

CGS PTO Minutes  
March 9, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Co-President, Kari Bennett.

**Teacher's Report – Mrs. Kim School Social Worker**

Mrs. Kim had mentioned that PTO had previously donated money to the scholarship fund. There is usually a \$400 balance and there is currently a \$200 balance. This fund is used for children in situations where families may not be able to fund the whole portion of class trips. A motion was made on behalf of Mrs. Kim to make a donation this year for \$200 to bring the balance back up to \$400. Crissy Stinson and Margie Stickles accepted the motion and all were in favor. Mrs. Kim's role at CGS is to work with children and families that need extra attention. She supports the teachers as they focus on academic needs as well.

**Mr. Craig – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teacher**

Mr. Craig talked about how the second grade students are working on a project about Mexico. The students are rotating through the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms and are studying Mexico with other teachers. It's a positive experience and gives the students an opportunity to learn from other teachers. Fiesta Day will be held amongst the classrooms as well.

**Mrs. Dubois – Art Teacher**

Mrs. Dubois started out by thanking the PTO for the apple wishes that were fulfilled. She was very thankful for the gift cards. She works with the students preparing for the Arts Festival. They learn a dance and a song and make costumes to go along with it. Also, each child will have 1-3 pieces of their own art work displayed. The festival will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. She works with the students to explain color, shape, base and texture. These are different elements of art. The artwork that the children make is also discussed in class. It can show emotion and feeling. The students learn to use tools art tools responsibly. She also encourages students to bring home their pieces of art and talk about it with their families.

**Principal's Report – Mrs. Moyer**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> was read across America day. All children received a free book through the Dolphin Book Day program.

Budget discussions – On Thursday March 11, the Public Budget Hearing will be held at 7 pm at Veterans Auditorium. If the budget passes, we will still be in jeopardy of losing staff. The budget implications for all schools will only get worse if the budget does not pass in May. Mrs. Moyer read an excerpt from an article that was published in the Journal Inquirer regarding Coventry Budget. If you would like more in-depth information, please refer to the town's website at [www.coventryct.org](http://www.coventryct.org)

**Acceptance of February 2010 minutes – Beth Hassett**

Leslie Poland and Carrie Houk made a motion to accept the minutes. All were in favor.

### **Treasurer's Report – Jen Zawacki on behalf of Darby Muia**

Currently a balance of \$7634.02. There was a lot of activity this month. \$3802.68 was income generated from craft fair, handmade cards, and Wolf Pack night. Expenses for the month in the amount of \$4288.96 for Cultural Arts donation, supplies (copy paper), donation to Fine Arts for babysitting and PTO babysitting.

### **Committee Reports –**

#### **Teacher Appreciation – Jen Zawacki on behalf of Jen Oberlin**

Teacher appreciation will be held a little differently this year. We will not be holding anything during the week of conferences. We will be holding a full week for Teacher Appreciation the week of May 3 – 7<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information.

#### **Rock Cats – Kari Bennett**

We will be hosting a Rock Cats game this year on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Gates open at 5 pm and there will be fun events for the kids such as bounce houses. Tickets are \$6.00 each and \$2 from each ticket will be donated back to CGS. More information will be coming home later.

#### **Spring Book Fair – Martha McKerley**

Spring Book Fair will be held during parent conferences. This is the one for one book sale. We will also be having the loose change drive again this year. It was a big hit amongst the kids last year.

#### **Box Tops – Beth Hassett on behalf of Haley Small**

The thermometer has been updated to reflect the updated balance. We are doing great with the box tops contest currently underway. Contest will end March 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Dolphin Dance – Jen Zawacki**

The dolphin dance, formerly known as the Ladybug ball will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping that by changing the name to the Dolphin Dance that we will entice more children to come to this fun event. Think luau... Hawaiian shirts, limbo, etc.

#### **Family Fun Night – Michelle Corrigan**

Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm – soccer games, obstacle course, yoga. There will be lots of fun for all ages. Siblings are welcome. Please bring a healthy snack to share. Can't wait for the parent tunnel!!

#### **Elections 2010-2011 – Beth Hassett**

Flyer will be going home in April. If you are interested in a board position or committee chair position, please talk to or email Beth Hassett, Jen Zawacki or Kari Bennett to express interest. We will be holding our elections in May.

#### **School Newsletter – Iris Sattar**

Iris attended our meeting to discuss what it entails to get the school newsletter published. Iris has done the newsletter for the past few years and her youngest is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and will be

moving onto Robertson. We are actively searching for someone to put together the PTO Newsletter for 2010-2011 school year. Iris sends out emails monthly to the teachers and PTO reminding them to have articles in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to her. She then puts the articles into the proper format. Mrs. Moyer does the editing of the newsletter and then sends it back to Iris. Iris then photocopies the newsletter and distributes to the teachers to get them sent home with the kids. Desktop Publisher is a must. If interested, Iris would be more than happy to talk to you about it.

**Maynard's Plant Sale – Kari Bennett**

Flyers are going home. If interested, please send back to school with the check made payable to CGS PTO. Deliver for the plants will be held on 4/1.

Daffodils are going home on 3/23.

Talent Show – 3/16 dress rehearsal, 3/19 talent show at 7 pm. 20 acts. There will be lots of fun for the whole family. Please come and support the kids.

The next meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> (first Tuesday due to Spring Recess) 7 pm. Free Babysitting available.