



Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Minutes April 2, 2009

- **Meeting called to order by President Mary Ellen O'Neill at 7:08 pm.** A sign in sheet was circulated. There were 23 people in attendance.
- **Minutes from March 4, 2009 meeting** – Nikki Jones made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Sue Moore.
- **Treasurer Report (Cheryl Leupen):** Brought in over \$21,000 in Yankee Candle sales – we keep 40% (approximately \$7,200). With this money, we will supplement our operating expenses, put some of it towards next year's budget, \$1,700 into discretionary, Principal Ball has suggestions for use of this \$\$.
Will vote on at next meeting: 1) Supplement Library with Independent Reading Program, 2) Digiblocks (\$1,000) – these are manipulatives for K through 5. Also, Die Cut Machines need sharpening. Also, Literary had Barry Polisar come in and sold \$817.83 worth of books (we keep 20% of this). Dads and Donuts cost \$135.98. 5th Grade Promotion - \$72.33. Spent \$357 on Teacher Grants. 10 Teacher Grants were read – Michele Geidel made a motion to approve these, and it was seconded by Carolyn Case. Sarah Sheetz made a motion to approve the budget, and it was seconded by Kristin Bernadzikowski.
- **President's Report (Mary Ellen O'Neill):**

Open Committees – 2 or 3 are already volunteered for next year. Most of the committees chairs are staying on, but some are leaving and we will need to find replacements.

Also mentioned upcoming events – Art Night and Science Fair.
- **Vice President's Report (Michele Carroll):**

No report.
- **Secretary's Report (Mort Shuman):**

Newsletter is up on the website; also updated website with latest info.
- **Principal's Report (Theresa Ball):**

Thanks to Literary Committee and Language Clubs.

Construction is ahead of schedule, with sprinklers going in. New clocks are also coming once construction is completed.
- **Committee Reports:**

Connection (Newsletter) – Need to make extra copies for the summer.

Computers – Need committee chair for next year.

Cultural – Upcoming events include Magpie (3rd and 4th grades) – Music; discusses environment and culture; Cosmic Adventures (5th Grade) – Solar System.

Hospitality – Teacher Appreciation coming in May – will include Lunch; Treats/Notes in Mailboxes; Flowers; Deserts (need volunteers for this); May 4 through 8; will have Hoagies for Lunch on May 6.

Language – French concluded last week, and Chinese ends this week. Hoping to get same instructors for next year, or go through Parks and Recreation (P&R). Advantage to P&R is we don't need Parents in class; P&R insurance comes over ours; it would be more \$ per student, but P&R handle administration of program.

Literacy – Barry Polisar – great behavior by students; author was very engaging; two classes wrote thank you notes to Barry Polisar; Barry emailed Carrolltowne and said he had a great time. Also, during Literacy week, each student received a new book and a certificate from PTA. Book swap was a big success.

Math and Science – April 23 – Science Fair; Liberty Robotics will demo their robot; starts at 6:30 in the cafeteria; over 75 kids are signed up for this year's event. You can attend even if you're not in actual fair.

Fundraiser – Candles are in transit and will arrive around April 23.

School Spirit – Spirit Wear is on sale – Tye Dye Shirts, Hoodie with Zipper, Plain White T and Shorts; Beach Party – May 8, and will feature DJ/Music, Rocky Redbird, Cotton Candy, possible Bubble Blowing contest, Dunk Tank, Hula Hoop Contest, Sand Art (?), ask people to bring Beach Towels, Contest to see who can keep beach ball in the air the longest, will charge \$3 per person or \$10 per family; ice cream eating contest, possibly order beach balls with the Carrolltowne Logo? Cardinal Tattoos/Face Painting. Will last from 7 pm to 9 pm. Deena Waskey will co-chair the spirit committee next year.

Volunteers – 1 more session next week.

Ways and Means – School Kidz – April 15 lists are due, May 15 parents order forms are due, May 22 order goes in, August 3 kits are delivered. Need to come up with theme for Fun Run. Misc Fundraisers next year will be picked up by Ways and Means. Rocky's photo taken for "Read" poster in media center.

New Business: 1) Grants – McDonalds? Wal Mart? Will look into this. 2) Janet Borders – attended PTSA meeting at Liberty High, and there has been an increase in Drug and Alcohol use in schools, as well as Cell Phone "Sexting" (sending explicit photos via cell phone – this carries criminal charges as child porn). If the phone is in the parents name, they go after the parents. Anna Bible will present to our PTA a program on Cell Phone/Internet Safety/Alcohol and Substance Abuse on May 14 in the Carrolltowne Cafeteria, for Parents only. Also could have program on Cyber Bullying/Cell Phones/Texting to 4th and 5th Grade possibly – may also bring Police to that program. 3) Art Night – 120 people responded, will be held on April 21, will find out if we can use art supplies from Mr. Killian, we get 30% of proceeds, \$\$ could go towards Debricators (trying to raise \$2,000).

- **Door Prize:** #11 – Whitney Frey
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:



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