

IM PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2020
(pending approval)

Call to order: 10:30 am

In attendance: See attached sign-in sheet

President's Report (Carla Geraci)

- Welcome
- Gratitude to volunteers – Liz St. Andre (Reflections Chair); Karissa Mobilia and everyone who donated (Holiday Gift Barn); Angel Program Gift Card Donations; Karissa Mobilia, Heidi Dickenson, Carla Geraci and everyone who brought food (Staff Holiday Lunch)

Guest Speaker: Principal Carrie Reckling

- Photo Contest – finalists were sent to IMS staff for final judging.
- Huge thank you to Tim Morris for working with ISD on getting Interactive Technology Boards.
- Prior Levy funded additional counselor and mental health counseling partnership with Swedish Hospital.
- Conducting upcoming WalkAbout training.
- Q&A
 - Parent commented that parking space was limited today. Principal said if there is no space, park in the staff lot.
 - Some high school students are driving too fast and on the wrong side of the road. If you can, try to get license plate # or description of car and report it to the school to pass along to resource officer.

Secretary's Report (Cristine Varzali)

- Approval of November 2019 General Meeting Minutes. Minutes were submitted as written.

Treasurer's Report (Wendy Maruchek)

- Treasurer's Report (attached).
- No insurance claims.
- Budget on track. Mod Pizza fundraiser raised \$600, Be Kind t-shirts raised \$109.85 towards Angel Program.
- Over target for annual giving. Over \$1,140 than expected for Gift a Book and additional spring fundraiser (Bricks).
- Current grant budget is \$3000. \$2000 has been allocated for technology equipment upgrade (request approved at November meeting). \$1000 remaining.
- Wendy Maruchek made a motion to increase the grant budget from \$3000 to \$4000. Karissa Mobilia seconded motion.

- Discussion: Carla Geraci met with Principal and school is looking for funds to replace foosball table. This can be funded from grant budget or as another line item. Cost is \$400 - \$600. This may be a future need for a grant.
- Vote was taken and passes to increase grant budget from \$3000 to \$4000.
- Mid-Year Financial Review – need two volunteers for the review committee of three people.

General Business (Carla Geraci)

- Photo Contest Grant (see attached) – Grant submitted by Carrie Reckling (Principal) for partnership with school to get student artwork posted around campus, as a permanent art display recognizing artists. Wendy Maruchek made a motion to approve \$700 (grant request states \$600 but the amount needed is \$700). Karissa Mobilia and Karla Knickerbocker seconded the motion.
 - Discussion: Carrie Reckling and Mr. Wieland (teacher) running program. Canvases will be purchased from Costco. Kelly Finkbeiner offered to look into Shutterfly. Estimated \$50 per canvas plus tax plus any additional materials needed.
 - Vote was taken and passes to approve grant request of \$700 for the Photo Contest.
- Tim Morris provided update on the interactive technology boards requested by Math dept. Mr. Morris contacted Jason Morse (ISD Executive Director of Middle Schools). As a result, Mr. Morse convened a meeting with various ISD departments resulting in the CFO committing \$60,000 from the district budget for interactive technology boards for Issaquah Middle School.
- Nominating Committee – Need three volunteers immediately for the nominating committee, ideally from the three feeder elementary schools. Volunteers can serve two years on the Nominating Committee. Several Board and committee chair positions need to be filled.

VP & Director Reports

- Webmaster (Tim Morris for Catharine Holtan) – Give Catharine plenty of notice if you need changes to your program web page or volunteer sign up. ISD is moving to a new technology system. Our PTSA will need a tech support volunteer to transfer the data to new system.
- Membership (Tim Morris) – No report.
- Communications (Tim Morris) – Reaching out consistently as possible.
- Ways and Means (Kelly Finkbeiner) – Reached out to Costco for art canvases and will also contact Shutterfly. Planning for next Dining for Dollars, Brick sales (sell at upcoming IMS events).
- Programs (Wendy Cummins) –
 - New Family Ambassador FEB 4 (everyone invited, don't need to be new family)
 - WalkAbout training JAN 23 (last training for the school year)
 - Binder Bootcamp JAN 31 (signup on website); last bootcamp had many volunteers
 - ParentWiser events:**
 - “How to be a Culturally Competent Family in 2020” JAN 22 at Liberty HS
 - “Common Sense Media” FEB 10 at IHS
 - 8th Grade Information Night - JAN 29 for international families new to US school system
 - 8th Grade Course Selection - FEB 4, 5, 6 at IHS
 - Golden Acorn Awards coming up

- Volunteers (Karla Knickerbocker) – Need Volunteers for Clash of Cans, Binder Bootcamp, Multicultural Fair. The chairpersons for each program need to ensure that all volunteers have completed the background check.
- Hospitality (Carla Geraci for Chelle Swim) –Need food/drink donations for Career Fair on February 7th.
- Outreach (Karissa Mobilia) – Thank you to all the volunteers.

Meeting adjourned: 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cristine Varzali, Secretary