

SFA Charter School PTO

Meeting – September 27, 2009

1. Call to order at
2. Introduction of officers – Carla Coffee, President; Tara Newman, Vice President; Treasurer, Monique Guidry; Secretary, Michelle Schafer; Angelique Beckwith, Teacher Representative
3. Recognition of teachers
4. Minutes read from last meeting by Michelle. Motions to approve by Jenifer Beasley, second unknown (sorry).

5. Carla - Reasons to get involved
 - a. Why join PTO? What is in it for me? – We are welcoming. There are no outsiders. We have come together to work toward a common goal.
 - b. Your child benefits – When parents are connected to the school, children do better, get better grades, do better on tests and have fewer discipline problems. Getting involved creates a great school and improves student performance.
 - c. We make a difference – We provide support for teachers and children in and out of the classroom.
 - d. We honor your time constraints. – We are all busy people. Don't think because you volunteer once you are going to be pulled into a black hole of never-ending commitments. An hour or two a semester really makes a difference. We want to match your interest and abilities to your involvement. It might be planning and executing events, working directly with children, managing a budget and cash flow, and lots more. We encourage creative ideas, and are thrilled to have people take on tasks that meet their skills and interest.
 - e. We have fun. – Volunteering shouldn't be drudgery. Not everything we do is easy, but we try to enjoy ourselves along the way. It is rewarding to see the sparkle in a child's eye when their parents get involved. It's seeing the smile on a child's face and knowing we are making school a little more fun. There are lots of rewards, both big and small, for those who get involved.
 - f. You meet people who share your concerns. - We all have a common bond; our children go to the same school. We care about creating the best possible educational experience for our children. So I hope you become involved!

6. Treasure Report – Monique

7. New Business –

Explanation of committees and pass around signup sheets – Teacher Appreciation, Homecoming, Fall Fest, Fundraising, Yearbook, Social Events

Approval of Bylaws – Motion to approve by Jenifer Beasley, second Eddie Ironsmith

Elections of officers – President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Reporter

8. Announcements – Yearbooks are to be delivered around September 24, 2009. As soon as they arrive and are sorted, they will be sent home in your child's take home folder.

Take home folders are used as a means of communication. Please send anything you want to get to the PTO in the folder, labeled with PTO on it or drop it by the office to Lydia and the PTO will get it.

T-shirt and window decal orders are due tomorrow, August 28, 2009. Please allow a couple of weeks for printing and sorting. They too will be sent home with the take home folder. Please note for the t-shirts, as it was printed on the order form, there will be no exchanges or refunds.

9. Adjournment –

Attached is a list of who was in attendance at the meeting.