



Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Minutes December 3, 2009

- **Meeting called to order by President Mary Ellen O'Neill at 7:05 pm.** A sign in sheet was circulated. There were 18 people in attendance.
- **Minutes from 11/5/09 meeting** – Kristin Bernadzikowski made motion to approve, and seconded by Edna Martin.
- **Treasurer Report (Cheryl Leupen):** Not much activity going on. \$2,332 came in, of which \$1,994 was for Spirit Wear. \$194 came in for Fun Run (added to the total = \$17,445.25); \$1,270 went out. Bought an Xbox to raffle in the spring (there was a special deal from Wal Mart - \$199 for Xbox, and you got a \$100 gift card with it). Carolyn Case made a motion to approve the budget, and it was seconded by Mary Ellis. Teacher grants are now available. Yankee Candles – should we do this? What would the money be used for? Is there a need? Kristin Bernadzikowski offered to run program. Assistant Principal Showers will talk to Principal Ball – need to check to see if money for playground will still cover the cost of the playground. Possibly remulch playground? The county provides the mulch. New sound system? Instruments?
- **President's Report (Mary Ellen O'Neill):** Upcoming Holiday Shop will be from 6 to 9 pm. We are doing it to have fun, not to raise money. Thanks to Nikki Jones for all her help! Children will have a personal shoppers, or parents can go through with child. There will also be a wrapping paper station. We'll be selling hot chocolate and popcorn – money raised will go to West End Senior Center. Extra Ear Thermometer for School Nurse – can PTA help with this? It costs approximately \$165. Can we spend money on this? Will need to check the bylaws. The nurse gets \$75 through teacher grant. Whitney Frey raised concern that this could open a “can of worms”. Mary Ellen O'Neill doesn't want to take away from the teacher grants. Keep a thermometer in the “sick room” and one out of the room. Will need to find out some things before voting on this.
- **Vice President's Report (Michele Carroll):** Last year we sold cocoa/hot chocolate/candy canes and the money went to the Music Department. We sold about 120 before the winter concert, and about 300 before the spring concert. Looking for a volunteer to take this effort on this year. Christina Miles volunteered. Winter concert is December 16 at 7 pm – will need to get there early to setup. Tracy Christy also volunteered to help out.
- **Secretary's Report (Mort Shuman):** Website is still being updated; just got back approved bylaws – will post on site.
- **Principal's/Assistant Principal's Report (Theresa Ball/Shavon Showers)/ Teacher's Report (Edna Martin):** Thanks for the support and happy holidays!
- **Committee Reports:**

Business Products – 186 Families signed up with Martins – have raised \$897 so far. Monthly rewards for box tops – need participation from all grades. Drop off in foyer with name and teachers name on back. Please trim labels if possible. Lauren provided PTA gift tonight from Avon – thank you Lauren!

Connection (Newsletter) – Went out to kids – some parents want hard copies of the newsletter (will put on Website).

Community Service – Mort Shuman read in Chrissy Elliot's absence - Raised \$270 for “One for Books” (about \$100 more than last year). We collected over 1,400 books (about 400 more than last year). Thanks to everyone for their generosity. We are collecting donations for the senior center now – a letter was sent home last week and the form and items requested is posted on the website. We hope to fill 50 bags. The deadline is 12/9/09.

Cultural – Native Pride assembly was on 11/11/09. Next up is the Dino Rock – Junk Yard Pirates program on recycling on 12/15/09. Cheryl provided list to those in attendance – website calendar will be updated.

Hospitality – Teacher appreciation week – survey for feedback is coming in January.

Membership – Membership drive is over – final #'s are in Carrolltowne Connection newsletter. 190 families are members – still accepting memberships even though drive is over.

Misc Fundraiser – Amante's Night on 1/11/10 from 5 to 8 pm. During the day we will be taking orders for teachers and staff – Amante's will deliver to school. Getting 15% and Amante's may match (Whitney will clarify). Don't have a use for the money that will be raised yet – possibly looking into more indoor recess items. Also looking into possible Ski Liberty tubing event in February. Would get 20% of whatever coupons generate.

Publicity – (Mort Shuman read in Jen Murphy's absence) - Received great coverage from the local media with the One for Books press release and photos. Thanks so much to Chrissy Elliott. The next event to promote will be the Senior Center donations. Also will send out release and photos from Native American cultural program ASAP.

School Sign – Sign is still there!

School Spirit – Dads & Donuts and Moms & Muffins are again going to be done this year. Also, Red and Green day is coming up – full list of spirit days is on website.

Volunteers – No volunteer training until the end of February. Please give the volunteer committee the hours that people have logged outside of school hours.

Ways and Means – Done with Fun Run! Distributed prizes. 16 emails with issues (i.e. didn't get my prizes).

Yearbook – Meeting with the 5th graders next week. On 12/8 from 8:00 to 8:45 will be general meeting in Media Center. Cover contest – 1st Place went to Hannah Butler (she'll get the front cover), and 2nd Place went to Abby Brecker (she'll get the back cover). This was determined by a teacher vote. All entries are hanging up in school near office.

New Business: 1) Carrolltowne Directory – TONS responded (out of 475 flyers sent out, 400 responded positively with some form of contact). Will have this out before Xmas or right before we return. For the future – do we want to go with PDF to save money on printing? Concern was brought up for security of information – however, people could also photocopy or make PDF of printed version. 2) Mary Ellen got an email from All About Learning, Inc. – they offer hands-on learning through afterschool programs (on site field trips). Have a robotics presentation which may be of interest. We will investigate. 3) Community Interest – there is one child from Carrolltowne and one child from Liberty High School in local production of Xmas Carol.

- **Door Prize: #6** – Tracy Christy – Avon Thanksgiving Package.
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:



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