

Cougar Council Meeting Minutes 13 March 2012 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 13 March 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Elissa Sturdivant. Members Present were: Elissa Sturdivant, Adam Dailey, Christa Dailey, Agnes Florian, Bob Bishop, Deb Christensen, Karen Morgal, Deb Watts and Teresa Edwards. [The February 14th meeting had been canceled due to unavailability of members.]

President Elissa Sturdivant presented the agenda and welcomed Bob Bishop and introductions were made.

- (agenda items are noted in bold underline in these minutes)

Secretary's report is as yet unprinted and will be moved down on the agenda.

Senior Activities Update

Vice President Adam Dailey explained that Dr. Poole had purchased Medallions for each graduate, which will have a ribbon distinguishing their academy. Dr. Poole purchased two years' worth of medallions in order to save money, and has given Cougar Council the opportunity to purchase this year's medallions as gifts from the PTSO to the Seniors. The cost would be \$500, and the Cougar Council could distribute them on the day before graduation at the rehearsal. President Elissa Sturdivant made a motion to purchase the medallions as Senior Gifts for \$500. Teresa Edwards seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote by members present. All members of PTSO are welcome to be present as we "hang" the Seniors on rehearsal day. Also, plans for Senior week are in the hands of Dr. Poole currently, he will let PTSO know if we need to do anything.

Deb Christensen kindly printed the **Secretary Report**, which was prepared by Teresa Edwards. Adam Dailey made a motion to accept the minutes, which was followed by a second by Elissa Sturdivant, and passed by unanimous vote.

Christa Dailey distributed the **Treasurer's Report**, noting no activity and that our balance on March 13 was \$1,708.84. (the \$75 over last month's balance reflects the money left in the student help fund.) The treasurer's report was accepted by unanimous vote, after a motion by Adam Dailey and a second by Deb Christensen.

The **Teacher Soup Luncheon** was well-prepared and well-received. All members thanked Agnes Florian for organizing this event. Deb Christensen will print pictures from the Leap-in Luncheon in the newsletter.

Tomorrow is **π (3.14) Pie Day** for our staff. Many members have brought their pies tonight, we will set up after the meeting and begin serving at 7:30am.

Bus Driver Appreciation Day will be held Wednesday, April 18th, for approximately sixty bus drivers. Teresa Edwards made a motion that we budget \$100 for this event, and purchase cupcakes for each driver from *Gimme a Cupcake* on Tuesday April 17th (which is dollar day), leaving the remainder of the money to purchase boxes for the cupcakes. The motion passed by unanimous vote of members present after a second by Adam Dailey.

Merger with Booster Club: The PTSO had a long discussion regarding the importance of the Booster Club at CATA. They are (as is PTSO) looking for a new executive board for 2012-2013 school year and much has been rumored about the potential of PTSO sharing leadership or merging with Booster Club. Bob Bishop spoke from years of experience, with a goal of serving the students at CATA, and encouraging physical activity that will benefit them throughout their lives, and also help many with sports scholarships. He shared an inspirational story of a school that raised millions by focusing on their sports team, and was able to do many things that were considered impossible, just by changing their focus. Deb Christensen mentioned that Dr. Poole had said that PTSO was not to merge with Booster Club on Friday 3/9. Elissa Sturdivant felt that we should partner with the

Booster Club if they need us. Deb shared that the Booster Club was sending out a fundraiser “Invest in a Cougar” tomorrow, that should help the Booster Club. No formal request has come from the Booster Club, asking PTSO to join forces with them. Bob Bishop suggested that, in a merging company, it is imperative to meet with all the players to determine how they can best serve one another. He also suggested that we meet with Dr. Poole, Administrators, Teachers, other Clubs and the Students... Ask them what their goals are and how can we help them. Everyone agreed that we need to keep the PTSO focused on serving the school and our students.

Resignation Announcement President Elissa Sturdivant presented a letter (attached in a scan to the last page of these minutes) announcing her resignation, effective immediately. Teresa Edwards stated for the record that she did not want to accept this resignation. Each member expressed deep regret of this decision, but the resignation stood. According to the By-Laws, Vice President Adam Dailey will serve as acting President until a new Executive Board is elected in May.

This meeting could not adjourn without the reminder that a nominating committee should present nominations for next year’s Executive Board at the April meeting. Teresa Edwards made a motion that all members attending this meeting be members of the nominating committee. Motion was passed with unanimous vote of members present after a second by Agnes Florian.

Deb Watts had been collecting samples of possible gifts for the Seniors from local and new businesses, and brought them for the PTSO to consider; therefore, she was unfortunately late for our previous vote on the Senior Gift. The gifts included pen and pencil sets, cups, key chains, a paperweight, flashlight. The companies had provided pricing information and included the CATA logo and monogramming. No action was taken regarding the purchase of any of these items, since the decision on Senior Gifts had been made earlier in the meeting. Everyone thanked Deb Watts for her time investment in searching out these possible gifts.

Deb Christensen thanked the PTSO for all they did to prepare the reception for after her father’s funeral. Deb has been a faithful member of the PTSO for all her years at CATA and has become a dear and respected friend to each of us. PTSO extends their heartfelt sympathy for her loss and expresses love for Deb and gratitude for being given the privilege to serve her family and friends at such a difficult time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christa Dailey at 8:11 pm, and seconded by Agnes Florian. Accepted unanimously.

Next meeting of General Board will be after spring break, on Tuesday, April 17th, 2012 in the CATA media center at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Edwards, PTSO Secretary

Elissa Sturdivant
President
Cougar Council, CATA

Adam Dailey & Executive Board
Vice President
Cougar Council, CATA

March 13, 2012

Dear Executive Board Members,

I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my position as President CATA's Cougar Council, effective immediately.

I feel that this decision at this time is best for me, my family and the Cougar Council. I took the position in the effort to build upon the strong foundation already in place by prior members. Rather than let differences of opinions and/or leadership style hinder the forward movement of the organization, I would like to make room for another worthy candidate. I will continue to be an active participant on the Cougar Council as a parent.

If I can be of any assistance during the remainder of the year, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best Regards,



Elissa Sturdivant