

PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 2025

Location: FHC Learning Commons

1. Celebrations & Updates

- Francis Howell Central High School (FHC) was ranked in the **Top 13 high schools in the U.S.** – congratulations to students, staff, and community!
- Fall Conference Dinner was very well received; great variety of food and came in **under budget**.

2. Homecoming Recap

- Overall a big success.
- Ran short on water; discussion about how to reduce plastic waste going forward (raised by Marion).
- First year with Ms. Weber as advisor – positive experience.

3. Craft Fair Recap

- 85 vendors total (lost ~20 from previous years: 1 due to gym concerns, 1 family emergency).
- Running simultaneously with St. Joe's event significantly increased traffic; vendors were very happy.
- Adventures in Spice sold out within 2 hours.
- Layout maximized vendor profits and foot-traffic flow, though space felt crowded.
- Meal options need improvement based on patron and vendor feedback.
- Suggestion to rename event "**Artisan & Craft Fair**" for next year.

4. Trivia Night Update

- Flyer is out; early-bird pricing currently **\$200/table of 8**; price increases to **\$240** on December 1.

- Start time will be earlier than previous years.
- Liquor basket raffle underperformed; Blackstone basket did very well.
- Moving forward: **3 baskets per grade level** with **2-3 sponsors per grade**. Updated sponsor letter is ready.
- Need **1 representative from each grade level** to join Trivia Planning Committee – meeting dates coming soon.
- Idea floated: Trivia Night could be a fun element at future events (e.g., Party Central).

5. District Presentation

- Request for a district representative to present to Parent Club; information would be included in public minutes.

6. Bylaws Review

- Bylaws need review and updates; discussion scheduled for **November meeting**.

7. Party Central 2026 Planning (formerly After-Prom/Grad Night)

- Current projected budget (after t-shirts & bags): **\$2,500**.
- Seeking **live entertainment** (1–4 a.m. window).
- Fireworks: exploring Chesterfield location; need to make approval calls. Estimated cost **\$5,000** (MOPyro quoted).
- Additional entertainment ideas:
 - Caricature artist
 - Main Event Entertainment (contact Chuck)
 - Petting zoo (under consideration)
- Raffle prize: Family Arena suite
- Software for event hashtag/photo sharing

- Attendance prizes – need volunteers to coordinate
- Volunteer t-shirts approved (10–13 volunteers expected)

Action Items

- Finalize Trivia Planning Committee reps and schedule meetings
- Begin calls for Chesterfield fireworks approval
- Contact potential 2026 entertainment vendors (Chuck at Main Event, MOPyro, etc.)
- Review and propose bylaws updates for November meeting
- Gather meal-option feedback from Craft Fair for next year
- Decide on official name change to “Artisan & Craft Fair”

Next Meeting: November 11, 2025

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