



Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Minutes October 1, 2009

- **Meeting called to order by President Mary Ellen O'Neill at 7:05 pm.** A sign in sheet was circulated. There were 31 people in attendance.
- **Minutes from 9/3/09 meeting** – Edna Martin made motion to approve, and seconded by Janet Borders.
- **Treasurer Report (Cheryl Leupen):** Rita's Night was a success – raised \$233.25, and the owner said Carrolltowne was the school that raised the most money. This money will be used to purchase recess equipment. Whitney shopped for recess materials and purchased various items including Frisbees, ring toss games, bubble wands, flying saucers, foam bats/balls, wiffle balls, jump ropes, bases, Velcro paddles, tennis balls, hula hoops, footballs, kick balls, soccer balls, ball pumps, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, cones, mesh bags and totes. Mary Ellen mentioned we have raised over \$2,146 in PTA memberships. Tracy Christy motioned to approve the budget, and it was seconded by Mary Ellis. Mentioned goal of Fun Run is \$20,000, of which the majority goes towards our students. Also, a ladder is missing – we think the construction crew may have taken it by accident. Bought a new one for \$29.68, and took this out of Board Discretionary fund. Robyn Butler made a motion to approve the spending, and it was seconded by Carolyn Case.
- **President's Report (Mary Ellen O'Neill):** Very busy October – Fun Run, Book Fair and Cardinal Tales starts up on October 22. Also, the Wall Party was a wonderful way to close the project, and featured former students, teachers and staff, as well as current parents.
- **Vice President's Report (Michele Carroll):** Audit is done. Book fair – looking at self contained machine for credit cards. You can scan the prices in. We are looking into getting more machines to help check out. We will also be having a parent's only shopping hour. Wish list will come home. Teachers also make wish lists. Family Night for book fair is Monday, November 2, 2009.
- **Secretary's Report (Mort Shuman):** No report.
- **Principal's/Assistant Principal's Report (Theresa Ball/Shavon Showers):** First doses of flu mist given out. Probably not doing a second dose – will find out on Monday. Thanks for the Wall Celebration – got great feedback on celebration! Portables now have battery operated doorbells. Key cards are used for back doors. 28 smart carts available – hold laptop, camera built in, etc. We need volunteers in the cafeteria – any time you can help would be appreciated. Lunch runs from 11:20 to 1:30 pm. If interested, please email Assistant Principal Showers. Training will be held on 10/9, and you can start on 10/12. Also are trying to make sure students follow Cardinal Rule in Cafeteria. Christy McGill asked how far we can go in doing this – 4th grade seems especially bad in the cafeteria. The PBIS team is working on a solution. Cheryl wonders if the kids need more recess? To burn off energy? Also possible reason is grade crossover (one grade coming in, one grade leaving).
- **Teacher's Report (Edna Martin):** Sent out an email regarding student supply lists for grades and got positive feedback. Will scale back for next year. Also are working on controlling behavior in cafeteria.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Birthday Books** – September books were distributed last week. 10/21 – Book will be distributed for Oct b-days.
 - Business Products** – Martins program starts on 10/4 – will know next month how many signed up. Martins also features a "Principal Cook Off" and the winner wins 100,000 points. Everyone said it was a good idea having the sign up available at Back to School night.
 - Connection (Newsletter)** – Looking for stories and photos. Hoping to publish end of October.
 - Community Service** – Sent cards to DiVenti family. Book Drive – same time as Book Fair. 10/22/09 – collect

new/gently used books for the Human Services Program of Carroll County. "1 for Books" collects \$ donations and buy books from Book Fair. Scholastic donates \$1 for each book to charity. Looking for any types of books.

Computers – Putting finishing touches on database of volunteers. Also, it was determined we can't take in any extra monitors, even as donations.

Cultural – Prep/EIK/1st Grade – Dino Rock and Junk Yard Pirates on 12/15 at 2:15 pm; \$650 + \$40 for travel; Liz will check on grant. Awaiting approval from teachers. 2nd and 3rd Grade – Nada Brahma – either 10/15 at 9:45 am or 10/22 at 9:45 am; \$600 minus \$75 fall discount minus \$50 AIE grant – total \$475 + \$40 travel fee. Have both dates penciled in, and am awaiting choice from teachers. 4th and 5th – Billy B – Ways of the Bay – either 2/9 at 10 am or 4/27 at 2:15 pm; \$675 +\$50 travel fee. Both dates penciled in – waiting decision on date from teachers. School Wide – Native Pride - \$975 for 2 shows or \$825 for single show + \$45 travel fee; November 11 in the afternoon. Liz checking with troop to ensure they can do 2 shows that afternoon. Also looking into "Birds of Prey" program.

Hospitality – 9/15 – Custodial Day – Movie Night; 10/20 – Bus Drivers Day; 10/15 – Teacher's Dinner/Picnic.

Language – We currently have too many students for the Spanish class and therefore had to split the class into 2 separate classes. We have 6 signed up for Chinese, 7 signed up for French and 22 signed up for Spanish.

Membership – We have more members than last year. Various prizes given out to top 3 grades re: participation.

Misc Fundraiser – Need 6 - 8 volunteers to be Rocky. Thanks to Ron Weller for helping out as Rocky at Wall Ceremony.

Publicity – Please send Wall Celebration photos to Jen Murphy and she will send to papers. Please include student's name if possible. She will also be sending out release for Fun Run next week. If there are any other events this month or beginning of 11/09, please email Jen Murphy so she can prepare and send out a news release.

School Sign – 2 new members are helping out with this committee.

School Spirit – Approximately 200 showed up for Wall Ceremony. Spirit Wear orders will be taken from 11/2/09 to 11/13/09. As a reminder, PTA does not make \$\$ on Spirit Wear. Also, at Wall Celebration was Mrs. Leah Forsythe and her son; she was a Secretary at Carrolltowne for 23 years.

Ways and Means – Fun Run shirt forms ready. Need volunteers to help outside during event. Also need photos!

Yearbook – We will be doing the yearbook electronically this year – this is different from how it was done in the past. We will do on the computer rather than cutting out photos. Forms went home to 5th Graders this week. Kids will do most of the work. We will meet before school and some during early dismissals. Doing yearbook electronically is a little cheaper, and therefore we may be able to add additional pages for same cost as before. We also are still doing the yearbook cover contest (both front and back). We need parent volunteers to help!

New Business: At next meeting, we will have PBIS system discussion before our regular meeting. Also, Project Aces can be for adults too! Michele Carroll – suggests putting budget and agenda on the overhead to save paper. We will also have fewer copies of the minutes starting next month to save paper – people will share the copies.

- **Door Prize:** #17 – Lauren Glass – Carrolltowne PTA Hat, Lanyard and Magnet.
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:



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