

Felida PTA Weekly: *Felida PTA 3.7.13*

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A Note From Your PTA

With less than a month left of online school your PTA is still hard at work.

Please join us for our General PTA meeting next **Tuesday, June 2nd at 1pm**. We will have an update from the principal, a vote on next year's budget, a vote on officers, a vote on standing rules, a few grant requests that need a vote. It should last about an hour and we need members to attend for quorum. All members of our community are welcome, not just PTA members. The agenda and past meeting minutes are attached (pgs. 2-6).

Zoom Meeting Information:

Topic: Felida PTA General Meeting

Time: Jun 2, 2020 01:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82664973373?pwd=ST11c1BUWitONVBvTDVmS0VQSGVFZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 6497 3373

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Outstanding Educator/Outstanding Volunteer

All our teachers have really stepped up this year in the quick transition to online learning and we'd love to hear from you (and your kids!) about the great work teachers have done this year.

We're looking for nominations for Outstanding Educator and Golden Acorn (Outstanding Volunteer).

Please see the pages 7-8 for the nomination form.

Nominations are due May 29th can be sent to us at:

FelidaFalconsPTA@gmail.com

everychild. onevoice.

Thank You For Participating

Thank you for participating in our Virtual Book Fair! Book are just starting to come in and we're excited that our Falcons are continuing to read.

Happy Reading!

The Felida PTA Newsletter is created by Heather Lindberg

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Ashley Moore

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AGENDA

June 2nd, 2020

General Members Meeting

1:00pm, Webinar

Call Meeting to Order:

Introductions:

Minutes:

Review from April 21st, 2020 General Meeting

Principal's Message:

Treasurer's Report:

Present May financials

New Business:

Present for approval by vote:

Budget for next year

EC candidates

Standing Rules

Budget left over. Can wish list items be filled?

Bank signers added/removed

Arts Enrichment Grant update

Julie Ringnald – Super Science update

Committee Reports:

Recap:

Golden Acorn/Outstanding Educator awards

Screen Free Bingo Challenge

Staff Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation

Online Book Fair – Scholastic Dollars

Upcoming:

Yearbook

Kindergarten Preview

End-of-year

5th Grade Reception

Payback

Back to School

Ongoing & Old Business:

Facebook/Website

Membership

Newsletter

Spirit Wear

Volunteer Coordinator and Open Positions

Upcoming Dates:

Financial Review in July. Corinne Schmidt, Karen King, Hilary Barnes.

Adjourn Meeting:

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April 21st, 2020

General Members Meeting

1:00pm, Webinar

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Call Meeting to Order: 1:04pm by President Ashley Moore

Introductions: Kim Rosiecki, Sheyla Mattos, Bobbi Evenson, Mike Meskel, Dianna Kain, Jessica Myers, Bill Niemeyer, Helen Ludvigson, Ashley Moore, Mariah Edden, Kris Janati, Sarah Musser, A. Scarpelli, Hilary Barnes, Heather Lindberg, Kalyn Parmenter, Kim Decarlo, Corinne Schmidt, Karen King, Kathy Olson

Minutes:

Review from February 18th, 2020 General Meeting: **Approved**

Principal's Message: It is good to see all these faces and it has definitely been an interesting month. It has been heartwarming, frustrating, and delightful all at the same time. 300 iPads have been distributed to families. This is a new platform and we need to exercise outresilience. This is now our new normal. Families are having to help with schooling and that brings additional stresses. We appreciate all the patience. There is no guidebook for this situation. A big thanks to people like Bill and the tech department, and the whole districts effort. We are all in this together.

Treasurer's Report:

Present March financials: **Presented. There are about 1,096 in unallocated funds. Sending out an email to all teachers to send in receipts to pay out.**

New Business:

Nominating Committee: **We still need the Treasurer and Membership positions filled. Volunteer Coordinator will be filled by Kim Rosiecki. Info will be added into the newsletter for feelers and noting that we will vote in June.**

Budget committee to be formed: **We can have as many people as we want. So far: Kaylyn Parmenter and Mariah Edden. Will talk about the start of school Payback fundraiser. This is already online; can they make it better? Can they send book out to individuals? Out spot for Payback is already saved for next year. Mariah will look into this additional info.**

