

General Membership Meeting
Carson Elementary PTA
26 September 2007

The meeting began at 7:08 pm. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sutra Borgeson, Carson PTA President, introduced the other officers which were present, and noted that we still need to fill three positions. The three positions include: VP Fundraising, VP Membership and Volunteer Coordinator.

The minutes were distributed.

Amy Conner moved that we approve the 19 June 2007 General Membership Meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded (Lorraine Gakin), there was no discussion, we voted and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. At last count the amount taken in for the fundraiser was \$28,000. A reminder was given that T-shirts and sweatshirts are still available. We may have additional spirit wear with a child-designed graphics.

Reminders:

- To be eligible to be nominated to an officer position an individual must be a member for at least 30 days.
- Only PTA members can vote for tonight's election.

School updates from Carson Elementary Principal Arturo Gonzales

- The permits for the portables took a while, but were approved this past week. They will be renovated with the same furniture and smart boards as the rest of the school. They will also be painted to match. The work should be finished by the end of October.
- The road widening and retaining wall construction still needs to occur (the permit has taken 6 months so far). It will be a one month project, not including the traffic light at 184th which will take 2-3 weeks longer after the road is complete.
- We will also have a traffic controller and 4 additional adults to help children.
- We are still waiting for the permit on the reader board as well. The guidelines have changed and we cannot have an electronic one. There was quite a bit of discussion regarding this topic.
- We are looking at adding ramps at the sidewalks for the walkers.
- Safety for the kids crossing by buses was a concern.
- We will be adding more playground duties.
- Coyote chats are coming up soon.

Innisbruck Fundraiser update: our goal was \$20,000 which was already surpassed.

The balloteers for tonight's election are Amber Peterson, Christy Keleman and Carre Avary.

Position descriptions were given, and the floor was opened for nominations.

There were no nominations for VP Fundraising.

For VP of Membership, Amy Conner was nominated by Lana Kay. A short statement was given.

The floor was closed since there were no further nominations. A voice vote was given, and Amy Conner was unanimously elected as VP of Membership.

We discussed the Legislative Assembly survey, and we were reminded that we have 2 votes at the Assembly.

Names were put forth for the nominating committee. Lorraine Gakin, Kristen Hill, Todd Hayden, TJ Navilio, and Carre Avary were nominated. The membership voted for three members of the nominating committee. Votes were cast and counted. Lorraine Gakin was put in as the chair of the nominating committee, with Todd Hayden and Kristen Hill as the other two members elected.

Other needs include:

- Volunteer Coordinator- send e-mail to president@carsonpta.org
- Budget chair
- Room parent chair
- Book fair chair

The Skate Night was successful.

Calendar:

- October 3: Walk to School Day
- October 5-6: Legislative Assembly
- October 8: Meeting at Firgrove @ 6 pm for information on the Simple Majority Vote with Senator Kastama.
- October 9: Watch DOGS meeting (see below)
- October 18: Candidates forum for School Board, 6 pm @ Zeiger
- October 19: Family Fun Dance
- November 6: Simple Majority Vote
- November 28: Next General Membership meeting
- Go to www.carsonpta.org

Newsletter:

- Should go home the first week of October.
- Submit information by the 20th of the prior month.

“Watch D.O.G.S.” Program: presented by Vice Principal Miles Erdly.

- “Dads of great students”
- Provides dads a reason to come to school.
- Events will be held 1-2 times per year where dads, uncles, grandfathers, etc... will wear badges and be part of the staff for a day.
- We will hold an introductory meeting on October 9th from 6:30-7:30 pm which will include pizza and sign-ups for the dads and kids.

Entertainment books should come out the first week of October.

Be sure to receive your volunteer training so you can volunteer at the school.

We are still accepting “Rock Star” forms, and the forms can be turned into the PTA box outside the PTA Room. Each name plate can include up to 16 characters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.