

Issaquah Middle PTSA
General Membership Meeting
April 20, 2011
Issaquah Middle School, Portable 1
Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order Kristen Allen-Bentsen at 10:02am. Proper notice was given and a quorum was present. A sign in sheet is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the March 16th general membership meeting were approved and filed.

Financial Report: Anne Watanabe reported that the fund balance is \$28,978.85. There was \$906 income and \$571.12 as the expense total for the Bingo night event. The March bank statement was reviewed by a non-signer, Kim Dreiblatt.

President's Report: Pam Nordquist reported that Bingo was a success. There was discussion on ways to improve on the event. Ideas include: changing the date to accommodate more teachers being able to attend, making rules and instructions easier to follow, and lights on the stage would be helpful. Camille shared photos from the event. Dan Chernin will be retooling the PTSA website which will include registration signups for the fall. Jerry Miller and Robin Callahan will be presenting a need from our PTSA to support the Issaquah School District Elementary Science Initiative at the end of our meeting. Thank you's were extended to Pam Nordquist and the volunteers who helped with Bingo night, Sharie Murphy, Newsletter editor for the last 2 years, Elaine Sakamoto, corporate rebates, Kate Badiozamani for organizing cookie sale volunteers, Sandi Lum, special services liaison, Mary Okada, MVP sundaes, Michelle Lancaster Parent education.

Principal's Report: Corrine DeRosa thanked everyone for the help with Panther Passage and All school write. The All School Write is very important to the school and teachers in deciding curriculum and the student's writing scores have improved. She informed that the school may be looking to focus on a new area in the fall. There is a focus on the low income student population with regards to helping to improve scores. MSP juice will be delivered soon and is also appreciated. The All School Write may end, and be replaced with an All School Read. Onti asked how the PTSA can help support the low income population with regards to improvement. Teacher mentor program, student mentor, after school programs definitely help. Voice mentors are hugely helpful. There is currently a waitlist for the Voice program, which is a 1 hour per week commitment. Corrine informed that the SSR period will change in the fall to a new, graded, class called PAWS. It will be at 3rd period and include morning announcements. Monday and Friday will be reading only and Tuesdays and Thursdays will be more like home room type duties.

New Business: Camille Vaska presented the slate of officers for 2011-2012. Co-president: Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Treasurer: Anne Watanabe, Secretary: Michelle Lancaster, V.P. Hospitality: Maria Nelson, V.P. Communications: Sara Carmichael, V.P. Ways and Means: Sari Israel, V.P. Programs: Onti Rosen, V.P. Volunteers: Susan Poffenbarger.

These elections were conducted in accordance with the Uniform Bylaws of Washington State PTA, Article 5, Section 6. Camille asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Anne Watanabe moved that the slate be elected as a whole. Allison Meryweather seconded the motion, the motion passed. Anne Moore moved to elect the slate as presented. Allison Meryweather seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Camille thanked the nominating committee - Michelle Lancaster, Elaine Sakamoto, Kellie Woodford.

Elaine Sakamoto will email names of committee heads to Camille and Kristen.

Funds Request: It was discussed that the budget of \$225 for Staff Appreciation week is not enough money. A motion to change the budget for staff appreciation to \$475.00 taken from reserve and adding \$200.00 for the end of year staff luncheon budget was made by Allison Meryweather. Onti Rosen seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed by unanimous vote.

ISD Bond feasibility and development committee

IMS parent Representative Anne Moore reported that the bond committee has agreed to go forward with the bond initiative. The bond, which will need 60% majority vote to pass, will pay for building a new IMS at the current Clark elementary site, remodel IMS to become Clark elementary, remodel and reconfigure the Ruins to house Tiger Mountain alternative High School. IVE and Apollo will also be updated and Sunny Hills will be rebuilt. This bond would also continue improvement at Liberty High School. The total for the bond initiative will be \$167 million. There is more information on the district website. Anne Moore and Corrine DeRosa are contacts for this bond.

VP and Committee Reports

Robbi Duff, Karista Bennett, & Denise Batura on track with plans for Staff Appreciation week. Volunteers can sign up using VolunteerSpot on the IMS PTSA website.

Site Council liaison Anne Moore reminded that we need a chair for next year site council. Allison Meryweather reminded everyone that next week April 28th is the annual Issaquah Schools Foundation luncheon and encouraged all to attend.

The goal is to raise \$450,000 at the luncheon.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20.