



Carlisle Area Science Advisory Committee

To promote interest in science among our area's young people

CASAC MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at Lamberton Middle School on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Pam Foster at 4:06 p.m.

Members present: Linda Stoltz, IFEC; Rosa Rangel, PADEP; Jill Brown, St. Patrick; Laurie Gray, Yellow Breeches; Emily McDevitt, Carlisle HS; Pam Foster, Carlisle, HS; Joan Mulholland, Mt. Holly; Mike Stefanic, Grace Baptist; Amy Steffee, Wilson; Chantal Savage, Carlisle H.S.; Ed Owens, retired.

The February meeting minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$2179.55. The money market account balance is \$3178.36. Laurie received additional donations of approximately \$940. This includes a \$500 scholarship donation. We have enough funds for two scholarships this year. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Committees:

Science Fair – Pam to get paperwork started for next year's fair at Swartz building (January 29-31, 2010). Laurie to contact Tom Ha about reimbursing him for soft drinks that he brought in on the Friday night of the Fair. Pam submitted revised rubrics for Junior and Intermediate/Senior divisions for our review. Linda, Laurie and Joan will review the Elementary rubric and report at the next meeting if changes are needed. If anyone has any suggestions for revisions to the Elementary rubric, please contact them. Discussion was initiated by Ed regarding some type of data analysis requirement (e.g. statistical analysis) in Fair projects. Concerns were raised by others that this type of analysis may not be part of the curriculum standard at the Elementary/Middle school levels. Laurie suggested printing off fewer copies (we will try 250 copies) of the Fair winners lists next year because we had too many leftover copies this year.

Fundraising – Per Ed, he should have all paperwork done by the end of May so that CASAC can acquire the non-profit charitable organization status. He will donate the necessary fees.

Banquet – Invitations for the Grand Champions and medal winners need to go out. Steve Lockhart did this last year as well as created the banquet program. Pam will check with Steve to see if he wants to coordinate the banquet and do the program for this year. Jill volunteered to send out the invitations. All of the names/addresses of the medal winners need to go to Jill by April 1st. Her e-mail address is jbrown@stpatrickschool.carlisle.pa.us. The price of the dinner is \$12 per person (CASAC members are to pay for their dinners). Ed will get a donation box for the banquet.

Ribbons, Trophies & Medals – Jill will send the names of the medal winners to Ed by mid-April so that he can order the necessary medals. Mike will send the list of Grand Champions to Ed so that he can order the trophy name plates. There was some discussion regarding science medals that was continued from the last meeting. Joan went over some catalog information for less expensive science fair medals for 4th and 5th grades (Science Fair catalog from the Jones School Supply Company, Inc.). We may be able to get "CASAC" printed on the medal ribbons instead of engraved on the medals.

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New Business: Pam will not be at the next CASAC meeting and asked Jill to preside. Pam will send her the agenda. Linda submitted the Elementary Judging "How to" notebook to Joan. Emily will take over the thank you notes duty next year from Linda.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm. **The next meeting will be held at Lamberton Middle School, Room 77, on Wednesday April 15, 2009 at 4 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa M. Rangel, Co-Secretary