



Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Minutes January 7, 2010

- **Meeting called to order by President Mary Ellen O'Neill at 7:06 pm.** A sign in sheet was circulated. There were 24 people in attendance.
- **Minutes from 12/3/09 meeting** – Chris Carper made motion to approve, and seconded by Christy Magill.
- **Treasurer Report:** Cheryl Leupen not present. President Mary Ellen O'Neill read various grants and the grants were approved by various PTA meeting attendees (Mary Ellen has list). Discussed Holiday Gift Shop – Nikki Jones had boxes delivered to her house. Had to inventory everything, as we were charged for everything that was not returned (shipped back what was left over). We charged a slight bit more for each item to offset any losses (some people went to the wrapping station before paying). We do plan to do this again next year.
- **President's Report (Mary Ellen O'Neill):** Raised \$234 for Music Department while selling Hot Chocolate during Xmas concert. Asked if there was any interest in tutoring service in Sykesville area. Mary Ellen has letter with details. Need board for next year – and need Treasurer sooner (to get head start and shadow Cheryl). Also looking for Committee Chairs – let us know if you'll be doing it next year or not so we can plan accordingly. Please update your binders for the Committee Chairs. Will need help with Bingo/Moms and Muffins/Dads and Donuts! The door prize tonight is from Bath and Body Works. Michele Carroll mentioned she sold Cocoa Cups during the holiday concert – was that ok to do? Discussion on how best to set up Holiday Concert (should band be on stage? Hard to see if you didn't have seat). Possibly borrow risers from ORMS? Michele Carroll asked Principal Ball if we could get more chairs, and Principal Ball said we could either order some or borrow from another school.
- **Vice President's Report (Michele Carroll):** No report (discussed holiday concert – see above).
- **Secretary's Report (Mort Shuman):** Updated website – photos still not coming in on Photos page.
- **Principal's/Assistant Principal's Report (Theresa Ball/Shavon Showers):** \$6,800 stimulus funds for Technology. Looking to purchase Interactive White Board for Media Center and two sets of "Active Votes/Active Express" technology. Superintendent search is currently underway. STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics. Ray Prokof (sp?) – Head of Construction for County could meet with anyone from community to discuss Awning.
- **Teacher's Report (Edna Martin):** Nothing to report.
- **Committee Reports:**

Connection (Newsletter) – Next issue is scheduled for February.

Community Service – Filled 50 bags for Senior Center. Thanks to Laura Williams for her help. Great cards were made this year. Ask Cheryl if \$65 from Popcorn and Drink sales @ Holiday Shop can be put into Community Service budget. They bought totes and would like to use that money to be reimbursed, if possible.

Cultural – 2 programs this month – schedule is on website. Someone asked if bullying is still an issue, and Principal Ball said it is somewhat still an issue.

Membership – \$1,400 was sent to state – we are in good standing. 190 to 200 families are members.

Misc Fundraiser – Amante's Night on 1/11/10 from 5 to 8 pm (plus lunchtime for teachers and staff). We get 15% of sales during that time, and we don't have to mention we are from Carrolltowne to get discount (owners would like to get an idea of how many families are taking part). Would like backup for delivery of food to teachers & staff. Also still looking into Snow Tubing. Have to get a hold of someone from Ski Liberty.

School Spirit – No date yet for Bingo – maybe in April. February 19 – Moms & Muffins (2/26 snow date) – between 8 am and 9 am – need volunteers. March 19 – Dads & Donuts (3/26 snow date) – between 8 am and 9 am – need volunteers. Spirit Committee meeting next Thursday at 7 pm at Panera Bread. We will need a co-chair (2 people are leaving or have left). Solicited for Bingo Prizes. Use Xbox for Raffle. Maybe get condo again from Kristin B and family.

Volunteers – February 22, 2010 training session at Carrolltowne.

Ways and Means – \$30 check found for Fun Run in locker! Some Kindergarteners didn't get shirts – Michele to follow up. Total raised was \$17,475.25. Next year, if you don't choose, you will get a Little Professor Gift Card for your prize. Or you can check off that you don't want a gift card (i.e. donating back to Fun Run). Ms. Newcomb's class won the Ice Cream party for raising most \$. Yankee Candle – need to let Yankee Candle know as soon as possible if we're going to do this. Money raised could go towards Basketball Court paving? Re-mulching playground? School Kitz – Coming out with a County List of items (to limit what teachers can put on their lists). Will get this list soon. Put the list for Kindergarten in Red Folder. Also going to go through the surplus of supplies we already have. May give extra kits to Mrs. Napor (to give to those families who may not be able to afford).

Yearbook – Starts next week – need photos on CD (leave in PTA closet). Need photos by February PTA meeting.

New Business: 1) Food for meetings is covered – don't need for February. Unless you hear from us, don't need to bring in anything. 2) Directory for Students – on the letter "P". It will be alphabetical instead of by grade. 3) Ruler Program discussed – some students were apparently stopping other students from spending their rulers instead of saving for group party (i.e. bullying). Pressure to NOT use rulers earned for individual rewards. Discussion of parties and asked if we could just have parties, not earn with rulers. Kids came up with ruler parties. Still have 4 celebrations per year. Using rulers for 1 of the 4 parties instead of just getting parties. 4) Guidelines for recess during winter – it's at the teacher's discretion. Only time Principal Ball says something is if it's too windy or cold outside (worry about frostbite). 5) Could there be a system to computerize lunch credits? Carroll County has the technology – hard to keep track of coupons. Principal Ball will look into – although this would have to be system wide rather than just at Carrolltowne. 6) All County Orchestra Concert at Winters Mill HS in Westminster 7:30 pm on Saturday evening. Free concert – get there early! 7) Carroll County Children's Chorus will be at the Blast Game this weekend. 8) Where is the school emergency preparedness plan? We have a crisis team at the school. Each summer we send revised plan and it goes to the state police. Could we place this on website?

- **Door Prize:** #25 – Jim Magill – Bath & Body Works package.
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:



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