

Cedar Mill PTC Minutes
Tuesday, April 3, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm in the Cedar Mill Library.

Attendees: Karen Dellinger, Bill DeLeeuw, John Stonick, Nancy Wells, Scot Stockwell, Elizabeth Byrne, Nicole Sanford, Gillian Dyall, Kathy Hall, Janet Vanoni, Wendy Kielman, Tina Schade, Sarah Thom, Laurie Maheu, Shannon Wride.

Minutes: The minutes from March were presented. An error was noted in the budget on the March minutes. The bank balance should have read 61,304.00, and not 44,840.47. The minutes were approved as amended.

Budget Report: Assets are \$60,416.76.
The budget amount is \$35,960.00. So far, \$11,456.32 has been spent, leaving approximately \$25,000 remaining.
The budget report was approved as read.

Science Fair: This year's science fair will be held on April 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Mill School gym. \$700 has been set aside to pay for the fair. The main cost of the fair goes to making certificates for the participants. John Stonick has volunteered to coordinate the volunteers for the science fair. He also volunteered to co-chair next year's science fair. Volunteers are still needed for the night of the fair and for the day before, to help set up. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact John Stonick.

Bill DeLeeuw also suggested that a table be set up next fall at the welcome BBQ for people to sign up to help next year's science fair.

Art Night and Carnival: This year, art night will be combined with the school carnival, which is scheduled for June 1st. The student art show will be in the gym during the carnival. In addition, the traditional carnival games may be altered to reflect art night. For example, there may be a messy art station, jugglers, or music.

Enrichment Update: The Mad Science class starts this Friday, and 34 children are enrolled for this class. In two weeks, the Lego/ Junior Engineering class and the Digital Photography class will begin.
The Spanish class will not take place due to low enrollment.
Wendy will be checking with the Mad Science people if there is a coupon they give to schools for future use.

School Supply Kits: Janet has organized school supply kits for next fall.

This spring, parents will have the option of ordering and paying for school supply kits for their children for the following fall. The kits will come as a single box and will eliminate the need for parents to shop for the individual school supplies. There will probably be a need for volunteers to hand out the kits next fall.

The kits do not include backpacks. It was suggested that we have a backpack drive at the carnival, whereby people can donate gently used backpacks into a drop box. These backpacks can be distributed as needed with school supplies.

Volunteers for 2007/2008 school year:

PTC Board positions that will be continuing from this year include:

Vice President: Wendy Kielman

Treasurer: Gillian Dyall

Volunteer Coordinator: Karen Dellinger

New Board Members (voting in May 2007):

President: Shannon Wride and Karen Jackson Vice President: Janet Vanoni

Secretary: Kathy Hall

Open Board Positions:

Ways and Means

Volunteer Coordinator

Committee Chairs still needed:

Clothes Closet, Hospitality, Roster, Kinder Round-Up, 5th Grade send-off, Sock Hop, T-Shirts, Reading Train, Foss Science Kits, Passport Club, Pancake Breakfast, Art Night, Grounds Clean-up, Photographer, Webmaster (Tina Schade needs an apprentice), Welcoming BBQ, and Art room help chairperson.

There will be a newsletter sent out to all parents to publicize these openings. Job descriptions will be included. Note: there are notebooks from previous years that are used by incoming committee chairs and board members.

Budget Review: Sarah Thom provided a budget estimate for next year. It has been proposed to hold an auction every other year, so there would not be one next year. The total projected income from fundraisers next year (Sally Foster, Fun Run and other donations) is estimated to be \$18,000.

Next year's estimated budget is approximately \$33,000. She also included a "cushion" of an additional \$5,000. This leaves approximately \$20,000 needed for next year. We discussed having a "carry-over" of \$20,000 from this year's funds to cover next year. However, we did not vote on this yet, as many people feel the money made on this year's auction should be spent this year, and not used as a carry over for next year.

We then discussed possible ways to spend the money made at this year's auction. Possible purchases include new playground equipment, picnic tables for outside, or an electronic message board to replace the reader board outside the school. Mr. Stockwell will get estimates on the cost of these items.

Principal's Update: Parent teacher conferences are now in October and May. Mr. Stockwell asked if moving the May conference to March would be a good idea. There was also talk of having parent teacher conferences in the evening, so it is easier for parents to attend. No decisions were made for either of these issues tonight.

Mr. Stockwell also announced results from state assessment testing at Cedar Mill School. Cedar Mill participated in early assessment testing in January and February. For reading, 93-97% of third graders reached the benchmark. For fourth grade, it was 85% and for fifth grade, it was 80%.

For math, 79% of third graders reached the benchmark, while 77% of fourth graders and 75% of fifth graders did.

Mr. Stockwell also announced that Cedar Mill Elementary will be adding a fourth grade teaching position next year. There will be three classes in each grade for grades 1-5. There will also be approximately 20 additional students next year, compared to this year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dellinger.