

Neil Cummins PTA

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Minutes from "General Meeting" on 04/19/2007 - 9:30am

Wed, 08/22/2007 - 7:00am — Sheri Mowbray

Minutes for: General Meeting from 04/19/2007 - 9:30am to 04/19/2007 - 10:00am

Attendees:

Laura Anderson, Co-President; Dominique Harroch, Co-President; Julia Ritter, Vice President; Lisa Donahue, Vice President; Linda Henn, Vice President; Carolyn Caindec, Vice President; Sheri Mowbray, Secretary; Karen Dunn, Treasurer; Cathie Guthrie, Financial Secretary; Lisa Klein, Historian; Susan Christman, Parliamentarian; Marilyn Clark, Principal; Lisa Poole; Kris Wade; Andrea Pierpont; Pam Bittner; Judy Schwer; Anjana Kacker; Sara Garcia; Mary Clyde; Sarah Notter; Monica Bonny; Daniela Manning; Cathie Guthrie; Karen Bond; Brooke Suther; Carla Caldera; Catherine Ross.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Co-President Laura Anderson.

II. Review of Agenda

III. Principal's Report

Marilyn Clark reminded everyone that this is the busiest time of year for her and she apologized for not responding to emails, etc. quickly. She reported that the enrollment/land use committee has met twice. They are looking at current and future trends to decide on planning for the district facilities for the future. They are weighing the pros and cons of all options. She stressed the importance of getting a handle on the incoming kindergarten class as a lot will ride on the size of this incoming class. As of right now, we are pacing a bit smaller than the last few years. She said that yesterday was a fun day with a Safe Routes to Schools assembly for the kids, the Earth Day Celebration after school (she gave kudos to Susan Christman for her work on this event) and Family Fitness Night for K-2 yesterday evening.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Karen Dunn reported that we have approximately \$7,000 in our checking account and approximately \$147,000 in our money market account. The drama program, which was projected to make \$800, is going to make more than \$3,000. DVD sales have not come in yet. Ticket sales were higher than projected, even though the ticket price was deliberately reduced. Karen presented the list of checks written 3/14-4/17/07 and requested a motion to approve these expenditures. Lisa Donahue moved that we approve the checks written 3/14-4/17/07. Susan Christman seconded the motion. Motion carried. We also needed to release funds, including \$2,100 for the Odyssey team and \$985 approved by the board for cabinets to be built in the gym closet to protect AV equipment per Kit Werne's request. Julia Ritter moved that we release above said funds. Linda Henn seconded. Motion carried.

V. Approval Items

A. Minutes from March 14, 2007.

Lisa Poole moved to approve the minutes from 3/14/07. Catherine Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Audit Report 7/06-12/06:

Karen Dunn noted that Joanie Costamagna is the auditor and she prepared the report which is intended to make sure that money is being spent properly and that all is above board. She also tracks outstanding checks. She reported that everything looks good in both the checking and money market accounts. The board reviewed the report and approved it. The general membership may also view the report and approve it. Carolyn Caindec moved that we approve the report and Lisa Klein seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Odyssey of the Mind Scholarships

Two Neil Cummins Odyssey of the Mind teams qualified for the state championships and one team won the state championship, qualifying them for the World Championships in Michigan in May. Judy Schwer said that this has never happened before so there was no advance financial planning for such a trip. The families funded their own trip to Visalia for the states but it will cost \$1,000 per student for the Michigan trip. Coaches and parents will also need to go. Of the \$1,000 cost, \$600 is for registration/room/board and \$400 is airfare. The board discussed this and decided that we definitely wanted to support the team and determined that it would make sense to fund the registration/room/board for all seven students. The foundation had also said that they would like to help as well. The board felt comfortable recommending that we fund half of this cost (\$4,200 total so \$2,100 for PTA and \$2,100 for CMLSF). We do provide scholarships for drama, the lunch program and other things so this falls in line with those outlays. It was asked how much money the PTA has and Karen Dunn responded that at the end of the year, we expect to have at least \$17,000 to spend. Marilyn Clark also announced that she found a couple thousand dollars in her administrative budget that she will be able to give as well. Pam Bittner moved that we allocate up to \$2,100 in scholarship funds to support the NC Odyssey of the Mind team at the World Championships. Monica Bonny seconded. Motion carried.

B. Election of 2007-08 Officers

Susan Christman announced the proposed slate for 2007-08 as follows: Laura Anderson and Cathie Guthrie – Co-Presidents Julia Ritter – VP1 Linda Henn – VP2 Andrea Pierpont – VP3 Pam Bittner – VP4 Carolyn Caindec – VP5 Sheri Mowbray – Secretary Kris Wade – Historian Debbie Arnowitz – Financial Secretary Joanie Costamagna – Auditor We still need to identify a Treasurer and asked that anyone interested let Susan know ASAP. Lisa Klein moved that the slate be approved. Lisa Donahue seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. First Grade Courtyard Update

Julia Ritter reported that everything is close to being finalized. Coffey Landscaping has been chosen for the project. July 23rd has been set as the official groundbreaking day. Summer school will be over at that time. Lisa Donahue is coordinating the 4th Grade gift which will be a tree for the area. Julia confirmed that there will be enough time between 7/23 and the first day of school for the project to be entirely finished. They are still looking for funding for seating walls which will cost approximately \$22,000. Marilyn wrote a letter that is being used to request funding from community partners. It was asked if this could be part of the CMLSF auction but since the foundation focuses on curriculum, we need to wait until after the auction. There was a question about completing the labyrinth. There is \$700 left in the budget for this year for the labyrinth project. However, this money would need to be spent this year or else re-budgeted for next year. A concern was brought up about the seating walls and parents using them to chat while waiting for their kids. Marilyn said the teachers are also concerned about this but that it is a training issue and can be worked around.

VII. Additional Business

- A. Mary Clyde brought a proposal from the art instructors about their desires for next year for supplies as well as for additional part time help. They outlined costs for various items as well as how long any particular item would last.
- B. Mary Clyde also wanted to make everyone aware that the Lark Theater will be closing June 15th unless they can raise enough money to buy the building for \$1.5MM. They already have \$500K and need to get up to a million. People can buy a seat for \$1,000 each. They want to raise awareness in the community as this is a local landmark. The school can use the facility for fundraisers as well as to show educational movies for the kids.
- C. Carolyn Caindec mentioned that there are still numerous committee head positions open for next year including Drama, Hoedown, Lunch, Membership Data Entry, Pink Section Editor, and more. Let Carolyn know if you are interested. She also mentioned that they sold a lot of the reusable grocery bags at earth day and let people know that she had brought some to the meeting as well for anyone who wanted to purchase some.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sheri Mowbray

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