

**PTO Minutes  
Franklin High School  
February 3, 2010**

Meeting was called to order by Christina Sapp, co-president, at 12:00 noon in Mrs. Awtry's room.

**Attending:** Terri Stenger, Christina Sapp, Annie Hornsby, Darlene Dills, Mrs. Awtry, Camille Tuttrup, Pam Collins, and Joani Yokel. The minutes from Nov. 2009 meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** The FHS PTO Quarterly Report for October'09 to December'09 was given for review. There was a beginning balance of \$619.37 and after deposits our ending balance was \$634.37. We had no disbursements in that quarter.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There wasn't any old business to discuss, so we moved right into new business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. The group began discussing how we can get the word out for Gear Up information at the High school. Later in the meeting we followed through with an idea.
2. We need to track volunteer hours. They should be sent to Stefanie Pope who sends them to Pam Cabe for the record. The hours show community involvement rated at \$15.50/hour and are used as in-kind value when Gear Up and the school system apply for grants.
3. The "Spring Open House" will be Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. It is planned as a "drop-in" from the hours of 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm with no initial meeting in the auditorium. There will be a table set up in the high school's main foyer for PTO and Gear UP information. On both AM 1050 and FM 96.7 the word is out for the Open House.
4. Job titles for PTO are President, Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Student Appreciation, Treasurer, and Secretary. We need to go over job descriptions in our May meeting for election of 2010-11 officers. Everyone should bring in a hard copy of their job description to be included in the PTO "Bible" for future reference.
5. Only 29 families are signed up with Bi Lo right now. This truly represents a 'disconnect' with the parents, since it is so simple to have them scan the form we gave out at the fall meeting. Ingles has not told us how much we have earned with them yet, but there is an email requesting that information as of now.
6. At our upcoming 'Teacher Appreciation / PTO meeting' on Wednesday May 5th, we will bag cookies for approximately 125 staff personnel. We will ask for parent donations via a Connect-Ed. call to students. Joani will check with Pam Cabe for the lead time on the call, and follow up with a reminder to her to do this. Ms. Awtry checked with Ms. Passmore for the use of her room during first period so the cookie bags could be assembled. It should be available, which is close to the mailroom where we put the cookie bags. Terri will get the bags for filling with yummy cookies. :)
7. We would like to once again thank Macon Bank for the water bottles and Welch Automotive for the snacks that the teachers will receive on Monday, Feb. 8th, the day of drop-in spring Open House. Also thanks to Debbie Cabe for printing the labels for the items. Teachers stay all day and into evening time to be available. They need a snack and this is a nice way to say thank you from the PTO.
8. Annie Hornsby reported that there was a 'boatload' of student appreciations ready to go out. PTO discussed that students liked the coupons for food. Also, Mrs. Awtry mentioned that her students ask her if she has put any names in for this reward. They like it, or seem to care. Evidently she utilizes this system of rewards, and we wish many other teachers would take the time to have students recognized.
9. It was previously decided to continue our website for a five year contract and substantial savings. These 5 years go through October of 2013. One year costs around \$85.00 yet with the 5 years we can get a year for \$25.00. Judy Chapman is our liason for the high school webpage.

10. We discussed a list of PTO projects. We will schedule in early August a day for Back to School Folder assembly. There hasn't been advance notice in the past, and it just worked by word of mouth. New Century Scholars and Honor Society members are called in to help. Other projects include The September Open House, October Germbuster meeting, February prep for spring Open House, and May Teacher Appreciation meeting. Also we have the on-going student appreciation letters.

11. Lastly, we discussed that it would be smart to discuss with Sherry Tilson from Gear Up whether we could stuff our FHS 'back to school info.' into the Gear Up info for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. Although Dell Ruff was retiring from Gear Up on 2/5/2010 it was believed that pocket folders had been ordered which might be used for both objectives. Folders might cost \$180.00 for the PTO so any help in consolidating would be wise. We should plan to confirm this at the latest in the end of July. The secretary has made note of contacting Camille Tuttrup to follow through.

12. Our next *regularly* scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 5th for teacher appreciation assembly and election of next year's officers. We'll meet at 8:15 am, in Ms. Passmore's room, 1<sup>st</sup> period.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Joani Yokel, PTO Secretary