Hornsby had 16 students to send an appreciation letter to them. Lisa Welch had brought up the topic (Student Appreciation) at a faculty meeting too. We're hoping there will be more recommendations for the students.
3. We will need to have a volunteer to do the newsletter in fall of 2010-2011 when Terri Stenger graduates. We will keep the FHS Parent Connection intact, and it will be written four times a year. Board members had some ideas on talking up this volunteer job or position.
4. A suggestion for a congratulatory notice to be sent to the Franklin Press when teachers achieve National Board status was considered. If there were to be pictures sent to the Franklin Press, Annie Hornsby offered to do pictures of the teachers. Lee Berger used to do publicity for FHS so we appreciate Annie offering her time when and if we hear of teachers achieving National Boards.

5. Another suggestion for next year is to send requests to all medical practices in Franklin for needed donations for our “Gerbusters” program. We would need to have letters in the mail by early September so the planning for this idea may be considered in May at the Cookies for Teachers Appreciation Meeting.

6. One last point was suggested by Terri to have a copy of Mr. Shields’ email about the SACS visit in our next newsletter, since it was poignant for the success of the FHS community. Lisa Welch provided a copy of Mr. Shields’ email.

4. Our next *regularly* scheduled meeting is **Wednesday, February 3rd, at noon.**

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Joani Yokel, PTO Secretary