

Discovery Elementary School PTSA 2.6.9
General Membership Minutes
May 13, 2014
Unapproved

In Attendance

Attendance sheet is on file as an attachment to May 13th's General Membership minutes in the PTSA General Meeting Agenda and Minutes 2013-2014 binder.

Quorum was present.

Location: Discovery Elementary Library

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Lynne Hickman at 7:01pm.

Review of Minutes

Reviewed and approved the minutes from March 18, 2014 General Membership meetings and recorded as presented.

Reports

President's Report - Lynne Hickman

- PTA convention in Bellevue was wonderful and highly represented by Discovery's PTSA Board Members.
- We had 3 finalists for Reflections go to state and one go to Nationals.

Vice President's Report - Caarin Hilliker

- We are looking at changing the structure of the PTSA membership to include a family 4 pack which will add the children to the membership roster.

Secretary's Report - Sarah Manningsmith

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report - Ruth Chin & Dee Camp

- Monthly Report April is in and everything is looking good. The income from the Brown Bear Car Wash sales is incoming and final payments for the Yearbook is going out.
- The Budget Committee met to make the proposed working budget for the upcoming 2014/2015 School Year.
 - Questions were raised as to how line items would be added to the budget for possible new groups and activities.

VP of Programs - Mari Stevens

- The Art Show is scheduled for May 21st with excellent Committee Chairs.
- Field Day planning is underway and will be looking for volunteers during the day.

VP of Volunteers - Jenn Rankin

- Nothing to report.

VP of Communications - Stephanie Raines

- Nothing to report.

VP of Fundraising - Erin Sebo

- Brown Bear Car Wash Sales went well. We have approximately 50 left and they will be available for sale during the Art Show.
- The Amazon Link is very close to being finalized. This will send 8% of the sales to the PTSA funds.

Principal's Report - Tera Coyle

- McTeacher's Night is May 28th from 5-8pm

Teacher Representative – Kim Hand

- The Staff wanted thank the PTSA for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week that was run very well and happily received without causing too much of a distraction to the classroom time.
- We will begin a new testing program next year – Smarter Balance. This is a national testing program that is part of Common Core. Whenever there is a change, there is usually a dip in scores, so the student body and parents should be prepared. Sample questions are available online at SmarterBalance.org.
 - Mari Stevens noted that because the testing is online, getting kids ready with keyboard skills would be very helpful.
 - Shana Jukes commented that Common Core also has an Iphone/Ipad app that outlines the basics of Common Core and sample work projects.
- Kim is going through her National Board Certification and for a Sociology program, she talked with her class about Tent City 4 in Sammamish and how people on both sides might feel. The Fifth Grade Class worked to serve a meal to Tent City and gather supplies.

Current Business

- The 5th Grade Party and Promotion is June 13th and 16th. Typically the 4th Grade parents serve treats at the Promotion.
- School Supplies Flyers are going out in the next few days. We are using the same company - EPI – ordering is available online for home delivery. It was noted that parents should contact the PTSA if they don't receive something in the box.
- The 2013/2014 Survey will be out before the end of May. There are 6 questions seeking information from parents about how the PTSA is doing. This helps the Board plan events and programs.
- The Proposed Budget was presented for approval. Motion to accept the proposed budget as presented by Caarin Hilliker and seconded by Jenn Rankin. Unanimously approved.
 - Additional grant requests and reimbursement forms are due May 23rd. Because there are no upcoming General Meetings to approve higher spending, requests must be under \$500.
- A working Calendar for the 2014/2015 was proposed by Mari Stevens and seconded by Shana Jukes. Unanimously approved.
 - New events include a Welcome Back BBQ.
 - The incoming Board and VP of Programs are considering an outside company to run the fundraising events of Spirit Week and Walk-A-Thon.

- A request was made to make sure that Class Picture Day doesn't conflict with Take Your Kids to Work Day.
- Questions were raised about the possibility of making the Talent Show every year but it would need a Chair. Also the Spelling Bee is scheduled on the Calendar, but will need a Chair.
- The election of new Board Members
 - President – Mari Stevens
 - Vice President – Lynne Hickman
 - Treasurer Payables – Shana Jukes
 - Treasurer Receivables – Cary Wade
 - Secretary – Sarah Manningsmith
 - Co-VP of Programs – Holly Smith & Melissa Jewell
 - VP of Volunteers – Jenn Rankin
 - VP of Communications – Jennifer Rose
 - VP of Fundraising – Erin Sebo
 - The motion to add Cary Wade the Treasurer for Accounts Receivables and Jennifer Rose for VP of Communications to the Board was made by Melissa Jewel and seconded by Carin Hilliker. They were unanimously approved.
 - Everyone else was voted in during the March 18th General Meeting.
- Lynne introduced the petition for Initiative 1351 seeking to reduce class size or provide funding for extra support staff where extra classes can't be added.

New Business

- **PTSA Calendar reviewed –**
 - Art Show and Auction Wednesday, May 21st from 6:00 to 7:30pm at Discovery
 - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Friday, June 6th from 11:30 to 12:30pm in the School Library
 - Field Day June 13th during the school day – NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!
 - Also during June 13th Field Day the 3rd and 4th grade classes will be switching and could use volunteers to help ease the process.
 - Next PTSA Meeting Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00pm at Discovery

Meeting adjourned 8:04pm