Recruit three members for Financial Review in July: **So far: Corinne Schmidt, Karen King. We need one more.**

Delegates to attend WSPTA Convention in May – TBD: **This is an online convention. Mariah, Helen, Ashley have said they can hop in and out of meetings.**

Review Scholastic News Dollar dispersal for unused funds: **This is the second book fair of the year so we should have enough money to not pay physical dollars. Currently, we are 1500-1800 points shy, and after July 1st we cannot use the Scholastic money. Do teachers still want us to order Scholastic? Do we get a discount or did we stop Scholastic news because of COVID? (No, we did not). We will know this information by the next meeting because the virtual bookfair will be over by then.**

Question from Sheyla Mattos: **about the Arts Enrichment Grant. The Art Team has over \$3,000 to use this year. It is currently in the budget as a grant to use for the Art department and for learning opportunities. Is there a subscription they could get to use online for the kids this year? Also, can we try and put this back in the budget for next year. This money is best used on guest artist and performers. Sheyla says they will give the money back to the PTA if this is allowed so the money does not go unused. We will review this at the next PTA meeting.**

5th Graders: **Kris Janati is asking the 5th grade parents if they are open and interested for out of the box ideas for the kids to get together. Can the kids still ring the bell? (Yes, the bell can be moved outside). Also, for 5th grade tshirts, contact Kalyn. Some of the shirts will need to be delivered.**

End of Year: **The Teacher Parade was a huge hit for students and we might consider it for the end of school, but priorities are first – 5th grade students.**

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Committee Reports:

Recap:

Battle of the Books: **If kids finish and let Heather Iverson know by May 8th they can get a \$10 yogurt card. There is usually a certificate and a team photo. Yes, they can pick up the certificate at yearbook pickup.**

Upcoming:

Golden Acorn/Outstanding Educator awards: **Can we recognize our community as one giant educator as a whole? Kris and the BOD can write a recognition and put it in the newsletter thanking parents and teachers. Kris will get started and email this out.**

Plant Sale – Final orders in by April 24th: **This is the last week to get orders in. We are sitting at \$1,100 profit which is a little under half of usual.**

Spring Fling: **The DJ has been cancelled and has signed a new contract for April 29th 2021 (same Friday as this year). DJ is asking for \$100 deposit. Helen Ludvigson motion to pay \$100 deposit to DJ for next year Spring Fling. Kalyn Parmenter seconded it.**

Screen Free Week: **How can we change this? Mr. Cast has a virtual mileage club. We can do a challenge week, a new ask every day?**

Staff Appreciation: **There is info in the newsletter, but it seems like not everyone is looking at it. Corinne brought up how we could help Pacific Coffee Cart. Can we prepay for the December event or add an event this year? We can have the cart in the parking lot for staff and teachers. We can also add this as a line item in next years budget.**

Teacher Appreciation: **Parents can individually send notes to specific teachers thanking them.**

Yearbook – online information: **There is a lack of photos being sent in. It would be nice to have a virtual spirit week and have those photos sent in. Also, it would be nice to have the color war photos with the t-shirts in the book. We are still taking orders for books online. We are at 242 books.**

Online Book Fair: **May 1-14. Info sent in newsletter.**

Ongoing & Old Business:

Facebook/Website: **Traffic is down, but it is going well. The newsletter and other important info is on the website. Sarah is taking over for Bill.**

Membership: **We thought about doing another push, but that didn't happen. We are at 166 members.**

Newsletter: **When is the best time to get info in and out? Keep sending info to Heather if you have anything.**

Volunteer Coordinator and Open Positions: **Kim D. will send out information to chair members to see who is staying in their positions and who is leaving so we know what we still need to fill.**

Upcoming Dates:

Plant Sale Pick-up Friday May 8th, 2020 11:30am-2:00pm

Spring Fling Friday May 1st, 2020

Spring Book Fair – Online TBA: **May 1-14**

Screen Free Week May 4th – 8th, 2020

WSPTA Virtual Conference May 16th, 2020 1:00-3:00pm

Next BOD Meeting Tuesday May 19th, 2020 1:00-2:00pm

Next General Meeting Tuesday June 2nd, 2020 1:00-2:00pm

Adjourn Meeting:2:30pm

Minutes recorded by Jessica Myers, Secretary

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May 19th, 2020

BOD Meeting 1:00pm, Webinar

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Call Meeting to Order: 1:02 pm by president Ashley Moore

