

Ainsworth Elementary PTA  
Regular General Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2022 | Ainsworth Elementary + Zoom | 6:00p - 7:30p

Call to Order – 6:11p

Attendees – Quorum

Executive Board Members:

Andrea (“Andi”) Mukul, Treasurer  
Stacy Day, Secretary

Committee Members and Ainsworth Representatives:

Jessica Kirkland, Community Outreach Coordinator  
Andrea Tomlin, Communications/Room Parent Coordinator  
Gaby Ordoñez, Duelo Committee Member & Hispanic Heritage Coordinator  
Kathleen Joffer, Volunteer Coordinator  
Vera Klebleeva, Green Team  
Kristen Hoobler Morgan, Green Team  
Pam Stekly, Green Team  
Sarah Gault, Clothing Closet  
Angela Jenkins, Ainsworth Assistant Principal & Parent  
Simone Goldfeder, STEAM Committee

Parents of Ainsworth Students:

Adriana Garcia  
Sandra Lau  
Lisa Kakishita  
Saron Sufuentes  
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Welcome and Introduction – Andi Mukul, Treasurer

## Meeting Minutes

1. MOTION by Jessica Kirkland and seconded by Kathleen Joeffer to approve the March 10, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes.

## Budget Discussion

1. March Budget Report

Beginning Balance: \$70,173.50

Ending Balance: \$70,015.16

Revenue - \$880.36

- Yearbook: \$540
- Amazon Smile: \$23.69
- Gear: \$227.76
- DirectorySpot: \$40
- Membership: \$48.91
- Donations: \$0
- Kroger Rewards: \$

Expenditures: \$1,038.70

- Hispanic Heritage Night: \$575.84
- Teacher Grants: \$141.77
- PTA Checking Checks: \$143.60
- Counselor Grant: \$177.49

2. MOTION by Jessica Kirkland and seconded by Stacy Day for a budget adjustment to redirect Community Service & Outreach funds of \$2,000 set aside from the Outreach program used for the food backpack program and redirecting to the [Meals on Wheels Meals 4 Kids](#) program instead. This does not increase the expenditure but is redirecting funds already set aside to a different organization for greater impact within our community.
3. MOTION by Vera Klebleeva and seconded by Pam Stekly to allocate \$325 rental fee plus \$125 sign up fee for a bounce house at Dia de la Niñez / Children's Day on April 22nd. These funds will come from the Buckaroo funds and administration to pay for something in return.
  - a. Stacy Day inquired about whether this puts PTA in a position of injury liability but it was confirmed we have insurance coverage for this.
4. MOTION by Kristen Hoobler Morgan and seconded by Vera Klebleeva to approve a budget amendment to create an ongoing committee and yearly budget of \$1,500 to help plan, support and fund 5th Grade Promotion events.
  - a. Funds would support the costs of classroom lunches, memory book printing costs and flowers, etc.
  - b. As described by Andi Mukul, this is currently organized on a class by class basis organized by individual Room Parents and/or other parent volunteers which leads to inequity of experience among 5th graders.

- c. Leadership, organization and funding by PTA would help promote equity and inclusion across all 5th grade classrooms.
5. Expenditure requests:
- a. Request by Gaby Ordoñez for approximately \$400 for Hispanic Heritage Committee snacks for Dia de la Niñas.
  - b. Request by Jessica Kirkland for approximately \$200 for Clothing Closet bins.

### Open Forum – What Do You Want Your PTA To Be?

The pandemic has provided an opportunity to start anew – reimagining and creating what we want for the PTA and our Ainsworth community. PTA Executive Board, Committee Members, Volunteers and Parents have come together in the last couple of months with the goal of setting priorities for the 2022-2023 school year, increasing inclusion, involvement and refreshed programming. These were the identified key focus areas with opportunities identified within each:

- Inclusion
- Community Service & Outreach
- Communication
- Events
- Budget
- Get Connected to Ainsworth

#### 1. Feedback

Jessica Kirkland presented some information to answer some of the questions or bring clarity to areas that are not within Ainsworth PTA's scope of impact. feedback from the community meetings to alnclusion

- a. Inclusion
  - i. Room Parents were vital and need to be reinforcing our values as representatives of Ainsworth PTA
    - Any behavior that is in contrast to these values will be addressed if brought forward to Ainsworth PTA leadership.
  - ii. Translation services – verbal and written communication
    - PTA has already taken steps to address this and has budgeted for a translator at all PTA meetings (unfortunately they were no-show this evening)
    - PTA will make every concerted effort to ensure that all written communication from PTA is in both English and Spanish and will also explore the possibility of Mandarin.
    - While recognized as important, a Spanish speaking counselor is not something that PTA controls but is on the priority list of Ainsworth administration.
- b. Community Service & Outreach
  - i. Seems like a really big role that should be split in two. Yes and historically, it has been but no one was available so Jessica Kirkland stepped up to assume leadership of both.
- c. Communication
  - i. Reiteration of translation services.
  - ii. Can and will increase sharing more of what PTA does and accomplishes to support our school.
- d. Budget
  - i. We can't give money directly to a family. But we use funds for Clothing Closet, etc. to help in

indirect ways.

- ii. What's a normal or healthy budget for other PTA's? About \$20,000. We are higher than the average but also because we haven't been having events because of Covid and haven't had many fundraisers.

## 2. Get Connected to Ainsworth

- a. PTA is not in charge of curriculum. It doesn't mean we can't advocate or assist in other ways when we feel the curriculum does not reflect the needs of our students.
- b. PTA has a byline in budget parameters for multicultural books/materials and we currently help supplement some of those needs at Ainsworth.

## Elections

1. PTA leadership needs the names of those interested in filling this and next year's open positions by May 1 so we can hold a vote at the next meeting in May.
  - a. No one has officially announced an interest in filling these vacancies which are vital to the PTA continuing to exist or risk losing all the events and additional support for our school community.
  - b. See attached list of current open positions – "Exhibit D" from March 10 meeting.
  - c. See attached list of positions that we know already will be open for 2022-2023 – "Exhibit E" from March 10 meeting.

## Committees

1. Clothing Closet
  - a. Clothing Closet is moving to Ainsworth on Friday, April 22!
  - b. Only (6) bins were donated and approximately 30 are needed.
  - d. Spring & summer clothing donations needed soon!
  - e. PTA Oregon Clothing Center needs donations and volunteers!
    - i. Monday or Thursday 9:30am -1:30pm in May at the Oregon PTA Clothing Center.
    - ii. Donations can be dropped off at the Marshall (Benson) Campus any Monday - Friday from about 8am-4pm. Many times the main doors are open later if there is an event. On Friday it is promptly at 4pm. Washed donations can also be PONYed over to the PTA Clothing Center @ Marshall (Benson HS) Campus.

## Events

1. STEAM Fair – Saturday, April 16 from 9a - 11p
  - a. Have 10-12 volunteers but need more like 20 (especially if Spanish speaking)!
  - b. Show up at 8:30.
  - c. 55 projects with 65 kids!
2. Culture Meets Nature – Thursday, April 21 from 2:15p - 3:50p
  - a. Help clean up/beautify the Green Space – as a family!
  - b. Roll up your sleeves + bring gloves!
  - c. Stuff swap! Bring a stuffy your child no longer wants + leave with a new one!
  - d. Live Music!

3. Fun Run

- a. T-Shirt design entries were voted on.
- b. Votes will be counted and a winner announced in the next week with t-shirts to be printed.

Next Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting - Thursday, May 19th from 6-7:30pm at Ainsworth and Zoom

Adjourn – 7:29p