



## Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Minutes April 8, 2010

- **Meeting called to order by President Mary Ellen O'Neill at 7:05 pm.** A sign in sheet was circulated. There were 20 people in attendance.
- **Minutes from 3/4/10 meeting** – Chris Karper made motion to approve, and seconded by Jami Karper.
- **Treasurer Report:** Cheryl Leupen not in attendance – Mary Ellen filled in for her. Several grants were distributed. Christina Miles motioned to approve these grants, and they were seconded by Mary Vaccarino. Cardinal Tales cost \$692 to print - \$150 of this was donated so color cover could be produced. The school and PTA paid for the rest. Was printed “at cost” by Copy Post. \$1,400 was spent by Spirit Committee for Bingo Event. Kristin Bernadzikowski motioned to approve the budget, and it was seconded by Deb Cancro.
- **President's Report (Mary Ellen O'Neill):** There will be board changes for next year – this is the last year for our current group. Deciding on whether to expand the board (either go from 4 to 5 – with two secretaries, 4 to 5 – with two Vice Presidents, or 4 to 6 with two secretaries and two Vice Presidents). The two secretaries could be broken down as 1 corresponding vs. 1 recording secretary. Would we need to have an amendment to the bylaws for this? If there is more than 1 position, they must be specifically outlined in the bylaws. Could be a concern of too many people writing checks. Vote was held and majority voted against changing board – we will stick with 4 board members (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). Coolers are needed for Bingo Night – please give to Mary Ellen. Will need by 4/30/10.
- **Vice President's Report (Michele Carroll):** No report.
- **Secretary's Report (Mort Shuman):** No report.
- **Principal's/Assistant Principal's Report (Theresa Ball/Shavon Showers):** Integrated white board is installed in Media Center. Also getting “Active Vote” machines. Next week fiber optics are being installed. So far we have about 72 children registered for Kindergarten next year. Projected total is approximately 112.
- **Teacher's Report (Edna Martin):** No report.
- **Committee Reports:**
  - Birthday Books** – April birthdays will get their books next week. May birthdays will be the last until next school year.
  - Business Products** – Raised \$3,183.40 via Martins – 2<sup>nd</sup> best in area! Eldersburg Elementary was 4<sup>th</sup>. Box Tops – recent check for \$504, and \$1,400 total for year. EScrip - \$204 raised through February. Giant - \$69 raised so far this year. Not sure on Food Lion. Don't have total yet for labels.
  - Connection (Newsletter)** – There are 2 missing pages online but each family did receive a personal copy– went out before Easter break. Will be 1 more produced.
  - Community Service** – Nothing new – waiting for ideas for Firehouse fundraiser. Dance in May?
  - Cultural** – Billy B on April 21 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades. Biztown on May 7 for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Next year is Cheryl's last year so if someone is interested in taking over the committee for the following year, they could shadow her in the Fall.
  - Hospitality** – Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3 – 7, 2010. Events planned for the week include: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheerleaders will be leading cheers, fruit smoothies will be provided, Mexican buffet, Smores, and a Massage Therapist will be on site one day during the week. Week of April 20 is Admin Professionals week.

**Math and Science** – May 4<sup>th</sup> is Science Fair.

**Misc Fundraiser** – Indoor recess items were purchased. Need a new chair for next year.

**Publicity** – Please send pictures from science fair and bingo to Jen Murphy. The jump rope event was in the Carroll County. Committee Chair is open for next year.

**School Board Rep** – Dr. Ecker will be attending Board of Education Meeting at Century High School on Monday, April 19. Homework policy discussed – 10 minutes per grade. Meaning 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, the students should be spending 10 minutes on their homework, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade = 20 minutes, etc. 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade would be 90 minutes maximum. Minute to Minute – access to teachers grade book (by parents).

**School Spirit** – Paper was sent home for Bingo volunteers on Monday. Discussed details of Bingo Night.

**School Store** – Alert Now sent out regarding new time and date. Good day today!

**Volunteers** – At May and June meetings, we will start collecting the out of school volunteer hour forms – please try to turn these in. The county not only wants to increase the number of volunteers, but also the number of hours. We had a committee meeting and voted 2-1 to change the coordinator to Lisa Apellaniz – Lisa was the vote against – however the majority ruled. Lisa is now the coordinator, and Sarah Sheetz will be a volunteer trainer. We are reconsidering having the volunteer training at the back-to-school night.

**Ways and Means** – Brainstorming theme for next year's Fun Run. Will be reusing envelopes for gifts – so there is no confusion. Also trying to come up with participation gift. School Kidz supply list has been pared down.

**Yearbook** – Need some members for next year – would love a person to take it over the following year.

**New Business:** 1) Alert Now still not getting to Verizon customers. 2) Mrs. Abramson is retiring this year. 3) Chris Karper encourages us to get nominations to nominating committee as soon as possible.

- **Door Prize: #5** – Patti Luck – Memo Mouse Pad.
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:



**Mort Shuman**  
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