

**Snoqualmie Elementary School
PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2009**

Board Members Present:

Deborah Doy, President	Ahn Lee Horn, Legislative Chair
Angela Markley, Co-Treasurer	Kristy Brooks, Co-Treasurer
Laurie Fitzpatrick, Executive Member	Kristi Wittress, Co-VP Enrichment
Robin Walbeck-Forrest, Co-VP Enrichment	Staci Miller, Co-VP Fundraising
Cathy Killian, Executive Member	Ali Paredes, Executive Member
Monique Kruyt, Executive Member	Kim Ayars, Secretary

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:02 in the SES courtyard. The 09.08.09 Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. Ahn Lee moved to approve the minutes, Robin seconded. The minutes were approved via voice.

Treasurer's Report: Total cash on hand is \$68,297.81. Angela noted that we have made the first payment on our cookbooks, with two more payments due. Staci asked if Walk-a-thon expenses were recorded as we go, or if they were tallied at the end of the event. Angela and Kristy confirmed that expenses are recorded as we go. The board discussed ways to be able to re-allocate extra income without having to vote at a general meeting. Kristy noted that nothing in the standing rules addressed this. We also discussed the fact that the PTSA is currently paying Acceptiva \$6.95 a month for \$50,000 coverage for stolen credit card information. AIM provides a larger umbrella of coverage for just a little more a month. The board decided to maintain the Acceptiva coverage until the AIM coverage takes effect, then the Acceptiva coverage will be terminated.

Grants:

- Nike: Voting is over; we are waiting to hear the results.
- Lowes: The grant is almost written and is due 10/15. The grant is \$2K - \$5K.
- SVSF: Kristi did a beautiful job on the grant. We should know in early October. Grant is \$750.
- Target: Deb has not heard back on whether or not staff wants to pursue this.

Old Business:

- **Walk-a-thon:** We have settled on 4 grand prizes, with the Zune player being a prize for the most number of donors. Staci mentioned that there were two new prizes: A Fox Sports Night and a Baseball Clinic for 10 kids. These will be raffle prizes, with the baseball clinic being age appropriate. Rocky Raccoon will also be making an appearance and a reporter from the Issaquah Press/Sno Valley Star will be there. Mr. Mac will offer the same prizes as last year. Each board member took home a packet or two of lap cards to write kids' names on. Mary will pick up licorice and gummy bears at Costco on Thursday. Staci will email Mary how much to buy. Deb reminded us to have PTSA expenses on a separate receipt. Mary also volunteered to round up Sharpies for each grade for marking lap cards. Each grade will have its own color.
- **Cookbooks:** Cookbooks will be sold at the Si View Community Bazaar. So far 192 have been sold.
- **Membership:** Ali reported that membership is at 226. It was recommended that membership forms be present at the Watch D.O.G.S. function on Wednesday night.
- **Lego:** Tues, 3:25 works! Classes will try and start after Walk-a-thon. Robin will move forward.

New Business:

- **Watch D.O.G.S.:** There is currently no childcare available for the Wednesday night kick-off. If you are interested in watching the kids while the dads meet, please contact Deb. We are still looking for a Watch D.O.G.S. coordinator. Please ask around.
- **Assemblies:** Kristi highlighted 3 possible assemblies: The NED Show (free), musical quintet of Peter and the Wolf (\$650 for two shows), and The Reptile Man (\$500 for 2 assemblies, plus and optional family night). The board recommended we go with all three, if there is room for three assemblies on the schedule. Deb will check with Cori.
- **After School Programs and Insurance:** Kim Ayars relayed information from the PTSA training that PTSA board members are NOT covered unless a) there is a PTSA member present at the after school function and b) the money for the function passes through the PTSA books. Angela, Kristy, Robin, and Deb will discuss at a later date and make a recommendation at our next board meeting.
- **Reflections:** SES will focus on literature, photography, and visual arts. Letters to families about the program will be sent home after Walk-a-thon. Deadline for submissions is 11/20/09.
- **Emergency Prep:** All schools need an emergency prep chair in place. Deb, Kristi, Cathy, Mary, and Kim Ayars volunteered to take an inventory of the emergency shed and determine the work needed to be done.
- **Parent Education:**
 - o Julie Metzger – Will be available spring 2010. Currently waiting for HS auditorium schedule.
 - o Birds & Bees – Coffee talk coming up in November to learn more.
 - o Safety Escpae – Robin will find some dates and a class to present at the next board meeting.
- **Scrip/Cougar Cards – IRS Regulations:** No current issues.
- **Flu Shot Event:** Decided not to participate.
- **Volunteer Lists:** Deb has mailed out volunteer lists to every chair. Even if your event is in the spring, please contact your volunteers. So far we have 141 volunteers.
- **Basketball After School Program:** This program is designed for elementary school kids, but last year it was too expensive and complicated. Mary suggested that if it was already done through Si View/Youth HUB then we shouldn't duplicate the effort. However, our current issue is space. Robin will get more information. Deb recommended that we wait to make any decisions after we know what we have to do to maintain insurance.
- **Swordfit:** Soft swords and a Jedi theme... Need we say more? Staci will send more information to Robin.
- **Family Fun Nights:** Kristi has sent out dates: Feb 26th, April, and June 11th for the end of school dance party. Reptile man may be a 4th event. Laurie will help coordinate.
- **Spanish Academy:** Previously a Spanish immersion program didn't work well for SES, but Kimberly Houde is passionate to bring Spanish into the school. There is a possibility for a before school program or maybe opportunities for translation. Deb will email out more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23.