

Minutes

Carney Elementary School PTA Thursday, October 13, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:07

p.m. Attendance:

Adrienne Sewell
Amber Knellinger
Paula Campos
Lindsay Turwy,
Heather Baxivanos
Crisi Suarez
Katherine Oppenheim
Stephen Price
Laura Anderson

Agenda and Previous Minutes

7:08 pm agenda approved

Old Business:

- Approving the New By-Laws – approved at 7:10
- President resignation – Kristin Schneider is resigning, as she is teaching at new school. Crisi will automatically move up to president without a vote.
- Nominating a new PTA VP – Paul Campos is elected
- World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Recap - officially over, prizes are all given out. 22 total boxes unpaid for (to be expected). People on this list will have to pay ahead of time for any fundraiser for duration of time at Carney. We still made \$8,500 – allotted for field trips & teacher reimbursements for teachers that are part of the PTA (reimbursed for classroom specific expenditures up to \$75).
- Book Fair October 25th and 26th 5:30-7pm. Kona ice will be there, weather permitting. This will happen alongside trunk or treat (second night). There will be 2 cash registers and we will have a prize table. We need lots of volunteers. Everyone who volunteers gets a free book. Paula Campos is the chair of Scholastic book fair. We will advertise for volunteers on Facebook and maybe get teachers to help. In the past we had good staff turnout on night that isn't trunk or treat.
- Reflections Program- (Adrienne running this) This is the first time our school has participated. Permission slips went out already (we have received 63 forms so far). Directions have been sent out to participants. There will need to be a sign up for judges. We hope to get excitement going to keep doing this in the future. We might have something to celebrate those who submit and need to consider prizes (maybe a participation ribbon for everyone? Maybe prizes for top 2 in each category? (7 categories). We may have an evening to present them with prizes (something to include the families rather than just at school). Katherine Oppenheim suggested tying it into family game night. Maybe ice cream party for top 2 in each category? Budgeting \$200 with hope of not spending all of it.

- Spirit Wear – added all of the house colors; working on doing a purple Friday shirt. The raven design has gone to the company to see if it's legal for us to do the raven design. We get a little money back from this but it's not really a fund raiser, just to build community and pride.
- Student Support Network - We're getting it up and running! The former PTA closet is now being used for this. We are getting 50 turkeys, 50 coats (need to tell them size range). We will need volunteers to put together bags for holidays and such. There are 40 birthday bags. (cakes mixes, candles, frosting etc). They are giving us flyers to go home in the next month. They onboarded 4 new schools this year and moved locations so they are a bit behind.

New Business

- Committees:
 - Lindsay Turwy – restaurant night committee. They met and came up with a list of restaurants and are going to aim for one restaurant night a week and also possibly a day at a liquor store). Perhaps Wendy's or Das bierhalle on night of trunk or treat would work. Crisi ordered stickers to start stickering kids to make parents aware of restaurant night.
 - Need a teacher liaison between teachers and PTA. Katherine Oppenheim will do this. Crisi will reach out to her to arrange this.
 - Want to be more visible as a PTA this year and involve families and the community.
 - Corporate run color run (heritage Honda maybe?). Make it a free event and if kids want to raise money per lap themselves they can. We need to start planning this for the spring. Looking for companies to sponsor this. Ballpark amount to run it would be \$1500 for the company. (tshirts, dye, bandanas, etc.). Need to book the field to use. Need volunteers to throw colors. Exploring possibility of joining with other school/s to do a big community event. Seven Oaks asked about this. Would be about \$850 for the powder for 400 runners.
 - Mr. Price talked about a night where they pitted elementary schools against each other for events like relays and stuff. Teacher teams against teacher teams, etc. Could be a good community builder even if it's not a big money maker. Would need a lot of teacher involvement.
 - Social Committee – to help plan events, talk with the teachers to coordinate stuff. Adrienne Sewell volunteered to be on the social committee. Crisi will help lead it. Lindsay, Paula, will help.
 - Next year we will have school wide assistance rather than targeted families. It will make it easier to plan events as right now they can only spend the funds on targeted families. There will be a lot of planning and such with this soon but not much to do right now. But if something works really well this year (like trunk or treat), we could use title 1 next year to make it enhanced (they would pay for candy if there was an educational component mixed in like a math problem at every trunk).
 - For every fundraiser we do we have to do a certain amount of community or educational events (3). Penny wars is counted as a strategy game. Crisi will double check this rule.
 - Raised Right – ongoing gift card fundraiser that Adrienne researched. Can have a virtual wallet to pay for something. Once a month there are funds that can be taken out. Not hard to set up, just need to advertise it. Maybe have a raffle for first people to sign up. Can make a lot of money for the amount of effort put in. Everything is pre-purchased so you don't have to deal with cash. All happens on the backend like Amazon Smile.

Adrienne has all of the information, need to decide how to connect financially to PTA. We decided to proceed with this. Adrienne will be a guinea pig and try everything out herself first.

- Mr. Price suggested a 'lid sale' where you sell Rita's lids and then you take lid to Rita's to claim. May be a good thing to do at the color run? He did it at another school and it went great.
- Family game night – November 15th (Tuesday night 5:30-7:30). Could include this with celebrating the reflections winners? Parent engagement committee wants to try to make it an event that really engages families.
- Need 3 people to approve the financial book from last year (
- Mr. Price will send a list of 5 ideas he likes that people can get him for National Principal's Month for her to put on dojo.

Next meeting Thursday, November 10th at 7 pm

Motion to adjourn: 8:29 pm by Crisi Suarez