

Cougar Council Meeting Minutes May 11, 2010 General Board Meeting

The General Board Meeting of the Cougar Council PTSO of Central Academy High School was called to order by President Treva Shaffer at 7pm on Tuesday May 11, 2010, in the Media Center.

Rod Miller, Principal, sent the following report: PTSO: Many thanks for Teacher Appreciation Week! June: EOC Blitz – Math 8:15-8:45am, and 3:45-5:45pm daily the first week of June. Graduation Practice 11:30-1:30 on June 11th at Austin Auditorium, Wingate University. He volunteers his shaved ice machine for Senior Picnic, and approves 4th block for Yearbook party and pep rally. (PTSO will give out Mugs on Thursday during yearbook party.) LUAU lunch menu on the 18th. Looking for test scores to be high again this year. Staff: Recent changes in staff reflect CATA's desire to improve standard of teaching. Budget for next year does not look good, we will have double-cuts from last years budget, forcing CATA to operate with same staff and seventy additional students next year. 2010-2011 will bring new teacher evaluation system, three hours of staff development, and a new formal advisor/advisee program. Each teacher will be assigned 13 students to advise during a weekly homeroom. Technology: now have scrolling announcements, will continue to buy computers, and offer more online classes. Goal is to help students become problem solvers and independent thinkers & researchers in a global, diverse world. He is looking for a Corporation to donate laptops to families without computers. Students: tutoring will be required on Tues/Thurs from 3:30-4 if grades fall below standard.

President Treva Shaffer then thanked the board for an awesome year and for all the individual efforts. The Secretary's Report was reviewed and accepted, following a motion from Luisa Morrone, a second from Joan Newton and unanimous vote from the board members present.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed by Adam Dailey. Luisa Morrone made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, the motion was carried following a Second by Bertha Helms, and unanimous vote from the board members present.

OLD BUSINESS - COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising Committee – The dinner which was held the opening night of Carousel went well. A check for cell phone recycling and Direct TV startups may come soon.

Hospitality Committee – Christa Dailey wrote Thank-You notes to companies who donated to Teacher Appreciation Week (Sonic and Family Video) Luisa Morrone will send thank you notes on stationery to the grocery stores that gave gift cards for the luncheon. Treva Shaffer thanked everyone for their tremendous effort in pulling off a Teacher Appreciation Week.

Senior Committee: Bertha Helms reminded us that proceeds of Tupperware Fundraiser went to Senior Week. The mugs were at the engravers, the inflatables have been ordered. Teresa Edwards made a motion that if a dunk tank were to be free for PTSO, then we share any proceeds earned with SADD; motion was seconded by Bertha Helms and passed with unanimous vote. Adam Daily moved that we allocate \$625 for inflatables; motion was seconded by Luisa Morrone and passed with unanimous vote. Adam Daily moved that we allocate up to \$40 for water to give to the Seniors; motion was seconded by Teresa Edwards and passed with unanimous vote. Luisa Morrone volunteered to purchase the water bottles from Sam's. Joan Newton requested that we mention to Mr. Miller that Senior Week should not be a fund raiser in itself, the students should not have to pay to enjoy it.

Beautification Committee: Teresa Edwards reported that planting was completed in the courtyard, it looks amazing, and Ms. Kopchick's classes are proud of all their hard work. It really benefits the school.

Family Night: May 5 at Brown Derby was well attended, unsure as to continue through summer.

Newsletter: Deb Christensen completed the newsletter copying and delivery.

N E W B U S I N E S S

Prizes for the canned food drive have not been forthcoming from Chick-fil-a; may check with Sonic.

Treva Shaffer made a motion to pay \$150 for a student dormitory deposit, sent directly to the college (NC AT&T Univ), for a student in need. This action was taken previously after emailing the executive board, but the motion needed to be recorded. Teresa Edwards seconded the motion and voting (unanimous in the affirmative) was done by email previously, but performed again during this meeting. Discussion included an important point: it is difficult for Cougar Council to know all the needs of students, and even more difficult to determine whose need is most important. The CATA Guidance Counselors know we are willing to help and bring items to our attention when they are unable to fulfill a need.

Treva Shaffer announced that no other nominations had been made for the 2010-2011 slate of Executive Officers of Cougar Council. The standing nominations are : President – Luisa Morrone. Vice President – Adam Dailey. Treasurer – Christa Dailey. Secretary – Teresa Edwards. Our by-laws indicate that voting on a non-contested slate of officers is unnecessary, but we decided to vote and extend our support to the upcoming slate of officers. Treva Shaffer moved that the nominations become effective as the Executive Officers of Cougar Council. The motion was seconded by Joan Newton and passed with a unanimous vote by all members present.

Teresa Edwards made a motion that we adjourn our meeting, which passed unanimously, after a fond farewell to all the parents of Seniors and a Second by Agnes Florian and vote; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday September 14, Media Center 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Edwards, PTSO Secretary