

**Countryside PTO  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2009**

**Number in attendance: 36**

**Executive Board Members Present: Laura Niedzwiecki, Terry Klingler,  
Suzanne Jenkins, Wendi Murphy, Carol Crowe**

**The following information was distributed before the meeting:** Meeting Agenda; PTO Budget vs. Actual for 2008-2009; PTO Budget vs. Actual for 2009-2010; and PTO Minutes from June 10, 2009.

**The September 16, 2009 PTO General Membership meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.**

**President's Report: Laura Niedzwiecki**

- Laura welcomed everyone back.
- Calendar of events: New fundraisers for this year include Kidstuff coupon books and Partylite candles. We will earn a 50 percent profit on our sales from both companies. New activities this year include the Snowball dance on January 29, 2010, Theater Week will be March 22-26, 2010, and the Mother/Son "Spring Jam" April 30, 2010.
- Thank you to all the many event volunteers so far! Betsy Turgeon volunteered for the Comedy Night Co-chair position during the meeting. Comedy Night is scheduled for April 23, 2010 at Corrolla's on Route 73.
- Over 120 families have joined the PTO.
- The Countryside group e-mail list is growing. It is a great way to stay informed about school activities and events.
- The PTO now has a bulletin board next to the office!

**Treasurers Report: Donna Lipski**

Laura reported that the ending account balance for 2008-2009 was \$16,843.78. *A motion was made to pass the budget. Mrs. Williams motioned and Mrs. LaRocca seconded, no one opposed, all in favor. Motion passed.* Laura asked for a motion to approve the 2009-2010 Budget "as is" with a balance of \$16,869.28. *Mrs. Williams motioned and Mrs. Boyle seconded, no one opposed, all in favor. Motion passed.*

**Recording Secretary: Carol Crowe**

Carol presented the June 10, 2009 Minutes. *A motion was made to pass the PTO minutes. Mrs. Brager motioned and Mrs. Turgeon seconded, no one opposed all in favor. Motion passed.*

**Corresponding Secretary: Wendi Murphy**

The PTO received thank you letters from Mrs. Giannattasio, Mrs. Rubba, Ms. Blansett, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Kaiser, Mrs. Zataveski, Mrs. Bulicki, Mrs. Herschell, Mrs. Heller, Mrs. Weiner, Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Lynch, Ms. Roseann, Ms. Pat, the Testa family, and the Lenape High School Scholarship Award recipient, Maggie Townsend.

**Principal's Report: Mr. Robert Smith**

Mr. Smith reported that everyone is glad to be back and that the children are adjusting well. MAP testing is scheduled for September 21-October 7, 2009. Second grade students will be tested in math skills and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be tested in language arts and reading skills; BTS night is scheduled for September 23, 2009. Mr. Smith also reported that Countryside school is now ranked #4 out of 1,369 schools in NJ!

**Teacher Liaisons:** Mrs. Bozzi and Mrs. Mitchell reported that the children are doing great and Kid Writing has begun! Mrs. Rubba reported that everything is wonderful in second grade!

**Board of Education Member:** none present

**Committee Reports:**

- Box Tops contest ends Friday, September 18, 2009. The student who collects the most Box Tops wins a pizza lunch with Mr. Smith. A second contest will be held later in the year.
- Joe Corbi's Pizza Sale is scheduled for the end of September.
- Market Day-no report
- Restaurant nights- McDonald's night is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2009. Chick Fil-A night is scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2009.
- Board of Education Liaison-a work session was held last week and a regular meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2009.
- New Parent's Q&A Meeting had a great turnout! Thanks to all who attended.
- Fall Partylite Fundraiser- One of our new fundraisers. We will be allowed a choice of three candle options with a profit of 50 percent.
- The Countryside Directory will be delivered in the next couple of weeks.
- Field Day is scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2009.
- Hospitality will be requesting baked goods throughout the year. Items are needed for BTS night.
- Library volunteer schedule will be available soon.
- Municipal Alliance- no report
- Room parent list will be available next week.
- Yearbook pictures are needed. You may send via e-mail, CD, or actual pictures to Terry Klingler. Note: if you require that the pictures be returned, please include a note.
- Clothing Sale/Spirit Sale will be soon with delivery of items expected before Field Day! Some new items may be added this year.
- Kidstuff Coupon Book orders are due Friday, October 2, 2009.
- Kidjunction Fundraiser is scheduled for October 16, 2009. Tickets for tokens, dinner and fun are \$14. We will receive 50 percent profit.
- BJ's Membership-final date for membership application to be determined.
- Assemblies for this year include the Prismatic light show, Wintercourt Artifacts, Anansi, The Spiderman of Africa and Slim Good Body.
- Membership-155 families have joined the PTO.
- Schoolkidz supply kits were delivered to classrooms prior to the first day of school.
- Target fundraiser- we receive a 1 percent profit on purchases made at Target using a Target credit card when Countryside is the designated school associated with the card.

**New Business**

- Mrs. B will soon be receiving new gym mats! Funds raised at last year's Fun Run will help pay for the much needed mats.
- Next PTO Meeting- November 11, 2009, during the day-time to be determined.
- Mr. Testa Memorial Project- Mrs. G. will be working with the children to create a memorial in the library.

**Open Discussion** – Questions & comments from attendees (5 minute limit per person)

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.**