

PCPA General Meeting
September 23, 2009

Present: Loralee Schaedel, Janelle Deschino, Tom Eismeier, Shari Robinson, Linda Burke, Megan McConagha, Biz Brewer, Karen Hare, Christine Mackenzie, Karen Holmes, Jennifer Morris, Jennifer Scarpetti-Nelson, Gena McGill, Jillian Lengyel, Josephine Yim, Jane Bozek, Ashley Wernher-Collins, Kimberely Shur, Heather Lee, Stacy Cimino, Marisa Haydar, Maureen Clancy, Ang Foley, Pam Torre, Sara Page.

Minutes

Loralee Schaedel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m..

1. Introductions and Descriptions:

- Loralee Schaedel gave a brief description of the PCPA and what their goals are. All officers and those present were invited to introduce themselves, tell those present what grade their children are in and explain any involvement they have or have had in the past with the PCPA.
- Christine Mackenzie (current CEEF President) gave a brief description of the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation and their grant cycles.
- Loralee Schaedel explained that the PCPA's meetings follow Robert's Rules; a system that keeps business meetings running smoothly and fairly.
- The PCPA raises money through various fundraisers throughout the year. The meetings help determine how those funds are distributed. All those in attendance at the monthly meetings will have a voice in who receive grant money.

2. Principal's Report:

- Mr. Eismeier spoke of the meetings held with staff in August regarding technology at Pond Cove. Pond Cove, as well as the Middle School & High School each have a new Technology Ed Tech on staff.
- Mr. Eismeier also mentioned the book "Lost at School" which deals with problem solving. It will be discussed further when Cindy Perkins (Guidance Counselor) can attend.
- Tom commended the PCPA for filling the gaps when it comes to the budget. The Middle School has private fundraising towards new textbooks where as Pond Cove does not. The PCPA and CEEF have awarded many grants to fund programs that the budget does not cover.
- The Climate Committee was mentioned. They meet before school at 7:30 a.m.. It is a great way to get to know Pond Cove community.
- New this year is a half time Health teacher (Mrs. Kennedy) position. Mrs. Edlund, who taught 2nd grade last year is the reading support teacher for the 3rd & 4th grade.
- Shari Robinson spoke briefly and thanked all for attending the meeting.

3. PCPA Communications - Loralee Schaedel

- Loralee spoke of the three main ways to access information about the PCPA.

You can visit the PCPA website at www.capepcpa.org. The website has been totally updated over the summer. There is a wealth of information to be had along with a suggestion section.

You can read the PCPA newsletter that is currently being sent as an attachment to the Pond Cove newsletter that is sent home each Thursday. In the near future, the PCPA newsletter will be sent out via e-mail each Monday to avoid confusion.

You can also find the PCPA on Facebook at www.facebook.com. The Facebook page already has 114 members.

4. Budget Overview - Karen Hare (Treasurer)

- Karen Hare told those in attendance that the PCPA had a net profit of \$5,690 last year. The Pond Cove 5K raised over \$10,000 alone. None of those figure could have been achieved without energetic & excited volunteers.
- A technology line item has been added to the budget. Two smart boards were purchased with grants from the PCPA.
- Two new fundraisers this year are the Haunted Harvest on October 17th and the EcoChic Bags which is going on now. Haunted Harvest will take place instead of Fall Fest which has typically raised between \$4,000-\$5,000 each year. It has been held in the cafetorium. The Haunted Harvest will talk place at Turkey Hill Farm (run by the Eastman family) on 10/17 from 11 a.m. to dusk.

5. Twelve month Calendar Outline - Loralee Schaedel

- Loralee spoke of upcoming events including Halloween Costume Swap on October 1, Scholastic Book Fair October 15-22, Haunted Harvest October 17th and Movie Night on November 13th. The Holiday Art Fair will not take place this year at Pond Cove, but may still happen through the MSPA.
- Fundraisers vs. Fun-raisers. Some events take as a way to meet families and give back to the Pond Cove community. The Kindergarten Welcome party was one such event. It was not used to raise money but more to meet those new to our school.

6. Open Discussion

- Mini-grants. Some loose ends need to be tied up with the 1st Grade Readers Theatre that was provided through a mini-grant request by Julie Nickerson.
- Christine Mackenzie made a motion to adopt the new 2009-10 budget. When asked to vote, all approved the budget.
- Arts Day is being moved to April this year.
- Pure Art Cards will be done in the spring.
- New this year is a Volunteer of the Week. When you volunteer at Pond Cove, you put your name in for a drawing at the end of the week. Shari Robinson draws a name and the winner receives a prime parking spot for a week.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m..

Attendance (Evening Meeting September 23, 2009 - no minutes taken)

Loralee Schaedel
Janelle Deschino
Karen Hare
Megan McConagha
Kim Black
Tania Wood
Isabelle Johnson
Heather Mullen
Sherri Supple
Sarah Fisher
Patrice M. Leary-Forrey
Erin Salvador
Aaron Mosher
Joe Gajda
Kathleen Curry-Sparks
Sarah Gagne
Julie Merriam