

Austin Creek Elementary Parent's Club General Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2009

Participants:

Executive Committee Present :

Lynne Trainor: President
Raylene Leavitt: 1st Vice President
Yvonne Stillman: 2nd Vice President
Larry Kidneigh: Treasurer
Anita Markoff: Secretary

Board of Directors Present:

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| Karen Grotte | Stephanie Thibault | Leticia Sotelo | Jennifer Wong |
| Ann Pride | Josh Weil | Ann Hudson | Stephanie Shelton |
| Nicole Lentz | Rhonda Glenn | Cathy deRecat | Shawna Nielsen |

General Membership Present:

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| Kelly Carroll | Elizabeth Bruno | Maria Cutler | Alicia Faucher |
| Jennifer Foster | Tamara Gullixson | Sheree Kamler | Cathy Jorin |
| Dennis Sweeney | Judy Sweeney | Alicia Shackelford | Connie Ozdil |
| Kerri Blenker | Janeen White | Claire Mollard | Meghan Sherman |
| Colleen Farrell | Mike Wurst | Cherie Wurst | Shelby Moeller |
| MaryEv Betterly | Natalie Douglass | Samantha Donohue | Helena Shin |
| John Blenker | Lorie Banks | | |

Welcome, Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order at 8:49 by Lynne Trainor

Approval of May 2009 Meeting Minutes:

Josh Weil motioned to approve the minutes, Stephanie Shelton seconded the approval

Roll call of the Board of Directors - Anita Markoff

Principal's Report – Dr. Leaf

First assembly is a leadership/anti-bully on Sept. 11 for 1st – 6th graders . Ane Carla Revetta will be starting her art program, Mark Bradski will be doing several projects, we have lots of PE equipment and Lego Robotic supplies and we are on a roll, things look great – thanks to the Parents Club for the funding. There was a question about the parking lot and new parents – asked if we had a sign – there are directions and signs. Rules for drop off and pick up – can't park in the red area. We will put the sign back out just to help new parents. People are parking at the stop signs and people coming out can't see. Dr. Leaf said she encourages people to call the non-emergency number and report those cars who are parked illegally.

President's Report – Lynne Trainor

Goals sheet reviewed, and discussed what ACPC does and doesn't do. Challenging budget year ahead. There will be changes this year in how we do our fundraising. Our budget will adjust accordingly and if we aren't successful in our fundraising, our budget and our goals will reflect

that and we can re-assess. We need more participation and input. We have already started a lot of committee activity even over the summer. Kim Herculson did a great job on the Welcome Back Luncheon, the Hot Dog Social was chaired by Yvonne Stillman, Lorie Banks and Cathy deRecat and they did very well. Thank you to Stephanie Thibault for our coffee and treats. Kelly Carroll has been hard at work as Room Parent Coordinator.

As a result from our survey last year, we had a lot of input from parents stating they would rather have their entire donation go to the school, not happy dealing with several fundraisers. The fundraisers voted out were the wrapping paper and entertainment books. Instead, we will be doing a Family campaign.

We have the opportunity to have 5 more members join the executive board. You agree to attend every meeting and chair or participate in a committee. Check out our website for future meeting dates and information. All Friday meetings are after drop off, and the evening meeting is during the week. Brett Bryars has done a great job updating our website. We are also now on Facebook!

1st Vice President's Report – Raylene Leavitt

After considering the survey results from last year, we have decided to forgo the two fall fundraisers (wrapping paper and entertainment book) and go with a Family Pledge Campaign. Last year, AC parents spent over \$21,000 but the school only received about half of that. It also takes up so much time and effort. We will have donations sent directly to the school. Parents can donate online at our web site through Paypal, which makes it easy for parents and family members to donate. Look for the thermometer and website updates. We will adjust goals if necessary. . The new fundraiser replacing entertainment books and wrapping paper will be the Family Pledge Campaign. Children will not be trying to sell items. Our goal will be \$12,000 since that is what we netted after the \$21,000 was spent last year. Send family members to the web site. We are asking \$75 per family. Someone asked about fundraising opportunities at Montgomery Village...we haven't done that yet, but we can look into it. We have family fun nights which are listed in our newsletter.

