



Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Minutes January 8, 2009

- **Meeting called to order by President Mary Ellen O'Neill at 7:10 pm.** A sign in sheet was circulated. There were 32 people in attendance.
- **Minutes from December 4, 2008 meeting** – Kristin Bernadzikowski made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Jill Morgan.
- **Treasurer Report (Cheryl Leupen):** Made \$610 from Ledo Fundraiser; There is a \$30 check in the safe – need to double check where this is from; Deadline for Teacher Grants is May 1, 2009 - \$50 Full Time and \$25 Part Time. Michele Geidel made a motion to approve the budget, and it was seconded by Mary Ellis.
- **President's Report (Mary Ellen O'Neill):**

Teacher nominations for Teacher of the Year – going on now until mid-February. There is a link to the nomination form on our website. Last year, Carrolltowne had 2 nominations.

Special thanks to Michele Geidel who got us carpet squares for the new rooms. 200 were delivered, and they can be replenished each year.

ARC of Carroll County – Collecting used Christmas cards; would like to have a collection at Carrolltowne and leave it in an envelope for PTA (Cindy)

Sold hot chocolate at the Music Program – sold out (\$119) before the concert even started! We could have sold a lot more. Money benefited music program. Plan on doing similar program in the Spring (Lemonade? Soda? Iced Tea?)

Received a thank you from G. Eckenrod who won a prize via the Box Tops program.

Binder Reminder – If you need another for your committee, we will get you one.

Meeting with Principal Ball – Workshops (Provide opportunity for parents to come in and learn about our school and programs)

- **Vice President's Report (Michele Carroll):**

Kids who need extra help (tutoring) – could PTA compile a list of people in the area who tutor and put out this list (perhaps on our website?); passed out sheet; will give names to classroom teachers; PTA will facilitate (money?); CCEA (Carroll County Education Association) has a list of tutors.

Recycling – Looking into Green Designation (Curriculum, Professional Development, Community Involvement); Looking into students planting garden and charting growth (self-perpetuating); get more plantings at school; Contact Board of Education and look into more recycling bins, especially in Cafeteria; possible assembly? Field Trip to Recycling Center? Tour of Center? Explain how recycling works. Is there a way to receive income from Recycling? Do we have to sign a contract for that? Check with Mechanicsville – look at Pros and Cons of doing this.

Add phone number to school on the website, as well as our address (it's on the Carrolltowne website, but not ours)

- **Principal's Report (Theresa Ball):**

Thanks to Mrs. Showers for all she did while Principal Ball was out.

Someone from Stevenson University is coming to Carrolltowne to talk about Recycling with the students.

Phase II of the classrooms is ahead of schedule – should be done by February 26/27, then Phase III will start. By June/July, everyone will move back to where they belong.

Nick Fiorelli is participating in the Polar Bear Plunge.

The Workshop for February is “Independent Reading – Words Their Way”.

April – Math Benchmarks?

Laurie Brown is the new Cafeteria Manager.

Carroll County Times had an article on the walls (talked to the kids)

Kindergarten Registration will probably be in March this year.

- **Committee Reports:**

Birthday Books – 3rd Grade Volunteer hurt her back; look into Carrying Case instead of Cart? It would be easier, and take up less room in the PTA Closet. The Cart would be kept for Kindergarten and 1st Grade.

Business – Through December: \$1,534 from Martins (191 people are participating, and we are currently in 4th place); \$133 from Safeway (69 people); \$62 from Giant (9 people); need minimum of 25 people to participate in Food Lion's program.

Community Service – Senior Center – filled 70 bags during holiday drive.

Cultural – Bruce Segal will be speaking on Diversity at a school wide assembly/program.

Hospitality – Teacher Appreciation in May.

Language – 19 children enrolled in French; 6 enrolled in Chinese (1 from each grade!).

Literacy – No report.

Membership – 430 membership cards were sent to us – we used 410 (have 20 left over).

Fundraiser – Mascot will be purchased. Will have it in a few more weeks. Will need to be dry cleaned. Maybe have a contest to name Mascot?

Publicity – Advocate ran article on Senior Center Drive. Carroll County Times will also be putting something in re: Senior Center Drive. Please contact Jen Murphy with Publicity Ideas, and if possible, please jot down names when submitting photos.

School Sign – Looking for help in changing sign.

School Spirit – Daddy's and Donuts in March and Mommy's and Muffins in February. Also, in April or early May, would like to have a spring event – suggestions? Dance? Carnival? Erica Hamilton suggested Pony Races, Balloon Bounce and Magician at Spring Fling. What about having on Weekend or Friday Night? Wait until late May – more light outside (Friday Night). DJ and Popcorn for event.

Volunteers – No report.

Ways and Means – \$1,100 under budget. Main reason was Fun Run – didn't earn as much this year. Regarding gift cards, looked into going with Game Stop but most go through Corporate for that. Will get input from kids on what they would like for prizes. Art Projects – frame pictures and put on display. Parents could do silent auction. Yankee Candle – booklets will go out in February.

Yearbook – Larry Allen Photography – January 13, 2009 – take Pictures for Yearbook.

New Business: In need of chairperson for SchoolKidz - will send home ½ sheet or eSchoolNewsletter requesting volunteers. We need a representative or we can't do the program. It is a spring commitment and summer distribution.

- **Door Prize:** #28 – Shavon Showers (won Cinique gift bag worth \$100 – donated by Teresa Von Riegen)
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:



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