Introductions: Jessica Myers, Helen Ludvigson, Mariah Edden, Kris Janati, Ashley Moore, Bill Niemeyer, Katelyn Parmenter, Julie Ringnalda, Christine Wilson, Hilary Barnes, Kim DeCarlo, Mike Meskel, Sheyla Mattos, Corinne Schmidt

Minutes:

Review from March 17th, 2020 BOD Meeting: **Approved**

Principal's Message: Good to see all the faces on this meeting and hope all is well and everyone is healthy. Remote learning is finishing up and it seems we are doing a good job given the circumstances. At this stage the thrill of this style of learning is gone and this past week has been a challenging one. We just need everyone to get through the next five weeks. Teachers have been working really hard tracking student engagement online. In June we will be sending home report cards. These will not have the same marks given that the conditions at home are so different for everyone. Teachers have been looking at this info to see what areas can we get into and what areas we are struggling with. We are planning how to better help the kids and recognize we will be filling in gaps. At the end of this year, most of the grade levels will be moving into new classrooms. This will create a new and better flow to the school and there are lots of different reasons to make this change, and we are excited about it. We will pause the ringing of the bell until August, because it would be difficult to disinfect between each kid.

Treasurer's Report:

Present May financials: **Presented. \$1,096 in unallocated funds.**

State Nonprofit Corporation Status: **Finalized and done.**

New Business:

Budget left over. Can wish list items be filled?: **Update at next meeting.**

Changes to standing rules: COVID/electronic meetings: **Voting will be done at June 2nd meeting and some updates to include: *not recording Zoom meetings, *change/add the 2020-2021 year, *membership fee down to \$11/person and no family membership, *nominations to be allowed on web meetings, *school shut down PTA will be online, *voting changes at board and general meetings, *voting in chat box for officers, *mid and end of year review updates. All standing rule updates will be sent with the newsletter from Katie.**

Arts Enrichment Grant update: **Waiting to hear back from the fire marshal on if the curtains will be allowed. We could also do a pipe-and-drape method that would require no installation and possibly have left over funds for sound panels. Original method would be best but would need to be installed which would be at an additional cost. Sheyla will talk with Mike and Kris about these options again. Are the funds still currently available (yes). The funds can also be carried over to next year if not decided in time.**

Grants for Kinders for Boardgames: **\$277.51 for new games to support free time and 5th grade games days. We will wait to vote on this. It is being put on the back burner and we will give them the money in September if we know we will be back in school.**

Julie Ringnalda – CIA (Read Side By Side) Program: **\$495 for this program for 4 teacher guides and 30 student books. This info is not online, but could be used in a Zoom meeting. The classroom funds grant is still available so they don't need any more money at this time. Scholastic Super Science \$997.18 for 120 copies. Do they still want this? She will talk with the group and get back to us. Review at June 2nd meeting.**

Committee Reports:

Recap:

- Battle of the Books: **The due date has been extended to the 20th. Frozen yogurt gift cards still need to be purchased. Certificates, pics, and gift cards will be given to the kids when they pick up their supplies. Next year they are changing to the OR titles. We may need to purchase new books next year, but we don't have all the info yet.**
- Golden Acorn/Outstanding Educator awards: **May 31st is the last day for nominations. We will do one final push on this to request nominations.**
- Plant Sale: **41 people put in orders and we made a \$1,366.45 profit (about half of what we normally make). Pick-up went great.**
- Screen Free Bingo Challenge: **No update**
- Staff/Teacher Appreciation: **Still open to talk about a coffee cart or boxed lunch. Corinne will talk with Kris for a plan.**
- Online Book Fair – Scholastic Dollars: **Kalyn has been navigating Scholastic. We have made at least \$100 so far. In the future we can invite the library with a wish list.**
- WSPTA Virtual Convention: **A lot of fun and interesting information. Member Planet was pushing for the Premier Package to possibly streamline.**

Upcoming:

