

Country Hills Elementary School PTA

Board Membership Meeting Thursday, November 18th, 2012

- CALL TO ORDER** A meeting of the Country Hills Elementary School PTA was held on this date in Portable 11. Cathi Rush called the meeting to order at 9:19am.
- MINUTES** The minutes were reviewed and amendment were made and approved.
- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** Mrs. Stroup reported that on Friday the District released teacher evaluations and they have to be done quickly. Boosterthon is going well and the kids are all excited. Mrs. Stroup thanked Nicole's husband, Kevin for offering to mow the grass before Boosterthon – the district wont' mow again before the Fun Run takes place.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT** Cathi Rush reported that the Harvest Drive, held on 11/14 needs help at Westgaldes Middle from 4:30pm onwards. On the 15th parents are needed to help from 9:00am till it's all done, and on the 16th adults help only from 9:00 – 2:00 pm as that would be the time that the families would be able to come an pick up the food.
- TREASURERS REPORT** Irene Brenner gave the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 2012. The opening balance \$11,848.15, cash receipts for the month totaled \$ 29,862.67 cash disbursements totaled \$25,902.54 leaving ending cash balance of \$17,274.28.
Irene reported that the Book Fair did well. PTA donated \$2,597.84 to the Media Center. Wendy Shepard commented that they were able to donate more in Scholastic voucher dollars – an amount of \$600 – that also went to the Media Center.
Wendy Shepard made a motion to approve the

Treasurer's Report. Juliette Blanchard seconded the motion.

SAC/SAF

Wendy Shepard reported that there will be a North Area meeting on 11/15. Last Saturday there was training for SAF chairs & principals. Wendy encourages everyone to come to the area and district meetings. The SAC/SAF meeting will be on 11/26 at CHE.

OPEN FORUM

Mrs. Anderson spoke about Carmen Agra Deedy – a visiting author that will be visiting CHE next year. Her books are beautiful and have won lots of award. She is on NPR all the time and speaks at conferences all over the country. She's a professional storyteller with a variety of nooks for ages 4 – 12. Mrs. Anderson thanked PTA for funding this. Mrs. Anderson also spoke about how PTA donated \$5,000 to the Reading Resource Room the last two years. Before the budget cuts lots of dollars was spent on books. Mrs. Anderson is asking if PTA will donate another \$5,000 to the Reading Resource Room for books. Mrs. Anderson was able to purchase 312 non-fiction books as well as fulfill most of the wish lists for teachers and 15 titles (IZ copies) 180 more books for reciprocal teaching. If PTA donates the \$5,000 Mrs. Anderson will also purchase some non-fictional teaching guides. Debbie Coleman made a motion to contribute \$5,000 to Mrs. Anderson for the purchase of books for the Reading Resource Room. Jodi Espinosa seconded the motion. All present was in favor. Mrs. Anderson expressed the need for parent volunteers to help shelve books in the Reading Resource Room. Training will be provided.

Boosterthon Team Leader James gave an update on the Boosterthon. Boosterthon is almost halfway through and the Fun Run is on Friday. The tracking is below last year (Hurricane Sandy affected this.) James thinks that we're on a base for around \$20,000. Last

year, 60% participated; we are now at 38% and increasing.

Jill Rambowski brought to attention that she has received some complaints from parents in her classroom (K/1) that their kids are crying about not getting prizes. James replied that they do not had out the prizes to the younger grades in front of everyone but rather hand it out to the teacher to distribute. Mrs. Anderson suggested using this opportunity as a teaching moment.

The Coin Drive was cancelled. A discussion was started about what to do at the previous PTA meeting, but still needs further discussion. Debbie Coleman suggested doing only 1 coin drive and seeing how much we make and maybe donate to both Bennett Elementary and IZone Family Centre. Wendy Shepard suggested possibly doing it all year long at programs etc. when people have change on them. A consensus was made that only one Coin Drive should be held in the spring, which will benefit both.

Cathi Rush gave an update on the Danimals contest and reported that CHE is currently in second place. The contest ends 12/31/12. Dannon has until 1/21/13 to get the points to you. You don't have to buy anything, just fill out and index card with your name, birthday, e-mail address and send it to Dannon (can enter as many times as you want). Debbie Coleman suggested having PTA pay for postage. Irene Brenner informed all present that Christine Fris checking to see if PTA can give money to something like this (buying stamps to support a contest). Layne Polokoff from Wyndham Learning Center is sending and collecting for us as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Andrew Toppoli was here. Irene Brenner suggested that we buy a set of his books for

the media Center. Gladys Garcia made a motion to purchase the books. Deena Accardi seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Cathi Rush brought to attention that the VIP Bracelet are running low – only 100 left – and would like to reorder. There is a \$350 budget line. Cathi would like to order different colored bracelets.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am.

ATTENDANCE

Cathi Rush	Barbara Feller
Gladys Garcia	Debbie Coleman
Juliett Blanchard	Minna Tay
Kellee Stroup	Jodi Espinosa
Deana Nelke	Cheryl Reynolds
Kim Mills	Jill Rambowski
Nicole Renert	Becca Loss
Wendy Shepard	Jennifer Paccione
Irene Brenner	
Betsy Zaslav	