

Forestville Education Foundation
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2024

The mission of the Forestville education foundation is to support and enhance the educational experiences of students attending school in the Forestville Union School District.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Officers and Directors in attendance: Terra Del Drago, Mandy Danzart, Amy Dewitt, Kara Mendez, Tiffany Wood, Alana Thistle, Jessalee Mills.

Officers and Directors Absent: Joanie Blechel, Linda Strauss, Gwen Taylor, Noelle Huberty, Mariana Krambs, Catherine Canelis.

Admin in attendance: Merrie Rivera Absent Admin: Matt Dunkle

Guests in attendance: Suzanna Dailey, Ryan Stapleton, Tim Foster, Marshall Mills, Chase Mills.

Approval Of Minutes: secretary, Linda Strauss was absent, Terra Del Drago stated that we have not received the December meeting minutes. Minute approval will be tabled to our next meeting February 27,2024

Treasurers Report: Gwen Taylor was absent. Terra Del Drago did her best to go over recent changes in the FEF's finances, Elmo ed fund donated over \$8000.00 to us. Tamale sales came in at just about \$1900.00

Conformation has been made with roadhouse at \$2800.00

Ryan Stapleton caught a mis-print on our budget, the budget shows we were over\$238.11 on our winter holiday for kids however the math shows we are actually under budget \$238.11 . Per Gwen's advice, Terra suggested we add a line item to the budget for the Tamale sales. Terra suggested we have an email vote at a later date once we receive more cost information from Bibiana Druary.

Terra will let Gwen know of the budget fixes needed.

Ryan Stapleton asked for more info on moving our finances to a money market or CD account. Tiffany wood asked that a further discussion be added to the agenda for February meeting. Kara Mendez requests that Gwen Taylor bring an actual bank statement to the February meeting as well.

A motion was made to approve the budget by Jessalee Mills, Second by Amy Dewitt, All in favor, approved.

Admin Report: this has been a busy year, there is a lot going on, looking forward to some calmer months moving into Jan-Feb. TK-3rd grades went on a field trip to the LBC, and have another field trip coming up to the academy of science. Excited to announce the much anticipated Science Dome (which the FEF supported) is coming to the Multi Wednesday January 24,2024 and is for all grades TK-8th. crossing fingers for no rain.

Youth Truth Surveys are out to all families, and families are encouraged to please take them, its valuable feed back. students and staff 3rd-8th have began taking them. Tamale sales were successful and the drive-thru pick up is on Friday January 26. February 9, 2024 is the Valentines Day hosted by Forestville School. Mrs. Rivera is hoping the Analy dance committee will come to our school and do a dance performance the same day as the dance, she referred to it as "dance day". staff will be attending a student support training at SCOE in the upcoming week. February 16th is the next coffee with the principal. The guerneville public library is coming to Forestville school, with hopes of bringing back the mobile library program.

Guest Tim Foster asked about the hiring of a new music teacher. Mrs. Rivera stated that is not finalized yet that she was aware of.

Teachers Reports: Noelle was absent. Alana gave Middle School report. all of her students have been taking the Youth Truth Survey, always a fun thing to do. Leadership has began discussions about decorating the gym for the school dance, and last girls volleyball game to show support. Leadership will be making Valentines Day goodie bags for all middle school students. Terra stated that Ms Mackin may possibly have left over Valentines decorations from last years dance. Amy Dewitt and Terra Del Drago shared interest in chaperoning the dance. Dance volunteer sign ups will go out soon on parent square.

Grant Proposal: Our new librarian Lindsey Oliver attended the meeting to request \$2000 to revamp and update the seriously outdated books in the library specifically the middle school selection. Her hopes are to re-ignite the joys and interest of reading in the middle school students and set them up with age appropriate material. Lindsey also shared with us an article with some facts and findings about millennial's and Gen-zers going to the library more along with the safety a library offers to many students. somewhere safe and free. Tiffany Wood made the suggestion of adding a book fair wish list specific for the library.

Mrs. Rivera added that the middle school is reading every day for 15 minutes at 2:00, during sustained silent reading. Jessalee Mills recommends a parent square go out for book donations. Kara Mendez suggested Lindsey start a "Books Wanted" list for donations.

