

Country Day Montessori PTO
Minutes
January 27, 2009

Meeting Called to order at 6:50 pm by Carra Milikien.

The minutes of the December meeting were read by Tricia Love. Those in attendance indicated no additions or corrections were needed.

The issue of dues was discussed. The dues are ten dollars per family and can be paid to any of the board members. Checks can be made out to: Country Day Montessori PTO. Any family that has not paid dues will not get a vote in PTO matters. At this meeting there were no items to be voted on.

The by-laws of the PTO are still in progress and will hopefully be further along by the time of the next meeting, February 19th at 8:45am.

Next the issue of committees was discussed. Committees need to meet and elect a chairperson. The committees will help get things moving for the PTO.

The meeting was then opened for requests from the school and teachers.

Ms. Megan, of the Lower Elementary discussed the need for a “big kids” playground. She has researched this in the past and found them to range from \$2,000 to 5,000. She will recheck current prices and make a formal request by the next meeting. Other members suggested considering second hand structures to reduce the cost. Gigi Garcia indicated that she has a contact at Rainbow that we may be able to work with.

Ms. Cynthia, had a formal typed request that was presented to the PTO by Ms. Betty. The request includes a variety of music instrument needs. Ms. Betty indicated that the school would like to meet the request for mallets. The drums are a need that the PTO could greatly help with.

A request from Ms. Jennifer was relay by Carra. Ms. Jennifer is in need of new brushes for the art program. Ms. Betty indicated that the school can help her with this.

A student suggestion was presented by Ms. Betty. Elementary students suggest that the school is in need of newer computers. The students are willing to do some fundraising themselves to help achieve this goal. Fundraisers such as coffee and taco sales were suggested. Ms. Megan indicated that her students would be willing to do the taco sales and some parents offered to help with the taco preparation.

The topic of how to handle and prioritize these and other requested was discussed. The general consensus was that the PTO officers should handle this issue.

According to Ms. Betty, there are no upcoming events in need of parent volunteers before the next PTO meeting.

Ideas of how to attract more parents to the meetings were discussed. There is the possibility of having parent meeting topics discussed in PTO meetings. Ms. Betty will discuss with the teachers the possibility of have a student performance at the March 31st PTO meeting. Finally the meeting broke into committees to allow each committee to get a start on organizing their efforts.

The meeting was concluded at 7:30 pm