



Cottage Street School PTO Membership Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2015

Meeting began at 7:03 p.m., adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
28 people present

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Sustainable Sharon Coalition:** SSC President Ricky Stern gave presentation about a proposal that will go before the selectman to make Sharon a Zero Waste Community. Information on SSC and how to sign the petition can be found at www.sustainablesharoncoalition.org.
2. **Approved September 10, 2015 meeting minutes by voice.**
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Elizabeth reviewed income and expenses. Membership dues are not what we budgeted. Brainstormed how to target families to gain members.
4. **Committee Updates:**
 - a) **Book Fair:** Was a success. With \$1904 raised. \$425 was given out to teachers and students to spend. Thank you to Leandra and all the volunteers.
 - b) **Membership & Directory:** Continued discussion started during Treasures report about how to encourage families to join.
 - c) **Programming:** Jen updated on what to expect for k-2 programs. Most likely Zoomobile will be back, and K will most likely continue their programs. Beth is looking for new historical character performers. Also looking for a meteorologist who will come to school not just a virtual visit.
 - d) **Coupon Books:** Lisa shared that it was wrapping up that week. We will have totals at next meeting.
 - e) **Back to School BBQ:** We all agreed it was a huge success. WE all liked the time change, and the new activities. Thank you to Wendy and her volunteers for all their hard work.
 - f) **Playground:** Mark shared the slide repair is covered under warranty. The new slide is being shipped on Oct 16. We talked about the possibility of adding more trash barrels to the playground. This is for CSS administration to decide if they want, and PTO will purchase.
 - g) **Celebration Books:** Wendy shared the new name of celebration books from birthday books and the website: www.btsb.com/sosl/cottagestreetschool
5. **Principal's Report:**Linda Munise shared with us how wonderful the staff and students were in light of the September 30 black out and power surge.



6. New Business

- a) **School Picture Day:** Pictures are October 13. We are still doing sibling pictures, and we will be attempting a family portrait day in the spring.
- b) **Halloween Bingo:** We will hold our annual Bingo night on October 29.
- c) **Broadway Cougars:** This years show is *Dear Edwina*. Auditions will be Oct 22 and 23. Again this will be open to 5th grade only.
- d) **Popcorn Friday:** Popcorn Friday will begin October 9, 2015.
- e) **Committee Vacancies:** Fun Fair Café, Donations/ Annual Giving, Yearbook, are all looking for new volunteers. We are looking for new board members, and we talked about changing our by-laws to reflect term limits. In addition we are looking for an accountant or tax preparer who might be interested in assisting with our year-end accounting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.