Presidents Report: Terra Del Drago shared the all the clutter in the FEF room has been minimized and condensed to one section of the back of the room. an email vote will be made at a later date to set up a time for FEF members to organize and revamp FEF room and supplies. Terra Del Drago shared her concern for needing to increase and upgrade the storage totes. Tiffany Wood made a motion to purchase 20 Costco black and yellow storage totes. Second made by Amy Dewitt, all in, Approved. Terra Del Drago volunteered to purchase and pickup the totes.

Discussion about tamale drive-thru pickups on Friday, concerns were shared by Mandy Danzart over the crowded parking lot as our school is hosting the volleyball game Friday. we will use the bus section of the bus circle, we will

need lights and section off to NO PARKING immediately after school. Tamales are being delivered no later than noon on Friday, FEF will begin assembling orders. Assembly line will happen by back of multi. Terra Del Drago requested at least 4 tables be set up and 1-2 easy ups in case of rain. Amy Dewitt will enter into FMX. Next Event is Carnation Valentine Sales This will start on Wednesday January 24.

The solid Deadline is February 7th. Flowers have already been pre-ordered, order forms have been printed on bright pink card stock, ribbons have been pre-cut. Kara Mendez has updated order form and made media fliers. Amy Dewitt will have extra order forms in the office as always. we will begin assembly on Tuesday morning 1/13 with the help of Mrs Thistle and Mrs Symmonds Leadership and home EC classes. We will follow our usual protocol for delivering flowers to the classrooms

GALA:Mandy Danzar t& Terra Del Drago: Gala is May 18th at the Forestville Youth Park. It's held from 4-8pm This years theme will be honoring the 125th anniversary of PTA and ours specifically. Tiffany Wood printed in color the new and updated Gala donation letter. We need to start asking and collecting donations. LIVE auction items are desperately needed. Kara Mendez volunteered to reach out to Gillian Hayes about help with getting Disneyland, Giants, and Sharks donations. Ryan Stapleton stated that last years Gala had amazing food, and suggested we take into consideration doing a portion of our auction items online to reach those who cannot attend the event and help raise more funds. Kara Mendez volunteered to take this on with back up support from Tiffany Wood. Kara Mendez suggested that companies who make a large donation should have tickets comped. Ryan Stapleton suggested less silent auction items. He also suggested we raise funds by saying we are funding a specific item. Tiffany Wood suggested we bring back the heads and tails game, specified winnings are split 50/50. Gala is in need of new MC for the auction, Jessalee Mills offered to take on this role. Mrs, Rivera shared a site called bidding for good to host the online auction. Alana Thistle will look into who the ELMO Little League used for theirs. Gala conversation have officially began and will continue at all meetings. Gala specific meetings will also start taking place at Mandy's house as the date approaches.

Jessalee Mills would like to have a school contest where each grade comes up with and submits ideas for this years Forestville BBQ Parade theme. She will have further discussions with Mrs. Rivera.

Kara Mendez and Jessalee Mills have updated information to share via email about ways to update our bylaws to better fit our needs. we will table the discussion until our February meeting when everyone has had a chance to look over that info.

ZOOM/GOOGLE MEETS MEETING OPTION:

We continued a discussion about giving a zoom option for our meetings to hopefully reach more people. Was decided that a google meets may suit us better. Jessalee shared concern on whether we will accept conversations and questions during the meetings from the public? We decided as a group that

guests are welcome to chime in on the chat section which will be monitored by our marketing team Kara Mendez and Tiffany Wood. Directors will be allowed to talk during the meeting not general public. Voting will only be allowed by directors who are present in person. Tiffany Wood may have laptop she can donate for Printer connection and meetings. Terra Del Drago made a motion to approve zoom meetings or Google Meets meetings, Second made by Tiffany Wood, All in Favor, Approved.

Guest Left Meeting At 7:15 and we entered Closed session.

Alana Thistle shared concerns of not voting on 3D printer grant for Mr Strauss. Mr. Strauss suggests we hear more about the printer from Mr. Dunkle. We will table discussion to our February meeting.

We have a cozy corner grant, Terra will ask for more information and we will have an email vote.

Jessalee Mills made a motion to approve the Grant for Lindsey Oliver \$2000 upgrade and revamp the library. With a Second made by Kara Mendez, All in, Approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Fill In For Secretary Lind Strauss, Mandy Danzart