

The Parent-Student-Teacher Organization of Central Academy of Technology and Arts
General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 9 April 2013

Cougar Council, the PTSO of Central Academy of Technology and Arts, met in a general board meeting on Tuesday, 9 April 2013 in the Media Center. Members present were Wendy Duemmler, Agnes Florian, Nancy Bishop, Laura Minsk, Karen Morgal, Deb Christensen, and Teresa Edwards. Dr. Poole was also present.

Meeting was called to order by Deb Christensen at 7:03 and Laura Minsk was introduced and welcomed.

Having no changes, the **minutes** from the March meeting were approved as read.

Karen Morgal presented **the Treasurer's Report**: Balance \$1720.97. She also presented a breakdown of all the monies for the Senior Scholarship, with total for the scholarship fund at \$1148.11. Teresa Edwards made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, followed by a second by Wendy Duemmler. Motion passed unanimously.

Hospitality – We need to determine which date we have the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. The plan is for a luau and grilling of hot dogs and hamburgers. Agnes Florian mentioned that it would be easiest to hold the luncheon in Mrs. Pentecost's room, and will be checking with her for an available date. She reported that the PTSO has several gift cards: some will be used for door prizes and some will be used for purchasing condiments, desserts, or anything we might need for the luncheon. Tentative date is Thursday, May 9, with a backup date of Wednesday, May 8.

Fundraising Update – Deb Christensen has been selling passes to the teachers for \$10 each, which will allow teachers to wear jeans on Fridays for the rest of the semester. So far, 32 have been sold. Proceeds from the jeans pass will be dedicated to the Student Scholarship Fund. Dr. Poole would not mind allowing Cougar Council using this as a fund raiser for next school year.

Nancy Bishop mentioned maybe we could do another fund raiser day, slipper day or sandal day, etc. For safety reasons, UCPS would probably not allow that but Deb Christensen said she'd check into that.

Agnes Florian reported that PTSO needs to sign up in May with the Belk Charity Event for next fall's event. Wendy Duemmler mentioned the possibility of selling some type of food after school as a fundraiser also, will check on UCPS "food on the bus" regulations. Spring sports teams are practicing right now and we might be able to sell food to them on their way to practice; additionally after EOCs (June 5, 6, 7, 10) might be a good idea. The Band has a concession stand in the building; we are considering doing the food sales outside.

Newsletter – next issue goes out May 1st, with deadline for articles April 30th.

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Nominating Committee – Deb Christensen, Nancy Bishop and Teresa Edwards comprise the Nominating Committee. Nominations need to be posted as soon as possible so that the student and parent population can be informed for a month prior to elections, in order to comply with PTSO By-Laws.

Criteria for Student Scholarship – Essay of 200-300 words, with parent's signature. Teacher recommendation or comments. Interview with board members. Check with Guidance. We need to come up with a rubric, because you can have a student whose grades are not fantastic but is trying very hard. Or you can have a student who has great grades but is a pain. Consider citizenship, volunteering, integrity, work ethic, etc. Part of our goal is to give the scholarship to someone who is trying very hard, but not necessarily the highest grade. PTSO should write the check to the student's college. Nancy Bishop will speak to Shari Davison to see if she can help us come up with a rubric. Deb Christensen will make an announcement on the website to the students explaining availability and requirements once decisions have been made. Winners will be announced at the annual awards ceremony.

Potential officers for next year : Laura Minsk, President. Deb Christensen, Vice President. Wendy Duemmler, Secretary. Teresa Edwards, Treasurer. Hospitality and Teacher Appreciation Committees will still need chairpersons. Susan Montgomery's father has recently passed away, we do hope to have her serving with us next year. Nancy Bishop volunteers to head the Fund Raising Committee.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 14th at 7pm in the Media Center. We will be having elections at that time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.