

Minutes of CPO meeting October 2, 2009

In attendance:

Francene Butts, Malinda Choitz, Dominic Cusimano, Sue Kolar, Kellie Neet, Ellissa Parnon, Sharna Prasad, Kari Rieck

Meeting called to order at 11:10am by Francene Butts.
Introductions given by all present.

Secretary report given by Ellissa Parnon. Last month's minutes submitted, no revisions, approved by acclamation.

Treasurer report given by Ellissa Parnon. No unusual expenses/income received in past month. Balances as follows:
\$5193 savings
\$4 checking
\$58 CPSF

Principal report was not given but there was a brief discussion about the state of the school - general agreement that open house went well, awareness that option 2 is being discussed in google groups. Parent google group would like to know if any patterns appear in data that could help remedy tardy/unprepared issues - e.g. if many more detentions are given out immediately after or before lunch. Mr. Cusimano remarked that end of lunch bell cannot be heard by students away from black top playing on fields.

Fundraising coordinator position vacant. Francene nominated Kari Rieck to fill position, approved by acclamation.

Escrip information needs to be updated by parents, especially if they have moved into Cheldelin from other schools. Register Safeway cards as well as credit cards. There is an Escrip online site that one can order through so that a percentage of each purchase - Amazon, Lands End, etc. - goes to Cheldelin. Service providers include stores, airlines, hotels, car rental. Kari will update Escrip school contacts so that we have better information on the program and Escrip website.

Magazine Sale was researched by Kari. Golden Apple magazine fulfillment is not as flexible as QSP fulfillment in offerings. QSP's advantages are that they are primarily online, more in line with our ideas of sustainability and safeguarding instructional and volunteer time, and have a much greater variety of goods as well as many more magazines available.

It was moved that we plan our magazine drive using QSP and work out details in the next week to begin immediately. We will be able to link to QSP's website from the Cheldelin home page and have paper forms available for discounted renewals, also. (To receive a special promotional price for a magazine, attach the paper coupon to an official QSP form. The discounted price will be honored so pay only that discounted price for the subscription/renewal. This cannot be done on-line, however.)

District Magic Show tickets are now on sale for the show 10/29. Sharna Prasad confirmed that Cheldelin PO will have a concession table in the lobby. Robyn Richter will coordinate the concessions. Two tickets and a back stage pass are included in hosting a table. Francene asked and it was agreed upon that the tickets be given to Robyn since she is heading this up.

Book Fair dates have been set for the week of conferences. Malinda Choitz reported that the fair will set up on Friday, 10/23 with sale during school hours and for XLT classes on Monday 10/26 and Tuesday 10/27. The fair will also be open during conferences, Wednesday and Thursday 10/28 and 10/29 so that parents can attend. She will contact those who signed up to help on registration forms and would welcome additional volunteers both for day and evening shifts.

Fall Restaurant Night will be held in early November if all goes as planned. Sharna Prasad will check on dates and availability and then have flyers on chairs at conferences to publicize the event.

Cougar Spirit Night will be put off until mid-January/February as the calendar looks very full with activities in the next few

months. We need a chair for Cougar Spirit Night - he/she may shape it into whatever vision they have for a community-building event.

Staff Conference Dinner has no chair at this point and, noting that there are funds budgeted, Francene asked that it be catered and paid for by CPO so that the teachers are provided for with minimum CPO volunteer time. It was agreed that this would be all right. An announcement will go out to the Cheldelin community to solicit bids for the dinner since ideally CPO would hire someone affiliated with the school community.

District Parent TAG Committee Representative is needed as Ellissa Parnon is stepping down. A notice has gone out to parents on listserv but there has been no response. Sue Kolar expressed interest in serving and will forward her name to Ms. Harlan for the position.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

Next meetings November 6 and December 4, 2009 at 11am.