



Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Minutes May 7, 2009

- **Meeting called to order by President Mary Ellen O'Neill at 7:08 pm.** A sign in sheet was circulated. There were 19 people in attendance.
- **Minutes from April 2, 2009 meeting** – Edna Martin made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Jenn Harrison.
- **Treasurer Report (Cheryl Leupen):** Discussed various items pertaining to budget (too many to capture!), Edna Martin made a motion to approve the budget, and Whitney Frey seconded it. Also discussed 15 teacher grants (motion to approve by Carolyn Case, and Michele Geidel seconded it).
- **President's Report (Mary Ellen O'Neill):**

Wanted to pass along that Kelli Nelson (Eldersburg Elementary PTA) mentioned that there will be budget cuts in Carroll County, and the Carroll County School Board is requesting ideas on how to save money. There is a link on the Carroll County Board of Education's website for feedback.

Also, Fifth Grade trip to ORMS is still being worked on.

Lots of Thank You notes regarding the flowers and lunch for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Committee Updates: Jenn Harrison will not be chairing the Spirit Committee next year; Christa Marsico will co-chair Membership; Edie Lee will help out with School Sign; Whitney Frey not chairing Literacy next year.

Rain Garden – Starting up by Mrs. Tombs; will be planting plants on May 21 (need volunteers for that day). The idea of the garden is to use rain from storm water to help the plants; will also cut down on pollution. The fourth grade is now deciding on what plants to use.

Play Day – Scheduled for May 28.

If not chairing next year, please bring binders to next meeting.

Evaluation forms were handed out. Please fill these out and return.

Next month's meeting will start at 6:30 instead of 7:00 pm – will have dinner, prizes & presents.

- **Vice President's Report (Michele Carroll):**
Discussed "Green" being incorporated into curriculum. Will be assisting with Rain Garden.
- **Secretary's Report (Mort Shuman):**
Reminded people about special presentation on "Internet/Drugs & Alcohol" presentation at Carrolltowne on May 14, 2009.
- **Assistant Principal's Report (Shavon Showers):**
No report.

- **Committee Reports:**

Connection (Newsletter) – Working on June newsletter; idea of “Welcome” newsletter for Back To School night.

Computers – Need committee chair for next year. Send list home for volunteers

Cultural – Saved \$390 this year.

Hospitality – Hospitality Week – Flowers on Monday, Note Cards on Tuesday, Lunch on Wednesday, Treats in Mailbox on Thursday, and Ice Cream Sundaes on Friday; Nurses Day – will get Frames for Nurses (this week); Cafeteria Staff – Bowl with Candies (last week)

Language – Will be offering French, Chinese and Spanish. 10 weeks of French for \$120; 20 weeks of Chinese for \$240; 20 weeks of Spanish for \$240; will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 pm to 4:50 pm. Will advertise at the Beach Party, and sign ups will be in September. Carroll Parks and Recreation will handle the administration of the program, and other schools can take part in this program. Will start program at End of September. Will include same instructors as last year, and will be offered for all grades (K through 5).

Literacy – Whitney is stepping down – will still work on committee, but will not Chair.

Misc Fundraisers – One lone box left (Yankee Candle); 186 sellers. Thank you to the ladies who showed up to help unload boxes. Ways and Means will be staying separate from Misc Fundraisers.

Publicity – Jen Murphy coming back to Chair next year.

School Spirit – Spirit Wear is done and will arrive soon (only 40 pieces were ordered for a total of \$927.90); over 400 RSVPs for Beach Party, DJ is excited, games will be featured, will be selling Cotton Candy and Soft Pretzels, Ice Cream Eating contest between 7:30 and 9:00 pm. Prizes will include McDonald’s food. Need coolers – need by 4 pm tomorrow, and need help setting up starting at 5:30 pm. Deena Waskey will co-chair next year. Jenn will still be on the committee, just not Chairing.

Ways and Means – School Kidz – Order forms almost ready – prices will range from \$32 (Kindergarten) to \$73 (Fifth Grade). Some classes are requiring 2 – 3 dry erase markers. Fun Run – need ideas for participation prizes, and still working on theme for next year. Food Fundraisers – Claire’s Gourmet Desserts?

New Business: 1) May concert – Need ideas for fundraisers (America the Beautiful theme – Apples? Caramel Apples with Red, White and Blue Lollipops? Brownie on Stick? Mary Ellen O’Neill to talk to her neighbor Judy re: this. 2) Boo Hoo/Yahoo Social – Ask Kindergarten parents to see if anyone is interested in helping out.

- **Door Prize: #3** – David Streissguth (Yankee Candle Dragon Fly/Citronella Candles)
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:



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