

Ainsworth Elementary PTA
Regular General Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022 | Zoom | 6:00p - 7:00p

Call to Order – 6:10p

Attendees – Quorum

Executive Board Members:

Jennifer Rollins, President

Andrea (“Andi”) Mukul, Treasurer

Stacy Day, Secretary

Committee Members and School Representatives:

Jessica Kirkland, Community Outreach Coordinator

Gaby Ordonez, Hispanic Heritage Coordinator & Duelo Committee Member

Vera Live, Green Team Committee Member

Kathleen Joffer, Volunteer Coordinator

Angela Jenkins, Ainsworth Assistant Principal & Parent

David Horowitz, Parent

Lisa Kakishita, Parent

Welcome and Introduction – Jennifer Rollins / Andi Mukul

Approve Meeting Minutes

1. 1/14/2022 & 1/27/2022 Ainsworth PTA Regular Meeting minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Budget Discussion

1. Bond Purchases - Jennifer Rollins
 - a. Discussion to investigate investing PTA funds in a Federal “Series I Savings Bond”:
 - i. Invest the maximum \$10,000 / year with 7.12% return (bonds are notoriously safe and conservative way to invest).
 - ii. Can’t withdraw funds for at least a year but there should be no need for us to.
 - iii. We have a current operating budget of about \$20,000 / year with a balance around \$60,000 which means we have 2-3 years of comfortable operating funds even if we invest the maximum and even if we didn’t have another fundraiser.
 - iv. If funds are invested for 5 years, you get 7.12% return for each year. If you take it out prior to 5 years, you forfeit the interest from the previous 3 months.

- v. Investing is permitted by our bylaws and, in fact, we are bound to be fiscally responsible and accountable for the organization's funds and in some respects it's fiscally irresponsible to have it sitting in an account accruing nothing.
- vi. Set up an account with the Federal Government and purchase directly.
- vii. **ACTION ITEM** – Andi to connect with Ainsworth PTA Accountant to review pros/cons and bring back to the Board for a vote at the next Regular Meeting.

Community Outreach Update – Jessica Kirkland

- a) Bus shortages / carpool coverage
 - i) Bus 201 is returning!
 - ii) “The Vera” (the one on S Waterfront) is covered by 2 routes beginning Tuesday, February 1. Suggest kids take Route 13 in the morning & 201 in afternoon. Which leaves 2 kids not covered.
 - iii) Jessica took names down for additional “ad hoc” back up drivers who are willing to be a bandaid when there are continued shortages.
 - b) Clothing Closet
 - i) Is now located at Ainsworth off the back field in a hidden PE area.
 - ii) Space isn’t utilized on Mondays & Fridays which would be the best days to access.
 - iii) Would like to purchase about (50) storage bins to store clothes, etc.
 - Vera suggested maybe we consider having a “donation drive” for upcycled bins with the *specific dimensions noted*. Stacy volunteered that she can usually get a trade discount for any that need purchased.
 - (40 qty) 18” W x 22” D x 10” H & (10 qty) 18” W x 16” H x 24” D (slightly smaller is ok ... but not a ton smaller or any bigger)
- ACTION ITEM** – Jessica will send out communication to include in a Notes from the Nest to call for donations

Committee Updates – Jessica Kirkland

- a) Green Committee - Vera Live
 - i) EcoSchools network is opening up a free Zoom training on how to be more aware about ecological issues. Encourage participants + spreading the word.

Events – Andi Mukul

- a) Mindfulness Night – CANCELED
- b) OBOB - February 8-10
- c) Pancake Breakfast
 - i) February 12 or 26? Tie together with OBOB?

ACTION ITEM – Confirm if this is taking place, coordinate volunteers and supplies (griddles, etc) we will continue to work on details and create a lead and team for the event.
- d) Spirit Week – March 14-18th

- e) STEM Science Fair – April 16
 - i) **ACTION ITEM** – Angie needs an updated link to be able to send out info in News from the Nest.

- f) Earth Day – April 22
 - i) Spearheaded by the Green Team Committee
 - ii) Possibly combine with Dia del Nino?
 - 1) Celebrated between April 30 - mid June in countries all over the world.

- g) Talent Show – April 27/28
 - i) May need to move possible the week before 25/26th

- h) Teacher Appreciation & Book Fair Week – May 2-6

- i) Duelo – May 12
 - i) Gaby Ordonez spoke about getting assistance to get the word out on the event.
 - ii) Registration deadline end of February - date?

- j) Fun Run – May 23
 - i) Date is tentative
 - ii) Was set to be last week of April but conflicts with Foundation

- k) World Fair – May 27
 - i) Andrea M meeting up with Foundation to see how to participate/collaborate.

- l) Field Day – June 2-3

- m) 5th Grade Kickball – June 10 (or whatever the last day of school is if there are snow day considerations)

- n) Booster Thon – May 23-June 3

Next meeting

Friday, February 11 from 1-2p - Zoom
[Meeting Code: 84472389229](#)
Passcode: 415806 (if needed)

Adjourn – 7:19p