

**Cathcart Parents Organization
General Meeting Agenda
October 3, 2012**

Attendees: Amy Banken, Tina Seery, Mindi Gardner, Kim Carter, Patti Paul, Diane Francis, Sarah Ricci, Casey Bowers, Jennifer Bronson, Barbara Wagner, Mary Mellis, Jessi Brothers, Dani Graves, Sara Strommer, Jason, Plessas, Dawn Ipsen, Melinda Tutt and Sandy Ropka

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm

- **Introductions and Welcome**
- **Secretary's Report – Shellene Cano**
 - None
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- **Treasurer's Report – Sandy Ropka**
 - Current Bank Balance as of 9/28/2012
 - **Checking – 6,458.54**
 - **Savings – 10,491.86**
- **Presidents' Report – Melinda Tutt**
 - Approve By-laws - APPROVED with one noted change to Article VII Section 2 to add additional sentence to read "These are defined as the voting members".
 - Re-word Standing Rules General Section #4 - take notes for proposed changes and bring back revised wording to the Nov 7th General Meeting.
 - Suggested thoughts – CPO members share the ability to voice concerns regarding staff and administration; in the context of using this ability to pool efforts and knowledge in an effect to provide guidance for resources to address the proper Snohomish Administrative Channels.
 - Approve 2012-13 Budget - APPROVED
 - 1st: Janelle 2nd: Patti
 - Unicycle Club Update – Kim Carter and Patti Paul
 - Last year they had 24 members
 - Notice in next cougar tracks there will be 2 Workshops for beginners will be held in November
 - All participants will start in January on Fridays after school.
- 1st VP Fundraising Report – Mindi Gardner
 - Fall Fundraiser is underway. Trying new options this year with Elliott Bay. Orders due October 19.
 - Also doing restaurant night at Collector's Choice Restaurant on 10/18. We receive 10% of all proceeds.
 - It was suggested from the parents to put out a save the date so they know when the upcoming fundraisers are rolling around.
- 2nd VP Family Events – Janelle Tremaine
 - Dance Night is October 12
 - Admission is Free; DJ present; food donations welcome (Thanksgiving type non-perishable foods)
 - Bob's Corn Event – Make it an annual event
 - In future years make a competition with the food drive.
- Community Liaison – Dawn Ipsen
 - Super huge thank you to the Ricci Family for letting us use their maze.
 - Family Fun Night Event @ Bob's Corn – 478 people attended this event. Over 1,000 lbs of food was donated to the food bank. \$229 dollars was donated in cash for the food bank.



- This year foods drives will be coordinated with school events when families are attending.
- Hospitality – Mary Mellis
 - Talked about needing volunteers for the potlucks for the teachers.
 - Let Mary and Christy know about major life events for staff that we need to acknowledgement
- Volunteer Coordinator – Amy Banken
 - Have put sign ups out for School Pictures, Hearing Screening and the Dance.
 - Will start working on the Book Fair.
- Principal's Report – Casey Bowers
 - Conference Week will look different for everyone this year. 2 Evenings (Tuesday and Wednesday) will be offered and all day Thursday.
 - MSP Scores were sent home last week. Reminder that if you look at scores in the newspaper, 118 students refused to take MSP last year. It is not a true representative of what the schools scores are. Those students are still included in the ratio which brought the ratio down.
 - Federal Law has been updated on what resources will be given to your school/district regarding benchmark testing.
- New Business – Open Forum
 - What is being done about bullying?
 - Dawn Ipsen met with Scott Peacock today. If families feel like the school is not meeting their needs, Sylvia and Scott are always available to parents.
 - Bring any ideas or thoughts of ideas on how to resolve bullying that you might have heard or seen in other places.
 - Parents like the idea of having a regular open forum to discuss issues and ideas.
- Looking Ahead – November 7th
 - Guest Speaker; Autumn Waite – Sno County Fire District 7 – Emergency Preparation

