

## Cougar Council Meeting Minutes November 16, 2010 General Board Meeting

The General Board Meeting of the Cougar Council PTSO of Central Academy High School was called to order by President Luisa Morrone at 7:04pm on Tuesday November 16, 2010, in the Media Center. Members Present were: Debbie Rognstad, Luisa Morrone, Cindi Dixon, Adam Dailey, Christa Dailey, Deb Watts, Teresa Edwards, and Deb Christensen.

The Secretary's Report, which was prepared by Deb Watts and Luisa Morrone, due to Teresa Edwards' absence at prior meeting, was reviewed and minor corrections were noted. The minutes were accepted, following a motion from Teresa Edwards, a second from Deb Christensen and unanimous vote from the board members present.

The Treasurer's Report was read and distributed by Adam Dailey. Deb Watts made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, the motion was carried following a Second by Deb Christensen, and unanimous vote from the board members present. All new membership forms were given to Teresa Edwards, who is to contact those who have not yet paid their membership dues.

Deb Watts brought and distributed for signatures, a Thank-You note to Mr. Morrone's company, for the financial donation given to cover the snacks that Cougar Council purchased for the Staff Meeting last month.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Update about Womanless Pageant – Adam Dailey announced the date for 03/12/10 and that signs are already up in the school to announce the Pageant. Currently they do not need help in planning, but will send an email as soon as help is needed.
2. Update on Senior Yard Signs – Luisa Morrone said that the signs are in, selling for \$20 each, she has sold a few at football games, etc. Since she paid for the signs up-front, the question arose regarding whether Cougar Council should pay for her investment. After review of the minutes, yes, the cost will come out of the Senior Line Item in the budget, and all proceeds will be deposited there. If there is a loss on the signs, it will come out of any further proceeds that are deposited into the Senior Fund.
3. Teacher Breakfast – Tentative date for Teacher Breakfast is January 25<sup>th</sup>, will review at next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Thanksgiving Décor and Set-up : November 22 and 23 in Mrs. Burgess' room. Cougar Council is simply setting up for this luncheon, Deb Watts will add her decorative shine to the occasion. Teachers are bringing the food, organized by Karen Riley.
2. Newsletter Ideas: Newsletter goes out 11/28 and due to the paper shortage and copier fees at the school, we decided to add a small note to each report card, stating that the newsletter can be found online.
3. Bake Sale during Craft Fair this Saturday Nov 20: Mr. Miller asked Mrs. Morrone this week if Cougar Council would provide a bake sale for the Craft fair being held this week, and that the proceeds go to help the paper fund at the school. After careful review of each member's plans for the weekend, we discovered that no one from Cougar Council would be available to man the table. Teresa Edwards volunteered to express our regrets to Mr. Miller and inform him of our Paper Tower project to help instead.
4. December 10 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 3:30 – 6:30 pm \$5.00 per ticket – this is the first night of the school's collaborative concert.
5. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Decorations – 12/16 after school in Guidance Office, Karen Riley will be decorating all month.

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6. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Foods – Cougar Council will provide lunch for all 84 teachers and staff members on December 17<sup>th</sup> during all lunch periods, in the Guidance office. Teresa Edwards will make Chili, Mexican Soup, and Veggie Soup and provide the hot chocolate and Egg Nog Smoothies. Luisa Morrone will make her Wedding Soup and malt cider. Cindi Dixon will make Cornbread Muffins. Christa Dailey will handle the desserts. Debbie Rognstad will bring soup bowls. Again, Deb Watts will manage decorations and table setup. Luisa Morrone made a motion to allocate \$125 to fund the teacher luncheon on Dec 17, Adam Dailey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.
7. Paper for Education – Adam Dailey announced plans to have a Pride Period Paper Tower Competition, running from 11/29 till 12/10 – having students bring in a ream of paper to their designated Pride Period Teacher, and the two classes who bring in the most paper would be given a Pizza Party during their Pride Period on 12/16. The goal would be to build a “Tower of Paper” in the classroom. Teresa Edwards will make an announcement for the website, newsletter, and for Jennifer Clark to add to the Pride Period announcements. Mr. Miller will pay for the Pizza Party. Adam mentioned that a ream of COPY paper from Wal-Mart is \$2.98, but will also look at specials offered by Office Max.
8. Cost Saving Methods for Paper – although we cannot impose any conditions upon the teachers, it makes sense that teachers would use the technology available in the school to avoid unnecessary copies, avoid using an entire sheet of paper when messages can be placed four-to-a-page, use the back of paper for school work, etc. Many paper-saving methods were discussed, as well as the concern that textbooks were being copied in some cases. We hope our paper tower competition will help provide paper for the school, but hesitate to spend Cougar Council funds to offset copying costs at CATA.
9. Deb Watts mentioned that it would be nice to include the Bus Drivers in our Christmas Luncheon and possibly for some small gifts during the year (heart-shaped biscuits, ear muffs, Bojangles gift cards)

This should have been under Old Business but Luisa Morrone is frustrated with her attempts to link CATA to the Food Lion network. She is still trying. Deb Watts, Luisa Morrone, and Adam Dailey will attempt a conference call with Direct TV to ascertain the status of our financial account with them.

Teresa Edwards made a motion that we adjourn our meeting, which passed unanimously, after a second by virtually all other members and unanimous vote; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 7, Media Center 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Edwards, PTSO Secretary