



# Friends School Mullica Hill Parent Association Notes 2011-12

No PA Meetings in November and December 2011

October 25, 2011

Save the date and those wonderful costumes.  
We have a special family event for you !!!!

## Carnevale di Venezia Masquerade Ball and Celebration

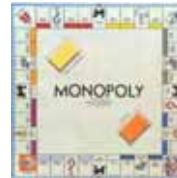
Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Botto's Italian Line Restaurant

- Wear your best costume and enjoy an evening of dinner and dance with family and friends.
- Take part in a "Processione di Maschera" !!!
- Listen to students perform from the Friends Fine and Performing Arts School.
- Tickets will go on sale in December 2011.



**BOARD GAME NIGHT**  
Tuesday November 15, 2011  
6:00 to 7:30pm in the Gym



[shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)

Did you know... Script gift cards are always available, see Lori Rowe or Maddie Kropp.

**Script Orders Due:** November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Script Delivery:** November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Also...the **Magazine sales code** for the FSMH is **#1089712**. Enter this when ordering magazines.

Special Thanks to **Zallies Shop Rite** for their contributions to the Friends School. Be sure to shop at their numerous locations in Gibbstown, Glassboro Sicklerville, West Deptford, and Williamstown.



Don't forget to save items for the **Rummage Sale** in May. Collection dates for children & adult's clothing, household items and more will be posted soon!



**2nd PA Meeting Minutes - - October 18, 2011 at 7:00pm - page 1****Meeting opening: Welcome and Moment of Silence.****Introduction of all individuals in attendance including PA members and FSMH staff.****New Communications**

- Lori Rowe: Because there has always been great concern that people are not getting information, a PA News and Notes link has been created to cover all PA events and activities. Starting November 1st the format for this link will change and it should be accessible via iPhone and computer.
- The FSMH will be launching a new web site, anticipated in the spring 2012. During the interim they will be using a Shutterfly account to supplement the original FSMH web site. The Shutterfly site will include a master site for all FSMH members, and then each teacher will have a separate, individual classroom site. The Parents Association will also have a Shutterfly site where information and notes will be communicated. This sites will contain daily information and pictures, where teacher and members are invited to contribute. The Shutterfly site is in addition to Facebook and Twitter links that have already been established.
- Any feedback on the PA site and newsletter is appreciated.

**Discuss of Fundraising Efforts and Opportunities for Fall Festival 2012**

- A listing of the PA Bank Account Balance was presented at this meeting. Copies are available by contacting Lori Rowe.
- The various fundraising events have been very successful. Additional money for Fruit Sales will be added, once the school reimburses the PA due to incorrect parent checks. Mixed Bag has earned over \$1K with new orders just added.
- Concessions is reporting a negative number because money was used to purchase team basketball shirts. The cost of these shirts were split between the PA and T. Shaner/the FSMH teachers.
- It has been agreed that 8th graders, along with one parent volunteer, will sell concessions at the various FSMH sports events. T. Shaner will coordinate the schedule for parents and students, and there is an existing stock of food ready to be sold. Funds earned by the efforts of T. Shaner and the 8th grade students will be used to purchase uniforms.

**2011-'12 School & Fundraising Events**

**Board Game Night** - Nov 15th, 6:00 to 7:30pm  
**Thanksgiving Day Feast** - Nov 18th  
**Movie Night** - January 13, 2012  
**Yoga and Healthy Eating** - February 9, 2012  
**Carnevale di Venezia** - February 10, 2012  
**Movie Night** - March 5, 2012  
**Spring Auction** - May 4, 2012  
**Toscana Fundraiser** - TDB, April 2012  
**Grandparents Day** - May 11, 2012  
**Rummage Sale/ Car Wash** - May 19, 2012  
**Barnes & Noble Night** - June 6, 2012  
**Field Day** - June 8, 2012  
**2nd Saturday 5K Run/ walk** - June 2012

**Attendance**

Lori Rowe  
Denise Pastino  
Valerie Aglialoro  
Sara L Sickler  
Dolly Wells  
Beth Reaves  
Andrea Brosky  
Deb Gulea  
Sonia Shah

**Your PA \$\$'s at Work:**

Using last years PA money, the school purchased items for Lego Robotics, iPads, school computers and Wi-Fi.

