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**PTA Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 11, 2023 6:00pm**

1. Welcome! – Called to Order at 6:01pm
2. Secretary’s Report:
   1. Corrections for November minutes? (Minutes are posted on the PTA bulletin board and on our website for review.)
      1. Rachel moved to approve the minutes, Meghan seconded, and the motion was passed.
3. Presidents’ Report
   1. Treasurer Vote – Ben provided context for the reason for a t
      1. Chris Clem moved to nominate Pete Helseth as the Treasurer for the remainder of the school year, Heidi Olmstead seconded, and the motion was passed.
   2. Creation of a nominating committee for next year’s Vice President position.
      1. Volunteers
         1. Pete Helseth, Chris Clem, and Patrick Holm will be on the committee. Any other volunteers are welcome.
   3. Shed
      1. Current condition update from Tasha Vay:
         1. Door broke but will be repaired in the summer.
         2. People can go in it.
   4. The staff will put together a Think Big project committee to work with the PTA board group to facilitate a Think Big project.
      1. Examples are:
         1. Wood playground.
         2. Classroom hooks.
         3. Composter
4. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Monthly financials
      1. Deposits:
         1. Amazon Smile Deposit
         2. Revenue from mugs and stickers
      2. Reimbursement
         1. Board will cut teacher reimbursements after the meeting.
5. Principal’s Report
   1. From Jen Brotherton:
      1. Jen thanked the PTA for the gifted Miir cups.
      2. The January theme is sportsmanship.
         1. Any pictures of students doing sports/games, please submit?
      3. The MLK Assembly will be January 30.
      4. Black Lives Matter at School week will be the week of January 31. There will be a get together to decorate the fence.
   2. From Tasha Vay:
      1. She is planning on hosting a community cultural night. Looking to partner with the PTA and the community. A survey will come out regarding planning and family/cultural traditions. Around springtime.
6. Fundraising Report (Jennifer Helseth)
   1. Spring Auction
      1. The PTA will host a Spring Auction for adults as a fundraiser.
      2. Jennifer is forming a committee to plan the auction.
   2. Miir Cups
      1. Jennifer showcased the Boston Harbor mugs and talked about the sale.
   3. Stickers
      1. Jennifer also showcased the stickers for sale.
   4. Passive Fundraising
      1. Jennifer, Rachel, and Kelly mentioned passive fundraising opportunities with Amazon Smiles, Fred Meyer, and Bayview Thriftway.
7. Membership Report:
   1. None
8. Activities Report (Christina Evans):
   1. Track Stars
      1. Christina is planning an activity that allows the kids to vote on a logo that will be used on trophy/awards.
      2. A pizza party incentive is on the horizon as well.
      3. The PTA is looking for a volunteer to carry on the Track Stars
   2. Yearbook
      1. Christina is exploring new companies for yearbooks to get a potentially better product.
      2. The yearbook email will be resent out this week and it’s also posted on the website.
      3. All pictures are welcome!
   3. Garden Club
      1. Lindsay Oram is scheduling a meeting in February to re-kick off the garden club. Tentatively February 8, 5 to 6pm.
   4. Rainier’s Game
      1. The day will be Sunday, April 23.
      2. Tickets will likely be sold in February.
   5. Birthday Cards
      1. Birthday cards for staff are available to be signed at the entry.
   6. Bear Market
      1. Christina thanked all the staff and volunteer of the Bear Market.
9. Communications’ Report
   1. Easiest way to support the PTA is to follow on social media and like and share posts to increase awareness in the community.
      1. Kelly will make sure all of the minutes are up to date on the website.
      2. Olympia Junior Program:
         1. Provides an opportunity for kids to go to the theatre.
         2. Roxanne is looking for a parent volunteer to help her plan.
10. New Business:
    1. A group of parents brought up a concern about the messaging of Black Lives Matter and the struggle of the signage and the cups.
       1. There was a long discussion/debate regarding how the school plans to present the district’s Black Lives Matter program. The group of parents was advocating for changing the message to something other than Black Lives Matter. Mrs. Brotherton and staff articulated that the Black Lives Matter at School week is a program adopted by the Olympia School Board and the school activities are in alignment with that program.
       2. To provide additional clarification and transparency, the PTA board will request clarity on the Black Lives Matter at School Week from the district to help define its goals and how it differs from other organizations who use the same or similar messaging.
11. The meeting was adjourned – 7:29pm