



Carlisle Area Science Advisory Committee

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

CASAC MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at Lamberton Middle School on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 4:08 p.m.

Members present – Emily McDevitt, Carlisle High School CASD; Greg Rudder, Grace Baptist (NEW REPRESENTATIVE); Tom Ha, AmeriChoice FCU; Amy Steffee, Wilson Middle School CASD; Laurie Gray, YBMS; Pam Foster Carlisle High School CASD; Fred Withum YBMS; Allison Thumma Wilson Middle School CASD; Mike Stefanic, Cumberland Geoscience; Debora Trozzo, Mooreland Elementary CASD; Ed Owens; Chantal Savage, McGowan CASD.

There was a hold on the approval of the October minutes, as we did not have a copy of these minutes at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – The current balance is \$860.55 as of October 31, 2008. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Science Fair Logistics – Mr. Withum announced that building and security for the 2009 Science Fair have been confirmed and ordered. Custodial staff at YBMS will pick up the needed tables. Set-up will begin at 12:00 p.m. Laurie will ask Steve Lockhart about the Judges' dinner details. It was noted that we have had approximately 120 judges in the past. There will be judges' training for all levels of competition. The Awards Ceremony will be at 2:00 on January 31, 2009. There was a brief discussion about changing the size of the science fair projects. It was decided to keep the size (width) the same as in the past.

Judging – All elementary judges' names, addresses and phone numbers should be sent to Linda Stoltz by the beginning of January. **There should be one judge for every 10 projects entered from each elementary school.** Pam will be sending a Master Schedule for proctoring during the fair. Mike Stefanic will inquire with Dickinson College regarding volunteers for setting-up/tearing down of the science fair.

Data – Many thanks to Tom Ha for paying for USB drives and rent for our security box. The USB drives contain much of the Data Committee's information. One was given to Michael and one saved in the safe deposit box and AmeriChoice. Tom is also willing to pick up rolls of paper from Alhstrom again.

Fundraising – Mary Lehman is the contact person for all Home-Schooled students. It was asked that a \$5 registration fee be assessed for each entrant. Ed has not heard back from the state regarding our non-profit status. Mike and Jean have set-up a donation tier for all donors attending the Awards Banquet in May by sending letters to small businesses. It was suggested the tier levels be at three levels; Bronze (\$200); Silver (\$300); and Gold (\$500+). It was noted that the total cost for the Science Fair, Banquet and Scholarship Fund is between \$5000-\$6000 annually.

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Old Business – Ed will contact Myers Award for trophies, medals and ribbons.

New Business – Ed has lined-up Dr. Christine Royce, Shippensburg University, to speak at the May CASAC Banquet in May 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m. **The next meeting will be held at Lamberton Middle School, Room 77, on Wednesday December 17, 2008 at 4 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debora Trozzo, CASAC