

Cougar Council Meeting Minutes 11 October 2011 General Board Meeting

A General Board Meeting of the 2011-2012 Cougar Council PTSO of Central Academy High School met in the Media Center on 11 October 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Elissa Sturdivant. Members Present were: Adam Dailey, Christa Dailey, Elissa Sturdivant, Maureen Norman, Nancy Bishop, Deb Watts, Agnes Florian, and Teresa Edwards. Dr. Poole was receiving an award on behalf of CATA's graduation rate, and unable to attend.

President Elissa Sturdivant welcomed all members and led introductions. We welcomed Maureen Norman and Nancy Bishop into our Cougar Council Family.

We mourn the loss of our dear friend and past PTSO president, Treva Shaffer, who passed away September 26. We extend our deepest sympathy to Adam Dailey, whose father passed away September 30.

Christa Dailey distributed the **Treasurer's Report**, noting that our balance on October 5 was \$733.84. The treasurer's report was accepted by unanimous vote, after a motion by Teresa Edwards and a second by Elissa Sturdivant.

Adam Dailey presented a "Request for Reimbursement" form, which will be used each time a member requests to be reimbursed for expenses. This will help in auditing and keeping our financial house in order.

Teresa Edwards made a motion that we reserve 25% of our opening balance for 2011 for the "Student Help Fund," which makes funds available to students in need. Requests for assistance must come through the guidance office and be approved by President Elissa Sturdivant and one other council member. This will eliminate the necessity for a future vote every time money is requested by Guidance. The motion was seconded by Deb Watts and passed by unanimous vote of the members.

The Council reviewed the **PTSO Calendar**:

- Yard Sale has been postponed to the spring as Jim Dailey's funeral will be this weekend.
- Pumpkin Carving, which was mentioned by Jan Cochran at our previous meeting, has been cancelled.
- We have no November activities but may raffle a quilt and other gifts during lunch.
- Signups for the Womanless Pageant will begin the first week in November.
- The Holiday Teacher Luncheon will be planned and discussed at our next meeting, November 8.

Teresa Edwards thanked those who printed the **Secretary's Report**, from the Sept 13 meeting. The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote, following a motion by Elissa Sturdivant to accept them, and a second by Agnes Florian.

President Elissa Sturdivant distributed the **Newsletter**, which was prepared by Deb Christensen. We thank Deb for her hard work. We would like to add Direct TV and cell phone recycling to the newsletter next time.

Christa Dailey reported that **PTSO Enrollment** included four new members, taking our 2011-2012 enrollments to thirty members.

Teacher Birthdays will be celebrated at the November staff meeting at 8am on Wednesday, November 2. Teresa Edwards will send Felicia Howie a reminder.

Elissa Sturdivant reviewed the purposes and activities of each **committee**, and the board shared their assignments within the committees to our newest members. Elissa Sturdivant and Nancy Bishop volunteered to

take membership forms with them to soccer games and other CATA activities to try to involve more parents in Cougar Council. Maureen Norman mentioned that a “doughnut and coffee cart” might be a nice idea during Teacher Appreciation Week. Nancy Bishop volunteered to request gift cards from local companies for Teacher Appreciation. Deb Watts mentioned that we could earn more with the Direct TV sales if we got the word out better. Our Direct TV code is **A1425**. This code is good for any time anyone renews their contract and keeps it current for six months.

Deb Watts mentioned that Dr. Poole’s family would appreciate gift cards in lieu of sending meals to help with Mrs. Poole’s chemotherapy treatments, since they live an extended distance from CATA.

A motion to adjourn was made by Teresa Edwards at 8:10pm, and seconded by Agnes Florian. Accepted

Next meeting of General Board will be Tuesday, November 8th in the CATA media center at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Edwards, PTSO Secretary