

## **Carson Elementary PTA 5.7.3 General Membership Meeting 20 March 2007**

Notice of the meeting was given to all members, and a quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 pm by the Carson Elementary PTA President, Sutra Borgeson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes were distributed and read. Amy Conner moved that the minutes be approved as written for the 20 February Meeting. The motion was seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion was carried.

The Treasurer gave the budget report. We currently have \$3,876.71 in our checking account.

Birgit Miller then explained an on-line safety program that Qwest is doing which can possibly earn the PTA \$1000. See the website [www.incredibleinternet.com](http://www.incredibleinternet.com), then e-mail your certificate to Birgit at

Sutra reviewed voting procedure, and the use of red and green cards for voting.

Sutra mentioned that each member needs to commit to find donations for the AR tests and the climbing wall.

A sales report for the T-shirts and sweatshirts was given. As of the meeting there are 25 T-shirts and 10 sweatshirts sold.

We currently have 67 PTA members. It was also pointed out that March 19<sup>th</sup> was last day to join the Carson Elementary PTA to be eligible to be elected to the Executive Board.

Proposed changes to the Standing Rules were presented. There was much discussion. In addition to the changes presented by the executive board, these other changes were suggested from the general membership.

It was suggested that Article 17 be changed to state:

“Money shall be counted in a secure location, out of public view, immediately following the event.”

It was suggested that Article 19 be changed to state:

“If a certified auditor is used three (3) Carson PTA members in good standing will be appointed by the President to review the auditor through the process.”

It was suggested that Article 25 be changed to:

- “A. Standing Committees
  - 1. Art Docent
  - 2. Legislative
  - 3. Newsletter/ Website
  - 4. Volunteer Coordinator”
- “B. Ad Hoc
  - 1. Budget”

It was suggested that in Article 20 we replace the word “should” with “must” to clarify the meaning.

Jennifer Evans moved that we accept the proposed Carson Elementary PTA Standing Rules with the above mentioned changes, it was seconded and the motion was carried.

Sutra invited people to participate in a member forum. Some of the items discussed were the playground and putting the committee meeting times on the calendar on the website. We also discussed the problems we’ve had communicating with the Carson families. We should have a link to the district website by the end of April.

Sutra announced that we were given a \$615 donation from Firgrove Elementary, and a real estate agent in the area has said that they will give the PTA \$250 for each home sold in the Carson area, and has already donated \$250 from a sale.

Committee reports were given:

- Legislative: please vote for the bond issue, and review the Top 5 Legislative Priorities on the Washington State PTA (WSPTA) website.
- Nominating: see attached.
- Newsletter: deadline for April newsletter is March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Fundraising: plans in motion to sell engraved bricks for graduating rates of \$100, \$200, and \$300.
- Membership: currently 67 members, we discussed changing the membership dues from \$25 per person to \$15 per person and \$25 per family.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.