

Carson Elementary PTA  
Board Meeting  
14 November 2007

Attended: Sutra Borgeson, Jean Shelton, Birgit Miller, Arturo Gonzales, Amy Conner, Suzanne Steliga, Darla Barkley and Amy Gerber.

Excused: TJ Navilio, Lana Kay, Miles Erdly, and Christi Keleman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm, and was immediately moved into an executive session.

The board meeting commenced at 7:20 pm.

Year Book presentation was made by Stephanie (chair).

- Need photos from teachers.
- Will be sold as pre-sales.
- Cover due January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Price range \$13-\$15.95, which includes a black and white book with color inserts, for 88-100 pages.
- One page per class (fun page), need parents volunteer/ room parents to help.
- Present ideas at the December 5<sup>th</sup> staff meeting at 1 pm.

Winterfest/ Parent's Night Out discussion. Winterfest is being chaired by TJ and Arturo, and has a budget of \$750. Parent's night out is chaired by Suzanne Steliga. It is \$20 for the 1<sup>st</sup> child, \$10 for the second and \$5 for each additional child. It will be from 6-10 pm with movies and dinner.

We discussed the nominations for State PTA positions.

The Book Fair was very successful, but frustrating since the school didn't receive all the free books earned due to the use of the school account, which would not have been the case if the PTA had been able to run it. The Spring Book Fair will be March 10-14<sup>th</sup>.

Suzanne moved that the PTA support and run the Spring Book Fair. Jean seconded, there was no discussion, we voted and the motion carried.

We discussed asking Kelly LaChance and Vanessa Horner to co-chair the Book fair again because of the great job they did.

The Watch Dog meeting was very successful, we had about 400 people attend.

Take Your Family to School Week will be February 10-16<sup>th</sup>, send ideas about this to Birgit.

A report on the Entertainment books was given, and we owe less than the \$5,000 we expected to pay, but our income was far less than we hoped.

We discussed the delay of the newsletter and the miscommunications.

Amy Conner discussed the Reading Log concept, where the students read for 400 minutes a month and then get a reward of a free ice cream, or pizza. We discussed and determined that it should be based on the AR points instead.

Leadership Council is considering a “Pennies for Patients” drive. We discussed it and determined to support this.

We discussed the popcorn machine and determined that it would cost more to refurbish the popcorn machine we have than it would to buy a new one. We presently will consider donations only regarding the popcorn machine.

The Membership report was given.

- We have 192 members as of tonight. Had 154 before the meeting, the paws are on the wall for all of those.
- Amy suggested using “Sponsored by the PTA” signs at events for more recognition and hopefully more participation.
- It was also suggested that we have a “Did you know” section in the newsletter.

We discussed the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade parents, and the need for them to feel more informed, including calendars, get links for PTA on teacher websites, perhaps a questionnaire for parents to discover who doesn't have internet access.

Reflections update- there were 90 students who submitted the forms, and the deadline is November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Art Docent Report (Darla)

- Received a \$125 check from Brouillet.
- Wants to keep the storage room orderly
- Training on Monday and Tuesday of next week
- Wants to turn a grant from the Inner-Urban Arts program through Boeing.
- Want 1-2 docents per class.
- The kiln should be installed by December, but the plan is that only the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will use it this year.

The Giving Tree was discussed. It will be chaired by Mark Cooksley and run by Student Council.

We discussed the Talent Show. The auditions will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, and the show will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was mentioned that we could use this as some sort of fundraising opportunity.

Bingo night is March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

A quick report was given for the Box Tops, and we turned in about \$300 worth of Box Tops.

Passive fundraisers were discussed- Upromise & eScrip are set up. Albertsons needs to be set up and perhaps United Way.

The thank you cards were read.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.