

# Cougar Council General Board

## 9 October Meeting 2012

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The General Board of the PTSO of Central Academy of Technology and Arts met in the media center on 9 October 2012. Members present were Christa Dailey, Karen Morgal, Nancy Bishop, Adam Dailey, Wendy Duemmler, Marc Duemmler, Elissa Sturdivant, Ashlyn Hall, Jennie Capousis, Shelly Pentecost, Mr. Pusser, and Teresa Edwards. President Deb Christensen was unable to run the meeting since she was helping distribute laptops to the freshmen students, but arrived halfway through the meeting.

Vice President Adam Dailey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, and led introductions. We were excited to have students arrive!

Having no corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting, they were approved. Karen Morgal presented the Treasurer report of \$1424.34. Sixty-eight parents have joined, twenty-eight teachers have also joined our membership, so we have ninety six members total. All teachers who joined PTSO received a pass to wear jeans on last Friday as an incentive for joining. Adam Dailey moved to accept treasurer's report, seconded by Wendy Duemmler, all approved.

### Unfinished Business

**Newsletter:** Deb Christensen will be compiling a newsletter to go out with report cards, any submissions for newsletter need to be in to her by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Adam Dailey mentioned that each committee is welcome to submit any information to the newsletter.

**Fund Raising:** Nancy Bishop mentioned the possibility of selling cupcakes at the Womanless Beauty Pageant instead of giving them away. Council explained that the social is free, basically the admission fee is fee for the cupcake as well.

Nancy Bishop also suggested that ongoing fund raisers through the year might be used for scholarships to be given away at the end of the year (possibly 60% of any given fund raiser). Nancy also opened the floor for others to mention different type of fundraisers. (CATA Booster club uses invest-in-a-cougar, Wendy mentioned Hemby Bridge's booster-thon.) Marc Duemmler mentioned that at a previous school, they sold stuffed monkey-with-a-heart on Valentine's Day. Kids pay two dollars to wear holiday hats last day before break. Wendy Duemmler moved that, pending Dr. Poole's approval, we hold a holiday hat contest, which will allow students to wear a hat on the last day of school before break, for a fee of \$2.00. Nancy Bishop seconded that motion, which passed by unanimous approval.

Teresa Edwards had mentioned the possibility stocking a school store for the benefit of the students who might come to school unprepared, for common items such as poster board, pens, pencils, CDs, etc. Ms. Thompson's half-door would be the ideal place in which to have a school store. Adam Dailey mentioned that a problem might be staffing it. Shelly Pentecost said that, since we are a PTSO, the students are well-equipped to man the store and we could even use a travel cart if necessary. No decision was made on that.

Womanless Beauty Pageant will be held Tuesday, December 18. Adam mentioned that start time should be moved back to seven pm. Tickets are \$5.00. Marc mentioned that maybe the soccer team could get involved. Categories for competition are Evening Wear, Talent, Sports Attire. Winner is determined by height of coins in each contestant's jar. Possibly Ms. Sutton will be our Master of Ceremonies this year. We need help setting up stage, setting up a social afterwards, selling tickets, and donations of cupcakes for the social, making signs for advertisements. Ms. Pentecost might ask Art Club to make posters. Sashes (Donna Cox) and Flowers (need help) will need to be prepared.

Dr. Poole had suggested that PTSO made a one-to-five year goal plan, but his only expectation for the PTSO is that we are self-supporting and that we support the students and teachers the best we can. Additionally, he would like us to foster and develop new leadership.

**By-Laws:** We need to come up with a committee to review the by-laws and post recommended changes for a future vote. Members volunteered: Teresa Edwards, Jennie Capousis, Nancy Bishop, Adam Dailey, and Deb Christensen. This committee is encouraged to read the by-laws, which are posted on the PTSO page of the CATA website, and will begin to meet in January. (PTSO meeting in January will be January 8, 2013.)

**Holiday Luncheon:** Because we were only offered one date for the Womanless Beauty Pageant, due to the very busy performing arts calendar here, the Holiday Luncheon needs a new date. Agnes suggested a casserole, soup and salad luncheon. (green bean casserole, chicken casserole, etc.) She also suggested having the pies incorporated instead of having a Pie Day in November. Other dates were also suggested. Consensus for date of Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We still have \$125 in gift cards that can be used for the teacher luncheons. Agnes will organize the sign-up genius with a complete menu of what is needed. Wendy asked what the staff preferred – pie or lunch and Shelly said the staff appreciates anything.

Shelly Pentecost mentioned that the Travel Club is not a club supported by the school, it is a separate entity from the school. One trip is scheduled for pacific coast of California, one is scheduled for Spain and Italy. She encourages students to earn much of their own money for the trips. Shelly has organized many fund raising opportunities for the students who want to participate, such as working at the race track and golf tournaments. Shelly is also considering an all-adult international trip. If anyone is interested, just let her know.

Our next meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup>. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Edwards, Secretary