- Yearbook: **Waiting to hear more details for when we will be passing out.**
- Kindergarten Preview: **A video will be sent out to all parents who register. We will do an August visit if it is safe. Note sure yet about Jump Start.**
- End-of-year: **We will do a drive through pick-up/drop-off.**
- 5th Grade Reception: **Drive through to pick up certificates and goody bags for the kids.**

Ongoing & Old Business:

- Nominating Committee. Need Treasurer and Membership: **Add a push in the newsletter**
- Budget committee. Kalyn Parmenter, Mariah Edden so far: **Helen on this too. Set for Wed. 27th.**
- Three members for Financial Review in July. Corinne Schmidt, Karen King. Still need one more: **Hilary added.**
- Facebook/Website: **Sarah Musser will take over.**
- Membership: **166 members. Roster will be printed out and Member Planet will be closed out. Bill has already been paid.**
- Newsletter: **Going well.**
- Volunteer Coordinator and Open Positions: **Email has been sent out to all chairs and we are waiting to hear back from about half on where they stand. Box Tops will probably have one more year and then faze out.**

Upcoming Dates:

- Next General Meeting Tuesday June 2nd, 2020 1:00-2:00pm: **We will keep the time at 1:00pm**



Golden Acorn (Outstanding Volunteer) and Outstanding Educator Awards

***PLEASE USE NOMINATION FORM ON THE REVERSE SIDE TO
SUBMIT YOUR CANDIDATE(S) BY May 29th by email to our PTA!***

If you know of individuals deserving of one these awards, please complete the information on the *back of this flyer*. **USE ONE FORM FOR EACH AWARD**. Many parents, educators, and volunteers within our community make significant contributions to create an inspirational environment for our children. **This is your chance to recognize and thank them for their efforts.** Please help us in honoring those special individuals for their contributions of time and talents on behalf of children.

This year's award recipients will be recognized at our Felida PTA meeting, newsletters, emails, and tentatively at a Vancouver Council PTA Awards Gala to be held May 28th, 6-7 pm, at Felida Elementary. Our Felida PTA presents the recipients with a special pin and certificate at a PTA General Meeting and their name is engraved on the school's plaque, along with a contribution to the Washington State PTA Financial Grant Foundation. Donations are made in each recipient's name to the fund, which in turn contributes to the future of youth by awarding grants to students who are freshmen entering post-secondary education.

GOLDEN ACORN (OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER) AWARD

Do you know an individual who is continually volunteering at Felida Elementary and in our community? The Golden Acorn is a very special award that recognizes volunteers who have given outstanding service to all children in the school community. Since the beginning of this program, more than 44,000 Golden Acorns have been presented to volunteers throughout Washington State. Each year, to recognize and honor individuals for their work with **Felida Elementary** children, the PTA awards those volunteers with the Golden Acorn. "This award is intended for the volunteers who have gone "above and beyond."" When nominating an individual, please keep in mind this is truly an honor for continued and dedicated service.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Do you know an individual who has made a difference in your child's education? The Outstanding Educator Award was created to recognize educators who go *beyond normal expectations* of their jobs to make the learning environment fun, beneficial, and challenging and who has demonstrated a commitment to "making every child's potential a reality". Do you know an individual who has provided outstanding educational opportunities for children and/or made significant contributions that enhance their education? This is your chance to acknowledge those that provide outstanding education and contributions on behalf of our children. An educator can be a teacher, support staff, administrator, or community member.

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Felida PTA Awards Nomination Form *(one candidate per form)*

I would like to nominate _____

(Nominee's Name)

Nominee's Email/Phone:

for consideration of the (check one) **GOLDEN ACORN** or **OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR** Award.

Your name: _____ Email/

Phone: _____

Why do you feel this nominee should receive this award? (i.e. qualities, what makes them outstanding, how have they gone above and beyond, how have they made a difference in children's lives, etc.)

Please describe nominee's Volunteer and/or PTA Service:

Please describe nominee's School Community or other Community Service:

You can return your ballots by emailing: felidafalconspta@gmail.com

***Nominations can be made by anyone. Please be as specific as possible. Each nominee will be evaluated in the categories

above and recipients selected by a committee. **Additional pages may be submitted.*****

Please turn in nomination form(s) to our PTA by May 29th.