

Ainsworth PTA Meeting Minutes- 01/15/2019

Notes taken by Gretchen Richter

Attendees (9): Natalie Wiles, Vince DiGiano, Andi Mukul, Anna Short, Andrew Johnson, Angela Bustamante-Jenkins, Lynn Brown, Heather Kocks, Gretchen Richter

- 1:00 pm - Meeting minutes
 - Not enough present to approve. Will revisit at February meeting.
 - Meetings will now be the third Tues of every month. Next meeting is 2/19

- 1:05 pm - Book fair
 - This year, Ainsworth collected payment in both cash and scholastic funds (vs 100% scholastic funds) due to limitations of purchase options through Scholastic (esp for Spanish).
 - PTA currently has \$3900 in cash and \$1500 scholastic funds to disburse. Likely will distribute evenly to every staff member.
 - *Vince and Natalie will work with Kristen Cathcard, Principal Johnson and VP Bustamante-Jenkins to determine distribution scheme. Likely will be distributed evenly amongst staff.*
 - Next book fair will run 1 week, May 6-10 and be located in library.

- 1:30 pm - Changing costs of grounds maintenance (Anna)
 - Current grounds maintenance company misquoted their costs, but honored the pricing for this year only.
 - Current budget for ground maintenance: \$1500 for annual maintenance
 - *Natalie will coordinate with current grounds company and school administration to see what type of leaf clean up can be covered for this budget next year and to set up community clean up days accordingly.*

- 1:40 pm - Holiday Home Tour update (Lynn Brown and Heather Kocks)
 - *Heather will follow up to collect any outstanding bills by the end of January communicating needed info to Vince.*
 - Financially, the home tour was a very successful this year with preliminary (gross) revenue numbers showing a significant increase over past years. Final numbers should be available by February.
 - Organizationally, there was a time crunch at the launch of the event making the atmosphere stressful.
 - Since this is our biggest fundraiser for the PTA, the board should take a more collaborative approach to future home tours. One possibility

includes sending a representative be present at the Home Tour team launch and subsequent meetings to report back on progress and any needs to the PTA.

- There are currently 2 homes already booked for next year. Lynn hopes to have the team launch their meetings in Aug of 2019 to allow for adequate planning.

- 1:55 pm - Discussion on open board positions
 - President - There is an individual who has expressed interest. *Natalie to follow up to ensure they want to move forward before making public announcement.*
 - Co- or Vice President - Gretchen Richter
 - Secretary - open
 - Volunteer Coordinator - open
 - Staff Hospitality Co-Coordinator - open
 - Communications Chair - open
 - Committee Chairs: Several open, but this is the time of year we start to focus on filling positions

- Jennifer Rollings FSSW email update:

“We pulled off a decent showing for FSSW in the end -- we got a super donation of grocery gift cards that didn't get used for Red Ball, Lynn Brown showed up at the event with a craft extravaganza and put together an amazing evening for the kids in attendance, and we had a great team of folks sign up to box and distribute food. We're already working on improving things next for next year: we'll definitely get started earlier, and we've already identified a staff member to spearhead the drive on the school side, which we lacked this year. Lesson learned. It will be much improved next year.”

- SWHRL Meeting: Andrew will go to meeting tomorrow night to represent Ainsworth during transportation discussion. He also agreed to police Spring Street at morning drop off and remind parents not to drop off on Spring.

“I'm wanted to make sure that you all knew about the SWHRL (Southwest Hills Residential League) Transportation meeting on Wednesday, January 16th. It will be in the Ainsworth auditorium from 6:30-8:30. I hope you all can make it.

We have guest speakers from the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), from Multnomah County, and also ODOT. After the guest speakers, I will give a summary of where we stand with Ainsworth safety, and also the 51 bus.

Of particular interest to you will be Nick Falbo, from PBOT. He was the city person running the SWIM (Southwest in Motion) process; one of the projects identified by that group is improvements to the intersection of Greenway/Patton/Talbot, as well as other pedestrian projects in the area.

Yesterday I requested a speed bump on Vista, uphill from the annex crosswalk. I also think Montgomery needs a few speed bumps to discourage cut-throughs from Patton--I want to get moving on that. I know Elisa and Aimee live on Montgomery, does any one else on this list?"