**2011 YTD PA Earnings:**

\$420.00 Spirit Gear  
\$1,802.66 Fruit Sales  
\$1,000.00 Mixed Bag  
\$478.20 Magazine Sales  
\$8,984.00 Fall Festival

- Fall Festival earnings as of this meeting are \$8,984.00. Some additional donations and tax credits have not been included in this amount. The earnings from the Double Dollar Fundraising Certificates from Unique Image will also be added. Final numbers will be provided.
- Both the number of people in attendance, and the money earned at the Fall Festival is lower than in 2010. Deb Gulea suggested that this has a lot to do with the economy. She informed us that local businesses and vendors are complaining that sales are substantially down this year.
- Games - it was suggested that the cost of 2 bounce games is greater than their income potential. Next year 1 bounce game should be sufficient. Also, look to get competitive bids.
- The Water Wars game did well. It appeared to earn the most in tickets (money) of all the games.

**2nd PA Meeting Minutes- - October 18, 2011 at 7:00pm - page 2****Discussion of fundraisers and PA events - continued**

- Friendship Café - the earnings were less this year, however there were a number of new items added this year that sold out quickly.
- Bake Shop - It was agreed that donation requests for bake goods need to be sent out earlier. There were a number of vendors that could not contribute because they needed prior corporate approval. A number of vendors that donated last year, said that they could not donate this year, citing the poor economy.
- There were various suggestions for the bake shop, including:
  - Stop accepting tickets at the bake shop (and Friendship Café). It was found that sales were greatest at the end of the day, when people were ready to leave. They used their remaining tickets to purchase items at a discount, in the final half hour of the festival. In addition many bonus tickets were used, but the true value of bonus tickets is substantially less than \$1.00.
  - There appeared to be more store baked items this year, versus home made cakes and pies. To remedy this, perhaps classrooms should be asked to contribute specific things to the bake shop, like they do with drinks.
  - Room Reps need to know what items and the number of volunteers needed even before the new year starts. To do this, next years Room Reps need to be decided by the end of this year. This is especially important for early events such as the “Back to School Picnic” and “Fall Festival”.
  - More traveling sales should be used to increase bake shop income. Items such as cotton candy and pop-corn, should be included with the traveling vendors, along with increasing the sales price of these items. An effort should be made to pre-package cotton candy since it is a big seller!
- Next year, the festival should occur at the same time as the community festival. This will help with advertising and hopefully bring more pedestrian (community) traffic.
- Reconsider the use of tickets vs. another means of tracking, such as bracelets or head count.
- Consider changing the Fall Festival signs and advertisements to be consistent with the school’s color/ style/ logo. Also for better visibility when driving and improved distribution and recognition within the community.
- Consider other means for attracting community participation, such as bringing back vendors, contract a band or some type of entertainment (like a children’s band), or hire a Playground Bus.
- A follow up Fall Festival meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

**New Business, Comments and Questions**

- “Board Game Night” is November 15th, 2011. Volunteers are needed for concessions. Games will be provided for all ages. It was suggested that we develop a way to pre-order games so that parents do not have to make a purchase in front of their kids.
- With the launch of Shutterfly, the PA plans to make order forms available online.
- Dolly Wells: Informed everyone of the dates for the Worlds Fair (Wed., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>) and UN-Day (Fri., Nov 4th). Cultural Coffee will be served on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and parent representatives are asked to attend this event. Parents were also asked to attend the Multi-Cultural meetings for greater cross cultural representation.
- The school is now launching Lego Robotics. They will have the first event in house, but they eventually plan to enter published competitions. They hope to later allow outside participants (non-FSMH students) to join for a fee. This would be a way of enticing perspective students to the school.

**The 2011-2012 Fundraisers and Reps****Mixed Bags** - for Holiday orders, Lori Rowe**Fruit Sale** - orders due, see Lori Rowe**Spirit Gear Sales** - ongoing sales, Linda Halligan & Christina Cometz**Script Sales** - Lori Rowe or Maddie Kropp for cards. Shop on line at [www.shopwithscript.com](http://www.shopwithscript.com), type in Enrollment code 2534A47112841**Magazine Sales** - ongoing, Carol Buck, enter school code number 1089712**Campbells** - ongoing, Pamela Becker**Box Tops for Education** - ongoing, Pamela Becker**Flower Sale** - T. Nancy & T. Carol, TBD**Target Card** - ongoing, ask a Target cashier to link your card or call 800-659-2396 or go to [Target.com/redcard](http://Target.com/redcard)**TD Bank Affinity Program** - ongoing, just give Lori Rowe your name and address and TD will donate a % of the average balance to FSMH PA