



John Newbery Elementary PTA

General Membership Minutes

September 15, 2009

Call to Order: President Craig Robertson called the meeting to order @ 7:40pm

Members in Attendance: Attendees are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to the approved minutes. A quorum was present.

Introductions: Craig introduced this year's PTA officers: Dodie Pike & Kim Drolet – Co-Vice Presidents Enrichment, Shelley Granger & Renee Monson – Co-Vice Presidents Fundraising, Wendy Bowman – Treasurer and Natalie Narby - Secretary.

PTA Activities: Craig highlighted a few of the PTA's accomplishments from last year – the climbing wall, document cameras, \$500 per grade level Math & Science enrichment funds, parking lot improvements as well as numerous events, author visits & clubs.

This year we have many ideas of things that we might like to accomplish - have Jeanne Barnes' niece come to the speak who is an astronaut and flew in the space shuttle, Breakfast, Bingo & Books night in conjunction with book fair, a winter carnival, t-shirt sales, school store, movie nights, PTA Facebook page and pursue more local produce in schools just to name a few.

The PTA needs volunteers to help to accomplish these events and has immediate needs of:

Volunteers for Hearing & Vision screening on 9/30

Someone to fill the Volunteer Coordinator role

Volunteers for a nominating committee to help develop the board for next year

Volunteers for Bingo night in October during book fair (date tentative)

Joan Qazi asked for at least 12 volunteers for Passport Club. The commitment is 2 hours on the last Friday of the month to check 3rd – 5th graders geography and complete their passport. Friday, September 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. will be the first passport check. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

New Business: Stephanie Ross proposed that we paint a 1 to 100 number line on the blacktop for learning & activities for the kids. Patti asked that we work through her as we consider this request as there will be a form to file with the school district for a permanent display.

Craig proposed that we have an art contest for the students to design a mural that would be painted on the side of the PTA shed. We will work with Patti on this as well as we will need to file the proper paperwork with the school district.

Theresa Ogan requested that the PTA purchase new equipment for the sound system in the gym that will better suit all events that the school has. Theresa researched and found a small, portable, tower speaker from Bose on-line who will give us an educational discount. The price would be \$1,849. Vern Smith moved to purchase this system for less than \$2,000 contingent on the fact that it is compatible with our existing system in the gym. Renee Monson seconded. All in favor, none opposed and one abstention. Motion carried.

Craig noted that the Washington State and National PTA dues increased this year so we needed to increase our dues to cover this. The PTA's standing rules need to be modified to reflect this. Shelley Granger moved to modify the standing rules to reflect our new dues of \$12 per individual and \$18 per family. Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Craig reported that the WA State PTA recommends that PTA groups should not publish their Tax I.D. number in their standing rules. The Tax I.D. number is like our social security number and should be guarded to prevent identity theft. Dave Sweet moved that we delete our Tax I.D. from the standing rules. Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Bowman handed out the proposed budget for the 2009/2010 school year and the financial reports for June, July and August. We will review the proposed budget at next month's meeting but need to review and approve the financial reports and the annual audit tonight. Nel Wheeler, Vern Smith & Wendy met to go over the audit of last year's financial activities and found them to be accurate. Dodie Pike moved to accept the June, July and August financial statements as well as the audit results. Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Craig Robertson adjourned the meeting @ 8:45 p.m.

Natalie Narby
Secretary