

Cedar Mill PTC Minutes 3-06

Attendees: Janet Vanoni, Desirea Muraoka, Sarah Thom, Tracy Pierson, Gillian Dyall, Scot Stockwell, Sandi McRae, Amy Corris, Gail Bolte, Laurie Maheu, Janell Cooke, Jillane Onasch, Grace Butler, Donna Bekooy, Mrs Yang, Sandi McRae, Stephanie Amato, Lisa Marineau, Allyn Williams, Shannon Kroah-Hartman, Maryam Zare, Shannon Wride, Gail Turney, Laura Manning, Chris Marino, Susannah Sparks, Maryrose Reagan, Bill De Leeuw.

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Sarah Thom at 3.17pm.

Minutes: Complete minutes were distributed to and reviewed by members via e-mail prior to the meeting. Gillian Dyall reviewed open items from February's minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Budget: This year we have budgeted \$29,200, and spent \$12,041 with \$17,159 remaining. Total assets are \$24,756. Desirea Muraoka presented the budget report which was approved as read.

Cultural Day: On March 17th the focus country will be Ireland as one of the Early American Immigrant Cultures. There will be a voluntary poster/essay contest related to Irish culture. A fact sheet listing websites etc will be given to teachers for kids who are interested. Items will be displayed in the hallway and the library. Assemblies at 9 am and 10 am will include Irish music, dance and folklore.

Bond Measure: Shannon Kroah-Hartman from our Local School Committee shared information on the upcoming bond measure in the May election. Cedar Mill's goal is to raise \$1500 in direct donations to the campaign (\$50 per individual or \$100 per couple can be a tax credit). The campaign's total costs will be about \$100,000 even with an all volunteer staff. We have 3 more call nights coming up, on April 5th, 19th and May 10th from 6-9 pm. People who volunteer will be entered into a raffle to win two Ariondack chairs made by John Nitikins. Nearer the time, door-to-door canvassing will be organised. It is important to get the word out to the 70% people who do not have kids in school. Look for handouts and donation envelopes at Art Night. Please contact Shannon at shannon@kroah.com to volunteer.

Volunteer Recognition: Mugs and (Hershey's) Kisses were given to randomly drawn volunteers for this month: Mandy Jahn, Janet Vanoni, Karen Zwerling and Nancy Larsen.

Nominating Committee: Laurie Maheu displayed a poster listing next years' open PTC board positions. Please contact her if you are interested or have questions. maheu6@comcast.net.

Ways & Means: The auction was very successful, bringing in almost \$20,000. People enjoyed the evening. Thanks to all the committee. Next year we may allow more time for bidding before tables close. We will also have our own credit card machine which will make things go faster. Since we are waiting for this the credit card purchases have not been processed yet. There are a few poster items spots open, see the sign up sheets by the gym or contact Gail at bolteny@comcast.net. There are also a few left over items and some that came in after the event.

Science Fair: Bill DLeeuw explained plans for this years' science fair on 4/19. He needs more volunteers as several have moved on from Cedar Mill. There will be activities by Mad Science down in the cafeteria to keep kids busy until it is their time to share. There are usually 60-70 projects in the gym, to be brought in the night before. Volunteers are needed to listen to the kids' 5-10 minute presentations, they do not need to be scientists, just encouraging. Please consider asking people from work, and those without kids. A few projects will be chosen to go to the District's science fair the following week. These must be the kids' own work. The kick off evening is scheduled for 3/22 with a spaghetti dinner. Please contact Bill if you can help

Principal's Update: The district is busy with the bond measure, its staff cannot advocate for it, but can provide information. The big message is to encourage people to vote as the measure requires 50% turnout and more than 50% yes votes to pass. The Site Council is beginning next years' budget process, more money will be allocated to technology. Our student numbers are projected to grow by 20. Scot is hoping to maintain the good class sizes we have this year, and possibly add a 4th grade teacher. Please ask your neighbors to register their kindergarteners, it really helps with projecting numbers.

Roundtable: The PTC will have some extra money this year, uses for which will be discussed next meeting on April 4th at 7pm. Please come with ideas and estimated costs.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4.23 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Gillian Dyall, Secretary.