The next meeting we will have a sign up to create the goals committee for 2010-2011 year.

2nd Vice President's Report – Yvonne Stillman

We need volunteers to make the auction as successful as it was last year. This will be Yvonne's last year at the school and she is willing to transition the process over to a team of people who will take it on again next year. It will be broken down into several committees and we need chairs. Please come to the kick off meeting and we can figure out what our roles will be. Especially with the budget, we must have a successful auction, and it can't be done without a team effort. If you have questions email us– we are all working parents on the executive committee this year – email is good!

Treasurer's Report and Budget – Larry Kidneigh

Budget sheet reviewed – there have been some revenues this year from the e-script program and the hot dog social which did great. Memberships have also been included. What is missing from the printed form is the August interest and the e-script amount. Thursday folders were miscellaneous unanticipated expenses, but Lynne has been able to locate a new donor for next year. Lincoln Elementary payment we just made over the summer was the amount we had agreed upon for the 2008/09 school year. The teachers still have an allowance. I have updated the “request for reimbursement” form – you need to get approval from your committee chair before you spend it – we can't reimburse without having the anticipated expense budgeted. Also, with

the auction, the treasurer needs to make sure the committee stays in their budget. All committee chairs are listed on the web site. Larry's special request – please give the checks as you get them vs. one large stack. It is easier to track them if Larry gets a few smaller stacks.

Committee Reports (only committees with reported updates are listed)

Authors Day – Lynne Trainor Scheduled for October 2nd award winning Robert San Souci !

Auction – Auction Committee Meeting will be September 11 at 8:45 in room 12.

Community Outreach – contacted principal at Lincoln Elementary and hasn't heard back. Want to get kids involved instead of just writing a check. Offered to collect items the school needs.

Directory – Alicia sent out the final directory listings, and will submit database next week.

E-Scrip – Andi Brady – opt out program this year to catch more people, email to come.

Family Night – Baskin Robbins September 17th teachers will be scooping, we get 20% proceeds

Fine Arts Day – March 19th Leticia and Stephanie are working on it. Will need volunteers

Hospitality – will email a list if you want to help donate for the meetings

Hot Dog Social – Lorie has the binder to pass on to the next person. Need a 5th grade parent to take this on. We made \$563 that will go towards the swim party, and most of the kids earned 4-5 hours community service time.

Marquee – Nicole Lentz reported the marquee had been vandalized so we cannot use it for now.

Membership – Cathy deRecat reported still trying to get more families to join and pay, all e-board members must pay to be able to vote. You can pay for your membership on our website via Paypal. Membership is \$5.

Movie Night – Denise does not have any movies yet, looking for G-rated. More to come.

Newsletter – Submit to Nicole Lentz one week after meeting. Newsletter comes out following week, and will be posted on our website. Janeen White wanted to put an announcement in the newsletter about the mountain lion sitings.

Room Parent – Kelly Carroll trying to get room parents organized, MaryEv will be helping out.

RVEF Report – Meghan Sherman wanted people to know the role of RVEF and also they need board members and representation from AC. Toy Works Night is a great fundraiser for RVEF.

Staff Appreciation week - Oct. 23rd Feb. 26 and May 7th. Leticia, Ann Pride and Cathy Jorin will ask for donated food and help and also will try to get the teachers a gift certificate as a thank you for the hard work they do. Email to follow.

Wish Upon a Star - MaryEv has stars on all the doors, and also for the office this year.

New Business –

Send Yvonne an email if you need info to go to all parents, trying to waste less paper and reach more parents.

Old Business-

Anti-Bully Program – Lynne has been able to speak to Scott Cooper who has written *Sticks and Stones*, he has agreed to come to AC in the evening to speak to parents. Tentative October 15th
If anyone is interested in an email group for parents email Raylene.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52am