

Carmel PTA General Meeting March 9, 2010

The regular meeting of the Carmel PTA was held on March 9, 2010 at the Carmel cafeteria. The secretary established a quorum as present. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by the President. The secretary was present.

The President called for the report of the Officers:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

JoLynne Szymanski summarized the notes from the previous meeting. She also mentioned that there would be a Special General Meeting on April 14th (time TBA) for the Nominating Committee to nominate eligible candidates for each PTA Board position. A motion was made to approve this report. Motion was seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Kristin Thrift stated the net income to date of \$11,402.44 and a bank balance of \$39,953.90. Motion was made to approve. Motion was seconded.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Gary Parkes reported the following:

1. Grade Level Grants-emphasis on Kindergarten items purchased, followed by 1st grade purchases

A. Live Butterflies and a Butterfly Pavilion, Butterfly Life Cycle, Dough Stampers alpha/numeric, Money Wall Charts

B. Insect Infested Puzzles, SciFi Puzzles, Connectagons, Qwirkle-shapes and colors strategy game, and Legos

2. Playground Mulch

3. Volunteers and open board positions-ask them to volunteer and to reach out to incoming K parents.

School Supply Kits, Potential Family Nights-Hot Wheels, Rita's and Monster Mini Golf expressing interest. Chili has program too.

- A. Volunteer on a committee
- B. Manage one event
- C. Manage a committee
- D. Executive Board

Opportunities include:

- A. At school
- B. At Home
- C. On a Specific Date
- D. AS needed
- E. On a schedule
- F. Email tasks only

Ideas of future events/activities

- A. School Supply Kits

B. Potential Family Nights-Hot Wheels, Rita's Italian Ice and Custard, Caribou Coffee, Monster Mini Golf, Chilis

C. Fall Festival

4. Upcoming Events-from Newsletter

Please email us at carmelpta@gmail.com or send a note in with your child marked PTA. Form will also be going home.

5. Passive fundraising including Cash for Trash-Box Tops including Avery-last check was just shy of \$2000 and another mailing deadline coming up Apr 15th, Campbell's Labels, My Coke Rewards, True Blue-Georgia Natural Gas, Publix Commitment Cards \$1700 Employer Matches

6. Questions

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Paul McIntosh asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Tammy Smith, Gary Parkes and Lisa Grisham all volunteered. It was voted on and passed.

Paul then went on to talk about all of the positive things the PTA has done this year. Rebranding the logo, website and all communications in green. The % of households participating in PTA has increased. We put more money in the classrooms with the new membership packages. We lowered the ticket costs at both the Fall Festival and the Holiday Workshop. Reduced the number of donations needed from parents by increasing donations from businesses. Developed a printing partnership with OfficeMax in order to save money.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dr. Green explained that Carmel had won the State School of Character Award. This is a great honor as Carmel beat out every other school (elementary, middle and high) in the entire state. Our theme was the support of the soldiers in Iraq.

President adjourned the meeting at 7:23.

Respectfully Submitted:
JoLynne Szymanski, Secretary