

Austin Creek Elementary Parent's Club General Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2009

Executive Committee Present :

Lynne Trainor: President

Larry Kidneigh: Treasurer

Raylene Leavitt: 1st Vice President

Anita Markoff: Secretary

Board of Directors Present:

Elizeth Araujo

Stephanie Thibault

Leticia Sotelo

Helena Shin

Ann Pride

Josh Weil

Megan Sherman

Stephanie Shelton

Nicole Lentz

Rhonda Glenn

Cathy deRecat

Nika Bowen

Cathy Jorin

Shelby Moeller

Kim Herculson

Leigh Hoyt

General Membership Present:

Kelly Carroll

Elizabeth Bruno

Maria Cutler

Tamara Gullixson

Kerri Blenker

Janeen White

MaryEv Betterly

Samantha Donohue

Helena Shin

Linda Fuss

Sandy Tucker

Welcome, Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order at 8:50 by Lynne Trainor

Approval of September 2009 Meeting Minutes:

Stephanie Shelton motioned to approve the minutes, Josh Weil seconded the motion.

Roll call of the Board of Directors - Anita Markoff

Principal's Report – Dr. Leaf

Nothing to report, but there have been several questions emailed to the executive committee. Yvonne Stillman will forward those to Dr. Leaf to answer. Josh Weil asked what AC is doing to remain competitive with the Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School (5th and 6th grade at RVMS). Dr. Leaf suggested it is good to have options, not worried about losing students. Will look into option of having an orientation for 5/6th grade parents who may be considering SRACS. Nicole Lentz wanted clarification on Room 11 – Dr. Leaf stated it is a special day class/multi grade class of students with special academic needs that come from all over the district.

President's Report – Lynne Trainor

Lynne wanted to recognize Ann Hudson for all the years of support for ACPC, through her workplace and family. Also, it is very important to remind everyone – you must fill out a reimbursement request before you make a purchase. We have to check the budget to grant reimbursement. It needs to be signed off by your committee chair or a member of the executive committee. Lynne also wanted thoughts on how to get more parents to come to meetings – or to at least participate. There were suggestions to have meetings in the evening in the fall while it is still light out (vs. March) and to have a speaker or theme for each meeting to grab attention. Reviewed the new budget line items – Josh Weil motioned to approve with further discussion of the line items adjustment – Lynne to look up the guidelines for changing line items once voted on by goals committee. Stephanie Shelton seconded the motion.

1st Vice President's Report – Raylene Leavitt

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

Treasurer's Report and Budget – Larry Kidneigh

Budget sheet reviewed. Some line items were removed or amounts changed after reviewing the past years average spending, and removed amounts that have historically not been used up. Need to get approval from your committee chair before you spend \$ – we can't reimburse without having the anticipated expense budgeted. All committee chairs are listed on the web site.

Committee Reports (only committees with reported updates are listed)

Authors Day – Book sales were low despite some inexpensive choices, but overall a huge success. Committee will re-evaluate use of Copperfield's next time.

Auction – Donations are down, please help by donating items you are not using, gift cards, wine, etc...and ask your work place or friends for donations. Also, corporate sponsorships are needed.

Directory – coming out next week.

Family Campaign – Update: Total donations \$15,655 – 162 donors out of 266 families, 7 of those were grandparents! 21% used Paypal on our website. Overall a huge success – ice cream social was a hit. We will meet as a committee in May to plan next fall's campaign.

Family Night – Baskin Robbins was a success (raised about \$300), biggest one so far. Holiday shopping at Sunnyside Cottage and a Silpada Party being arranged – look for email/newsletter. Jen Foster donating all her Silpada profit at that party to ACPC.

Newsletter – Submit to Nicole Lentz one week after meeting. Newsletter comes out following week, and will be posted on our website

RVEF Report – Toy Works Night is a great fundraiser for RVEF, support them by shopping on Dec. 8th. Also, visit the newly designed RVEF website for information.

New Business –

Send Yvonne an email if you need info to go to all parents, trying to waste less paper and reach more parents. **ACPC will go paperless in 2010 (majority favor reduction on paper in Thursday Folders, and suggested that we have an ACPC e-Thursday Folder), with the exception of special items (auction invitation, etc.)** Check the website, MaryEv Betterly has taken over as webmaster, and is updating and adding items all the time. Thank You to Brett Bryars who has been instrumental in the development of our website over the last several years!

Old Business-

Anti-Bully Program – Scott Cooper talk was very well attended, more parents requesting information on anti-bullying. Our counselor Sandy Tucker has been rotating through all the RVUSD schools discussing the concept of emotional intelligence with the kids. She has been to almost every class at AC and is continuing to work on bully awareness – she is available at extension 4208.

There was interest in having her speak at an evening session. We will look into that possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am