

MINUTES  
CORL STREET ELEMENTARY  
PTO BOARD MEETING  
October 8, 2012

**Minutes:**

**In Attendance:** Heather Ross (President), Linda Erickson (Co-Vice President), Jenny Seller Miska (Secretary), Scott Mato (Principal), Adrienne Krasowitz, Anna Muramoto, Lee Ann Cook, Robin Bierly

1. **Call to Order:** Heather Ross called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Anna Muramoto motioned to approve that the September 18, 2012 minutes be approved with name corrections. LuAnn Cook seconded. Motion passed.
3. **President's Report:** Heather reported that it's been a busy month. She gave a special thank you to all who made the Cougar Cat Run successful – acknowledging especially Adrienne Krasowitz. Adrienne accepted graciously, but said it was the effort of so many who made it both possible and so successful. Heather is also finalizing the committee chairs and working on finding an auditor. She assured the group we would have an audit this year. She also said that on the budget, she will include the actual dollar numbers for Target and Giant fundraising – instead of the current 'projections.'
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Heather reported that we are overall in good shape – especially with the success of the Cougar Cat Run. We have a new check for Way Fruit Farm.
5. **School Board Report:** No report
6. **Teachers Representatives:** No report
7. **Open Forum:** Anna Muramoto suggested the PTO send a thank you note to Pernille Post for painting the garden sign.
8. **Standing Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Cougar Cat Run (CCR)** – Adrienne said the CCR raised a total of \$11,510.37. After deducting 10 percent for the consultant, teacher gifts and corporate signs, the net raised is \$10,095. We also raised about \$2000 in on-line gifts. There is an \$88 fee for using this service, so Heather offered to look into using the bank for this service for next year.
  - b. **Book Fair** – Anna reported that the money is coming in on target and the volunteers are lined up for the fair. After three years of chairing this event, Anna would like to pass along the Book fair position to another volunteer next year.

c. **Other** – Heather reported that Kasey Hearn is working on getting a Papa John’s night. She also reported that we are behind on Giant A+ rewards. She plans to send a sign-up sheet home to remind parents to add their Giant bonus card numbers. There was extensive discussion on how best to get these forms as well as volunteer sign ups and calendar dates out very early in the school year. Mr. Mato also suggested that the PTO vote in officers in May which led to a discussion of how to get more parents participating in PTO meetings. Mr. Mato then suggested the PTO might send out a survey asking ‘what do we want to look like next year?’ All agreed it is important to let parents and teachers know where the money raised is going. What is our success funding? With the elimination of the PTO newsletter, getting this information out is more difficult.

9. **Principal’s Report:** Mr. Mato indicated that the teachers are working at capacity. There is much going on – including the new E-portfolio project. The project is originating in the middle schools, but will trickle down to the Elementary schools. The district is implementing a K-12 behavioral model to ensure behavior support consistency school wide. Corl Street has a committee/team consisting of the principal, school psychologist and guidance counselor, who are currently being trained. (The training cost is covered by the school district.) At some point, the team will solicit teacher and parent input. The program will be rolled out next school year.

Mr. Mato also indicated that he has no discretionary funds. But he said that the teachers need more books for their classrooms. They need books at all levels and genres. This led to a lively discussion re: how to use our funds now. Adrienne K. motioned that \$250 be designated to each classroom teacher with \$150 designated towards books and \$100 at their discretion. Linda seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Mato will send out a message to the teachers with information and encouraging them to use the book funds at the book fair.

10. **Adjournment:** Heather Ross adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.