



## Cottage Street School PTO Membership Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2017

Meeting began at 7:07p.m., adjourned at 8:04p.m.  
10 people present

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approved February 2017 meeting minutes by voice**—Mary Mesiha may be interested in helping with the Hospitality Committee.
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Elizabeth reviewed income and expenses, report distributed.
4. **Committee Updates:**
  - a) **Cougar Gear:** Anne shared information about Booster.com, a fundraising site where Cougar Gear can be ordered online. She also shared pictures of sample items that we can sell, which include not only t-shirts and sweatshirts, but tote bags, water bottles, etc. There will be 2-week sales campaigns and Ann went over the details of pricing, minimums, shipping, the fundraising check, etc. The first step is to figure out what we want to sell at Fun Fair. She is going to look at the current inventory. The thought is to sell only the current inventory at Fun Fair, with samples of the new items and a raffle basket of new items at Fun Fair. We are thinking we will start with a tote bag, water bottle, t-shirt, and sweatshirt. We can post pictures on the PTO website with sales dates. Anne talked about setting up a gmail account for Cougar Gear.
  - b) **Broadway Cougars:** Interested 5<sup>th</sup> graders can participate in Broadway Cougars. This year’s play will be “Peter Pan”. Mrs. Sellers will be coming back to lead Broadway Cougars. Auditions will be held soon. Information will be forthcoming.
  - c) **Talent Show:** The date of the Talent Shows will be March 30. There will be three shows—a morning show for grades K-1, an afternoon show for grades 2-3, and an evening show for grades 4-5. Auditions will be held during lunch on March 14, 15, and 16. The acts must be appropriate. Someone asked whether students are required to participate—it is not at all mandatory!
  - d) **Fun Fair:** We are in need of a Prize Room Co-Chair to shadow the current Prize Room Chair. Café food donation, cake donation, and baked goods donation SignUps will be coming soon. Wendy has been in touch with all classrooms and is in good shape for class raffle donations. We will be reaching out to Room Parents with reminders for making the backdrops and making sure that their class booths and the café are staffed. Signups have



gone out to Sharon Middle School and Sharon High School. There will be a gathering to make Pocket Lady rolls. Someone asked questions about setup.

#### **5. Principal's Report:**

- a) The MCAS calendar just went out with specific dates for tests—they are untimed, but there are estimated times, which are about 60 minutes for each test.
- b) Steve Nelson, a former Cottage student, will be doing a service project for Eagle Scouts. He will be cleaning the path in the back and is doing some fundraising to improve the area.

#### **6. New Business**

- a) Committee Vacancies—Prize Room, more help with Yearbook, more help with Programs (busy at the beginning of the year).
- b) KidStuff—do we want to do it again next year? Is it worth it? Only about 80 books are purchased. It is a lot of work for a limited return, but it still makes about \$1200. Lisa is going to look into an artwork fundraiser as an alternative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.