



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. Those present were: Linda Stolz, Laurie Gray, Ralma Fry, Blanda Nace, Jane Musser, Ed Owens, Pam Foster, Wendie Bonham, and Abby Fitzpatrick. Blanda Nace called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

New Officers:

President	Blanda Nace
Vice-President	Pam Foster
Treasurer	Laurie Gray
Co-Secretaries	Rosa Rangel, Linda Stolz, and Abby Fitzpatrick

The minutes from the final meeting of the 2005-2006 year (May) were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Laurie Gray reported that the CASAC books had been audited by Bob, and they were fine. The balance as of September 20 was \$1,113.99. Those present approved the treasurer's report.

Committees:

Fund Raising/Donor Letters: Ed Owens. Ed has a current database of possible donors from the Chamber of Commerce. He will again take charge of the letters this year, and letters will be stuffed at one of the upcoming CASAC meetings (November?).

Publicity: Pam Pitman. Pam Foster has already spoken with Pam P., a new CASAC member, about handling publicity. Pam F. will speak with Pam P. again.

Website: Tom Ha will continue to maintain and update the website, at least for the 2006-2007 year.

Judging:

Elementary Judging Committee – Laurie G., Linda S., Abby F.
Senior Judging Committee – Chris Quimby, Ralma F.

Data: Tom Ha has volunteered to head up data preparation and entry for this year's Science Fair, with co-ordination from Steve. NOTE on data: On the night of Science Fair, remember to sort by school, then last name for the final pre-print sort.

Registration Forms and Posters: Steve will handle these again. They will be needed by the October meeting.

Logistics: Pam Foster / Fred. The banquet was discussed briefly, and Pam agreed to contact Fred about contacting Les Barrick to get started with banquet plans.

Scholarship: Ralma/Blanda. The scholarship deadline will be moved to March this year.

Trophies/Awards: Ed Owens. Ed explained that CASAC will need to buy a lot of medals this year. He asked that if any schools have extras floating around, they be returned to Myers for CASAC account credit.

May Banquet: Steve L./ Laurie G. / Wendie B.

50th Anniversary: Pam F./ Ed O. / Blanda N. / Fred Withum/ Leon Kaufmann (?)

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Fred has volunteered to head up a picture collection books that chronicles the history of CASAC Science Fairs. It was mentioned that the Historical Society has all the records of past CASAC events, and their records would be very helpful for that project.

We also discussed several possibilities for 50th year activities. Some of the ideas were:

- poster contest
- special speaker at banquet (adding interest ☺, but also expense ☹)
- Ad/press release to the effect of "Has CASAC impacted you?" Blanda will write a draft press release for the committee to review/approve.
- Former Science Fair winner interviews and/or speakers

NOTE on Committees: We need to have a folder/binder for each committee, from the committee head, that contains general information about the committee and its duties. This will allow new committee leaders/members to be more well-informed about able to do their jobs. If you are a committee head, please compile such a folder.

Old Business:

Linda S. shared a new Elementary judging rubric that a rubric committee designed for use this year. The new form will hopefully make judging more understandable and allow judges to be more specific in their evaluations. Wendie volunteered to re-type the rubric with a few changes that the committee discussed. She will also add a constructive comments section.

The committee discussed the need to return judging sheets through teachers, and NOT by leaving them with the projects at the fair for anyone to pick up and read or tamper with. Going through the teachers worked well last year, so we will do that again for the 2007 fair.

New Business: There was no new business that had not already been addressed during committee reviews.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 18, at 4:00pm at Lamberton Middle School.**

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Fitzpatrick, Co-Secretary