

PTA Meeting Minutes 10-17-2017 6pm in the Library

Attendance

Marisa McLaughlin, Natalie Willes, Anna Short, Jennifer Mills-Perov, Tonka Formigle, Jill Kulas, Matthew Schobert, Camden Schobert, Naira Perez

6:25 pm - Previous meeting minutes are approved

6:25 pm - Volunteer Needs update

Staff Hospitality - Julie Kafouri asked for a detailed description

New Family Outreach - Andi needs a partner

Book Fair - We have Suzanne, need another person.

Ad Sales - probably going to be Katherine Jeffcoat, but also with help from Marisa and Tonka as backup. Need 1 additional person now and 2 for next year. This role does ad sales for ALL the big events, often bundled. HUGE IMPACT ROLE.

Grounds Beautification - Amanda Van Hook

Greenspace -

Late Opening - Previously we've organized special classes to happen during late start days. PTA has not been sure if these late starts are going to continue. It's called "Saturday Academy" even though it happens on Wednesdays. We do charge for this but, historically, not enough to pay for the program, so it's a net loss. Idea: can we secure the auditorium and charge for children to be dropped off at normal time?

Science Fair - Happens in late spring. Waiting to hear back. Jen M-P will shadow for this year.

Buckaroo 2018 - One person is signed up. Need a chair and committee members.

Escrip - Have 2 people signed up. Kerstin Husbands and Serah (?)

6:42 pm - Community Service Updates

<Community Service Handout>

Children's Book Bank - Kindergarten class focus. Can get kids involved sorting books. The Book Bank does want foreign language books as well, but they do not take religious books or discarded library books.

Project lemonade - 1st grade. Already happened in August or September. This is a clothing arena where foster children can pick up clothes before they go back to school. They get clothes from lost and found.

Alder/Hayhurst school district - 2nd grade. Alder also has an immersion program and is a Dreamer school, part of the I Have a Dream foundation. Hayhurst has a Friday Food Bag initiative at their school. Every Friday kids can take home a bag of groceries to make it through the weekend. It came to our attention that some Ainsworth families might benefit from this as well. So now some Ainsworth families are participating and we are volunteering there, too.

Alder school district - Ainsworth 3r grade class learns about Portland. This supports a learning exchange so that the 3rd graders in both classes can compare what they're learning about Portland. Also, the additional school supplies from Ainsworth (because we always end up with extra) are donated to Alder.

Friends of Seasonal Workers Toy and Food Drive - 4th grade. Holiday season drive.

PTA Clothing Center - 5th grade. We have 1 clothing center that serves all of PPS. Clothes from Lost & Found are sent there once every 2 or 3 months. Our school volunteers there once a year and participates in the underwear/sock/hat fundraising (because those items are bought new).

This year we are trying to get the interns involved as well. Get them to lead and motivate the kids and parents.

Idea: On the descriptions for these volunteer opportunities note whether or not they can be done from home or after hours.

Could reorganize these long descriptions into a spreadsheet. Might make it easier to read, easier for people to figure out where they'd want to volunteer.

7:01 pm - Ainsworth PTA Standing Rules

<PTA Standing Rules Handouts #1 and #2>

These are additional rules governing our PTA that are above and beyond the rules from the Oregon PTA.

Changes:

1. Upping the annual dues to \$10 to cover CC fees
2. Specify the exact # of people in the quorum. ***Change this to be a quorum of 6 including at least 3 voting members and 3 board members.
3. Putting a little more flexibility in the fall meeting date.
4. Meet less often in the second semester.
5. Removed president-elect and asst treasurer as required positions since we don't have these positions.
6. Removed Staff Hospitality from being required to attend board meetings.
7. *** Edit this to only require 2 signatures on checks over \$500*** Otherwise, it would be crippling. Since we do reimbursement through online banking, there is no workflow that allows for 2 signatures/approvals on each check.
8. Reduce the amount of expenditures that can be authorized by the executive committee without a vote. Was \$5k, now \$2500.

New standing rules are APPROVED with revisions as noted.

7:17 pm - Revenue update

Garden Tour - We did finally get an additional check from Zupan's for \$1600!

Buckaroo - We made \$6k in pre-sales. But cash the day of was insane, \$11k. Total of \$17k in wristbands, plus \$650 extra for cake walk. GREAT TURNOUT!

Expenses were about \$3500 (less than usual because the bouncy houses were "free" this year. Free because due to an accounting snafu, we paid for them twice last year).

7:23 pm - Family Dance is on Friday

It's glow themed. It is not advertised at the school because it's technically a Foundation party. Also, there is concern about advertising it if it's going to sell out.

In the future we want to suggest that this become a PTA Fundraiser, not a Red Ball party. Drop the price a bit to make it more accessible.

7:28pm - Other Updates

Thinker Toys is doing an event. They will donate 15% of sales to Ainsworth first Thursday and Friday of November if you mention "Ainsworth". ***Need to mention this in New & Notes...***

7:29 pm - Reader Board

Is Simone leading this up? There is some urgency on getting this started.