

MINUTES
CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING
November 13, 2012

Minutes:

In Attendance: Heather Ross (President), Linda Erickson (Co-Vice President), Ben Salinas (Co-Vice President), Kasey Kearn (Treasurer), Jenny Seller Miska (Secretary), Robin Bierly, David Hutchinson, Kate Hooper, Katie Shoemaker, Jen Taylor, Lauren Umbel, Jodi Vender

1. Call to Order: Heather Ross called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. President's Report: Heather reported that the Bookfair had been "wildly" successful. Several teachers used their book allotment funds at the Bookfair, helping to up the proceeds. Overall we reached the minimum to secure the 10% additional funding. She looks forward to having Anna report the details at the next meeting.

She also reported that planning for Geography night is in process. More details from Jodi Vender later in the meeting.

It was also called to her attention that the website was not up-to-date. She has heard from our volunteer webmaster that the changes/updates will be done.

3. Approval of Minutes: Katie Shoemaker motioned to approve that the October 8, 2012 minutes be approved. Jodi Vender seconded. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report: Kasey thanked everyone for using the new reimbursement forms as it is making the process much easier and efficient. The final total for the Cougar Cat Run was \$10,356.24 (after 10% fee). The ice cream social expenses were actually \$393.10 (half of that on the budget form). The total funds in the bank as of this date are \$21,428.14. Heather reminded the group that this is all the money that will come in, but there will be dollars going out over the year. Last year's restaurant night amount was \$137.00, so there may be a few more dollars in for those.

We are still looking for an auditor for this year. \$250 is budgeted to pay that person. Robin Bierly said she may know someone and will be in touch with Heather.

5. School Board Report: Dave Hutchinson represented the school board and made the following comments:

- Charter school push has been stopped
- The high school project discussion is active again. He encouraged all to participate in the conversations

- The school board is sponsoring a forum on November 28th on Drug and Alcohol issues. It will be a community conversation/roundtable.

6. Teacher Representatives: Kate Hooper and Katie Shoemaker thanked all for the book funding and for the Tuesday treats. Katie mentioned that Fifth disease is going around. There was discussion in the group about how parents are notified about contagious illnesses. Kate mentioned that there are usually paper notices sent home with other kids in the classroom. Mr. Mato also sends notices around the school.

Kate Hooper reported that the field trip to Fort Roberdeau went very well.

There were no requests for funds.

7. Open Forum: Katie Shoemaker suggested sending out the Giant bonus card information earlier in the school year – perhaps the 1st day of school when other forms filled out. She also suggested reminding parents that they have to sign their bonus card number up each year.

8. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Book Fair – Robin Bierly reported that she didn't have the exact numbers, but that the book fair went really well. Having teachers use their book funds at the fair was a big help. She thanked all the volunteers who helped. She also indicated that she liked having the popcorn/pajama day the same day as the student book premier day as it added to the overall excitement.

We are still looking for book fair committee chairs for next year. The event procedures are well-organized and documented, which will make it easier for new chairs to take over.

Heather asked if it would be possible to do the spare change days earlier in the year so it doesn't conflict with Cougar Cat Run. All agreed it was possible to do so next year.

b. Apparel – Jen Taylor informed the group that there are extra shirts, sweatshirts, etc available for sale. There will be opportunities to sell them at events like Geography Night and perhaps on-line. Kasey said that Collegiate Pride has already been paid for the shirts. Heather will send out an email to parents indicating what is still available and they can use sign-up genius to buy them. (Heather also indicated that Sign-Up Genius is now easier to use and can capture phone numbers and addresses.)

c. Box tops – We raised \$605 this year.

d. Expo – Heather reported that we currently have no chair/s for Expo this year. There was discussion in the group about whether or not to hold the Expo since it's coming up in February. It was suggested that the Projects and the Performance pieces be separated – into separate committees and/or different nights. All agreed it should stay on one night as separating them may reduce attendance too much, but that having separate chairs for each made sense. It was suggested that we use the hallway for the Expo and the gym for the Performances. The date for this year's Expo is

Wednesday, February 20th. Heather will send out another email to find volunteers to chair both the Projects and the Performance components.

9. Principal's Report: No report.

10. New Business - Jodi Vender described Geography awareness week and passed out information. Family Geography Night will be held at Corl Street on the evening of Thursday, November 15th. All are encouraged to attend. More information about Geography Awareness week at missionexplore.net.

11. Adjournment: Heather Ross adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Note: There is no meeting scheduled for December. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m.