



Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Minutes November 5, 2009

- **Meeting called to order by President Mary Ellen O'Neill at 7:05 pm.** A sign in sheet was circulated. There were 34 people in attendance.
- **Minutes from 10/1/09 meeting** – Robyn Butler made motion to approve, and seconded by Nikki Jones.
- **Treasurer Report (Cheryl Leupen):** Fun Run raised \$17,296.25 – other schools by comparison raised less. Last year, we raised \$17,298.65. Thanks to the work done by the Ways and Means committee. Mary Ellis made a motion to approve the budget, and it was seconded by Jill Morgan. Also discussed that Grants are available via the Carroll County Public School Foundation.
- **President's Report (Mary Ellen O'Neill):** Thanks to the Ways and Means committee for their hard work on the Fun Run. Also thanks to Community Service for the "One For Books" campaign/Book Donations. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out with the Book Fair. Even though we no longer have a Carroll County PTA Council, we (Carrolltowne) are still in good standing. Our paperwork is up to date, and there are no issues with us as a PTA. Cardinal Tales – 48 students are working on it this year. Made up of 4th and 5th Grade Students. The printing of Cardinal Tales is being done "at cost" at Copy Post – the money raised from the School Store will help pay for the printing of Cardinal Tales. Reminder that all flyers that go out with the PTA's name on it must be shown to the Principal/Vice Principal/PTA Board so we are aware of what the flyer is about. We are looking for a new board next school year – hope to have a Treasurer on board by March.
- **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):** No news yet on H1N1 mist.
- **Teacher's Report (Edna Martin):** Thanks for dinners during conferences – Hospitality Committee made box lunches for them.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Business Products** – Earned \$912 from Box Tops. Only 134 Bonus Cards at Martins are signed up for Carrolltowne.
 - Connection (Newsletter)** – In final stages – hoping to have completed by next week.
 - Community Service** – Got thank you card from DiVenti family. Book Fair – raised \$270 during "One For Books" campaign, and 1,000 books were donated.
 - Cultural** – Native Pride – will be here next week (2:15 pm on 11/11/09).
 - Hospitality** – Survey was sent to teachers to find out what they like/dislike. Bus Driver Appreciation Day – 9/27/09 (received Candy Bar with note – "Thank you for keeping the children safe on the way to and from school"). Grandparents Day – was this done last year? Could have been an individual class that did it instead of entire school.
 - Membership** – We have more members than normal – will have final numbers at next meeting.
 - Misc Fundraiser** – Taking a break and will be back in 2010! Flyers will be forthcoming. Not doing Yankee Candle this year.

Publicity – Sent out announcement regarding Fun Run. Will be promoting “One for Books” and Native Pride assembly.

School Sign – Changing on Tuesday. Put up Fun Run \$ raised and thank everyone for participating.

School Spirit – 11/3/09 – Started selling Spirit Wear. Orders are due by 11/13/09. Samples are hanging in lobby.

Sunshine – Giving out a lot of cards so far this year (both good and bad).

Volunteers – Volunteer training Tuesday at 6:50 in Cafeteria (11/10/09). Please continue to keep track of your volunteer hours.

Ways and Means – Will be distributing Fun Run prizes week before Thanksgiving Break.

Yearbook – Having a cover contest – First place will get Front Cover, Second place will get Back Cover. Training on how to use software will take place on 11/10/09. 40 kids are on the committee. Due Date is now March (used to be February), so now we can include the Faculty vs Students Basketball Game.

New Business: What can we do to a) get addition for 3rd Graders to be part of school, or b) install canopy to protect students from elements? We are expecting to be at current enrollment or higher, so portables will probably be staying. A Canopy would be a Capital Improvement item. Could put an asphalt path in. Keyless entry at back doors and doors on portables – currently getting bids on installing this. Will use magnetic stripe instead of key. Also slated to get extra cameras for security. Also drainage is a concern around exterior of school. Why don't we use front portables? Because they are 20 years old and have major water damage, and the back portables are newer. Now use for extra space. Someone asked about getting confirmation on early dismissal – they were not getting word back. May be a individual computer problem on person who requested early dismissal. Or email could be ending up in Spam folder. Also, dismissal time is crazy and it's hard to do anything when it's so close to dismissal. Considering putting together a directory of kids in school – would create tear off sheet and send to parents for their approval. Ideally should send out at the beginning of the school year.

- **Door Prize: #4** – Deb Cancro – Thanksgiving Bag.
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:



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