

PTA General Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m.

President's Notes

Kelly Gronli

- Childcare in gym, \$1 donation recommended
- Introduces the PTA Board
- Reads the Oregon PTA Mission
- Suggests syncing personal calendar with the school's calendar
- Points out documents available on the table: minutes, standing rules, treasurer's reports.

Approval of Minutes

Erica Curtis

The minutes from the last PTA meeting, May 15, 2018, have been made available. No discussion or corrections. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Harvest Carnival, Seminar #1

Jim Krill

Seminar:

Next Monday. Will be facilitating with Rosie Lingo, Media Specialist and TechSmart Coach. Resources about internet safety, talking to kids about being social online. A lot of discussion, some info to share. Seminar will be part of a series, a new event from the PTA. There will be childcare. 6-7:30 p.m., cafeteria.

Harvest Carnival:

End of October. Starting to plan. Page on woodstock-pta.org, under "Events & Fundraisers". Volunteer signup is available there. Subject to change. Last year there approximately 120 30-minute positions to fill.

Sustainability Committee Report

Natalie De Ieso

The committee is currently two parents, some teachers, Principal Johnson. Trying to grow the group. Some past accomplishments: Planting trees. Maintaining garden beds (moved to the back of the school): would like to expand that. Electronics drive two years in a row. End of the year classroom cleanup to repurpose school supplies. There is a signup sheet if you'd like to be a part of the group or to receive information.

Principal's Report

Seth Johnson

- Welcome. Thank you to the PTA. If you're here as a guest, please consider becoming a member.

- School year off to a fantastic start. 14 new staff members this year. Teachers, EAs, para educators.
- Literacy Adoption: focusing on writing. Some teachers have experience with this curriculum, some are new to it. Interesting to see how the literacy adoption fits into Neighborhood and MIP classrooms.
- TechSmart Grant: students are starting to get to work with the technology. Not just putting kids in front of a screen, it's using tools to improve literacy. Two-year grant, working hard on getting teachers trained on technology.
- Streamlining Communication: working on making communication to parents more efficient, working with PTA and Shu Ren.

Financial Report

Stephanie Krasnow

Treasurer's Report:

July 1 through September 10, 2018.

Items of note:

- Amazon Smile income: \$61
- Income from Previous Year: \$430, includes reimbursement from yearbooks, an employer match from No Stuff
- Ice Cream Social expense: \$150
- PTA Membership dues: \$196, money from 56 memberships
- Transfer last account from Wells Fargo to Advantis checking: \$3,049 transferred.
- Bank Account Balances: \$19,520 (as of yesterday, 9/10/18)

Stephanie lists the people authorized as signers on the PTA accounts:

Stephanie Krasnow, Treasurer

Ashley Treadwell, Assistant Treasurer

Kelly Gronli, President

Working on also adding Michael Ortolano, Vice President

Budget Report:

End of last year we approved a preliminary budget. Now we need to approve a final budget to allow spending for the 2018 fiscal year

Items of Note:

- \$18,445 carried over from last year
- Restricted Funds: money that is earmarked for specific projects voted on by the membership.
- Fundraisers: projected income from fundraisers based on last year's numbers.
- Curriculum / Learning Enrichment
- Grade level field trips, \$360 per teachers
- Movie nights are a new item on budget: \$1000 projected income

- Classroom resources: increased to \$180 per teacher
- Recess equipment: \$30 per teacher
- Special \$150 per teacher
- PE: allocated \$1125
- Scholarships for extracurricular: \$2100, 28 \$75 scholarships
- Student leadership and safety patrol: \$250 new item this year
- Walk/Bike/Roll to school month: \$100 new line item this year

Budget Totals:

\$40,205 income

\$44,116 expense

\$3,911 net loss

\$14,533 total at the end of the year

Mr. Hunter asks if PTA can explain how teachers can access funds available to them
Stephanie agrees she will do this, maybe at an upcoming staff meeting

Caroline Schwiebert moves to approve the 2018 Budget.

Sherry Hanrahan seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Stephanie Krasnow makes a motion to move \$2200 from Scrip account to general account.

Ehren Schwiebert seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

No Stuff Fundraiser

Stephanie Krasnow

Been our most successful fundraiser. We don't ask you or your student to sell anything, we just ask for a monetary donation. About \$10,000 raised last year. Begins September 21, runs for three weeks or until we reach our goal.

Will have a link, you will see a backpack flier. Many employers will match.

Give what makes sense for your family. All money goes directly to the PTA.

Dine-Outs Update

Michael Ortolano

- We do dine outs throughout the year, partner with a local restaurant. They give us a percentage of the day's sale.
- Dough for Dollars, with Pizzicato: November 13
- If anyone has suggestions on restaurants, give them to Michael

Membership Update

Ehren Schwiebert

- 135 Members as of tonight, goal is 185-200.
- Would like to engage more teachers. They are stakeholders in what we do.
- Sign up online, or fill out the form and leave it in the office.

Movie Night/Apple Festival

Ehren Schwiebert

- First movie night is September 28, cafeteria
- Directly after the Shu Ren Apple Festival, will be screening Mulan
- \$500/year for movie license. If anyone has a suggestion, please let us know. Trying to do the movie nights once a month this year.
- Make money from bake sale, admission is free.

Amend Standing Rules

Kelly Gronli

- Update the calendar year from 2017-2018 to 2018-2019
- Raise membership from \$13 to \$15.
- Change “Social Media Coordinator” to “Communications Coordinator”

Dan Kelly makes a motion to approve the amended standing rules.

Stephanie Krasnow seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Volunteer Needs/Room Reps

Michelle Jasso

- Hands out Volunteer Survey.
- So many ways to help out: events like the Harvest Carnival, baking for bake sales, translating documents.
- One of the biggest needs we have is to have a parent for each classroom to help communicate information to parents from teachers, Shu Ren, PTA, Foundation.
- We are hoping to have all that info from the Surveys processed soon and you may be hearing from committee chairs soon.

Seminars

Kelly Gronli

- September: Internet Safety, Jim Krill and Rosie Lingo
- October: Ponny Kosmas, Anti-Bullying and Discipline
- November: Earthquake and Emergency Preparedness
- January: Equity and Diversity
- This is a new event, will have childcare.

Also: Remember AmazonSmile and your Fred Meyer Reward Card.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 p.m.