

**Cumberland PTA Meeting  
September 19, 2006**

President, Ruth Helfinstein, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Secretary, Lindsay Jacobson, presented the minutes. **She moved for approval & they were approved as written.**

Mrs. Ahuja gave the Principal's Report covering: Star Test results, wellness policy, issues around homework, traffic flow, & the district visit. She reviewed the procedures for resolving differences or getting clarification: 1) speak to your classroom teacher 2) speak to Mrs. Ahuja 3) if multiple people share the issue, we'll have a forum for discussion.

Mrs. Lemont gave the Teachers' Report including details on what each grade is currently studying. The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers say, "Thank you, Thank you," for the computers & projectors.

Laura Healy reported on the most recent School Board Meeting. She asked for volunteers to make sure a PTA representative attends each meeting. There are 2 per month.

Treasure, Sandy Spires, gave her report. As of August 31, 2006, we have 111,797.56 in the bank. All of that money is already earmarked for specific expenses. There was discussion of ways to distribute the financial information. Email & printed copies were discussed as options. Posting on the web was decided against. **A motion was made to accept the July report & ratify the expenses. The motion carried. A motion was made to accept the August report & ratify the expenses. The motion carried.**

Budget Chair, Cathy Hayes, gave the Budget Report reviewing the process & presented the 4 current requests. Two requests were covered by school funds. One request was identified as already covered by PTA funds. The remaining request was NTE \$500 for 3 Boomboxes, 1 Listening Center, and 2 DVD Players. **A motion was made to approve NTE \$300 to pay for the 3 Boomboxes & the Listening Center.** Historically the PTA has not paid for DVD players; they have been paid for through grade level & teacher grants. **A friendly amendment was made to increase the amount to NTE \$400 to allow for better quality Boomboxes & a complete Listening Center but to not cover the DVD player. The motion carried. A motion was made to pay the invoice just received for PE services approved last spring. The motion carried.**

Parliamentarian, Jeannette Krogstad, presented the Bylaws & called for a vote to approve the posted changes. **A motion was made & approved.**

The following committees gave reports:

- Walkathon: requested people to help with follow up phone calls for the auction.
- Auction: called for donations (parties, gift baskets)
- PTA Membership: so far 270 members! Members get a discount card for Legoland
- eScrip: please sign up at the eScrip website

Announcements were made. Open positions: Box Tops coordinator, Chinese New Year Parade, Technology.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Jacobson, recording secretary

minutes approved