

Carrillo PTO Meeting

Minutes

December 1, 2023 9:53 am



All parents/guardians of students attending Carrillo Elementary School are invited to attend monthly PTO meetings and participate in PTO sponsored events and activities. Please join us!! Any questions contact us at carrillopto@gmail.com

Members Present: Wendy Garafalo, Robert Redfield, Kelly Hill, Rachel Boyle, Jocelyn Frost, Sonya Anson, Jill d'Artenay, Jamila Gowdy, Ashley Johnson, Sofia Rebollo Del Valle, Rayane Ari, Caroline Shammass, Amanda Keeton, Amy Odenwalder

President Robert Redfield called the meeting to order at 9:53 am

- I. Secretary's Report- Wendy G. was interim secretary for Melanie K. A motion was made to approve last month's minutes. The motion was seconded. The Board unanimously approved October's 2023's minutes; motion passed.
 - A. New Parents introduced
 - B. Teacher Birthday Cards passed around

- II. President's Remarks - Robert Redfield
 - A. Dine outs
 1. December 7 Ruby's Dine Out
 2. Jan/Feb Dine Outs coming in New Year
 - B. Waiting on Laser Tag Date - Robert will update.
 - C. Bylaws - to be reviewed in the New Year. Please come with revisions at next meeting.
 - D. Events Positions are covered through the year but we are still looking for vacant Board Member positions.
 1. Discussion on board member role occurred.

E. Option to have an executive meeting prior to each general PTO meeting to handle specific business discussed.

III. Communications

A. Wendy to create blurb once we finalize what roles we want to have in new year.

IV. Treasurer Report

A. Book Fair Money was Deposited.

B. We are approximately where we expected to be this year financially.

C. Discussion about how to make more lucrative streams of revenue for upcoming years.

D. Robert R. purchased items for Jogathon with Black Friday sales so Amazon boxes expected.

E. Projections for the rest of the year were discussed.

F. Discussion to start planning for our 25th year and how we can capitalize on fundraising with local businesses and get more parents to donate for pledge drive.

V. Festival of Lights - Jill d'Artenay

A. Discussed keeping Festival of Lights a free community event.

B. Volunteer sign up sheet going out tonight- it will be in Amanda's newsletter this weekend.

C. Kelly will help with the garden and connect with Kara to decorate.

D. Home Depot to donate extension cords and power cords.

E. SEMS band starts playing at 6:15, doors open at 6:30.

F. 5th grade will have 3 different hot cocoa stations.

VI. Sweetheart's Dance - February 24th

A. Ariel unavailable to attend - Robert filled everyone in.

1) DJ already booked

2) Discussion for a more general theme/formal discussed for 2025

3) Ariel- does she need volunteers? Is she selling anything? Kelly will connect Ariel with the HS volunteer group

4) Need pricing details to include it on the website.

- VII. Website
 - A. Adding alumni page to the site
 - B. Add social media page to the site

- VIII. Spring Fling - Wendy shared spreadsheet from Candice- Day at the Derby event
 - A. Looking at a Brewery
 - B. May 4 or 18 are dates for possibility
 - C. Jan- decide the themes for the gift baskets
 - D. Henebery as the location?
 - E. Discussion should we have the basket auction on-line or only in-person

IX. Teacher's Rep Report - Amy O.

VIII. Principal's Remarks – Mrs. Keeton

- A. Lots of trucks and drilling happening. Preliminary things happening prior to full excavation next summer.
- B. GATE ordered life size chess pieces to use and it will be opened up during lunch for kids who play.
- C. Giving Tree- 4 families have been selected. Sophia needs the information from Shannon so she can create the sign up genius. Sophia will get that out for Sunday's newsletter.
- D. Wendy- social media post about the short day on Dec. 15.

Open Discussion happened throughout the meeting.

- A. Lots of discussion happening around fundraising and board positions.
- B. More discussion about 25th anniversary sponsorships from businesses.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am

Next Meeting is January 12 , 2023 at 9 am.