

**Snoqualmie Elementary School  
PTSA Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday December 1st, 2009**

**Board Members Present:**

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

There were no guests. Deb passed around thank you cards for the board members to sign.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 in the SES Library. The 11.10.09 Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. Cathy moved to approve the minutes, Robin seconded. The minutes were approved via voice.

**Treasurer Report:** Total cash on hand is \$85,075.30. We have received payment from 9 additional vendors, and an additional \$742 for Walkathon. Cougar cards have brought in a total of \$831. Deb suggested that we get another \$5000 in QFC cards. There were no objections.

**SVPTSA and Legislative Report:** State PTA Focus day is on MLK day. Ahn Lee encouraged you to bring your kids and make a day of it. Regional training will be on March 13<sup>th</sup> at Eastlake High School. Ahn Lee mentioned that the Council sponsors a block of storage units. Each local unit would have their own storage unit. Ahn Lee will have more information for us later. We had 99.9 % participation with PTA and the law which means we get a Council certificate. Yay us! The Facilities Task Force will give status at the Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 board meeting. Kim Arellano moved that we support the levies. Staci seconded the motion. The motion passed via voice. Ahn Lee asked all board members to send their events to her to be posted on the Council website.

**Teacher Grants:** The following teacher grants were discussed.

- Cynthia Hodgins (\$250): Supplies for Active Expressions, Art & Science Night, and the State Fair
- Jennifer Gjurrassic (\$250): Picture books and mathematical content area books.
- Ashley Olsen (\$250): Non-fiction books, literacy games for Power Up.
- Kristi George (\$250): Seattle Symphony Arts in Education concert for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Robin moved that we approve the grants, Cathy seconded. The grants were approved via voice

**Grants:** The games grant was submitted by Kristi. The Rotary Grant has a deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Cori was going to ask if a covered awning for the portables was a possibility.

**Old business:**

- **Afterschool Insurance:** Ahn Lee mentioned that other PTSA's cover their vendors through their insurance. Realistically it appears to be up to the individual unit. This method covers the activities and kids, but not the instructor. Because of this, it is recommended to have the vendor sign a waiver. The board decided that if a vendor uses online registration & have own

insurance, then they can have an activity at the school. Otherwise registration will need to be run through PTSA. If a vendor has no insurance, then they must be a PTSA member to make sure the kids are covered.

- **Math Night:** Math Night is tentatively scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>. Kristy, Laurie, and Angela have volunteered to help plan the evening. Current budget for four Math Nights is \$2500, Kristi estimates that the first Math Night will require \$500. After this first Math Night, the board will determine if we should proceed with the other three.
- **Cookbook:** More cookbooks will be offered for sale Friday night at the Winter Bazaar, Saturday at the Si View Bazaar.
- **Membership:** One more member this week. We are out of cards and need to purchase more.
- **Assemblies:** Eric Ode has sent a book order so that the kids can order books and CD's ahead of time. He has also sent two books and a CD as gift.
- **Reflections:** 8 entries! All will go to Council. Kim Ayars will put them in the newsletter.
- **Winter Bazaar:** Food coming at 4:45. So far there are 20 vendors. Mari needs power strips. Laurie wants lights. Mari handled raffle baskets and they are 100% donated. Raffle will be drawn at 6:00 and another at 7:30. Present to win and tickets are \$1 each. We still need a tree for the photo booth. Teacher experience was supported by 19 teachers plus Mr. Mac and Suzanne Oney. Silent auction closes at 7:30 and will be grouped by grade. Bidding will start at \$20, go up by \$5 with a \$100 guaranteed bid. Cougar cards will be available in the Snow Time Store with a sign at PTSA booth directing people there. Ahn Lee needs baked goods for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade bake sale. We will need four cash boxes.
- **Lego:** New session begins January 18<sup>th</sup> with two classes.: Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and Thursdays K-1. The session will run for 8 weeks. Lego will handle the registration.
- **Turkey Trot:** Mr. Mac will give us a list, but all the money would not be used. Kristi suggested we get a new "huge ball" for field day. Additionally, we will need another jumper for field day. Another idea was a four-sided tug-of-war or possibly an enrichment activity after school that focuses on health and fitness. It was also suggested we save some money for golf in the spring. Monique suggested double-dutch jumprope assembly for Jumprope for Heart. Another suggestion was a healthy cooking class for parents & kids.
- **Humanitarian Dentist:** The dentist is taking a break. They will contact Kristi after the holidays.
- **Spirit Fridays:** We will have a big push in January which Kristi is organizing.
- **After School Programs:** Staci has signed up her son for SwordFit – very cute but it is ongoing and involves a lot of equipment. The board decided to table this as a future possibility.
- **Ski Bus:** Only 10 kids went to the informational meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- **PTSA Popcorn Takeover:** We own the machine, but Shannon orders the supplies and keeps track of the money. SMS gets their products through Carmichael's, which keeps our business local. Kristi suggested we consolidate the administration and look at using Carmichael's for supplies. Angela suggested we vote at the January general meeting to add the popcorn to the budget.
- **Reading Buddies:** Please consider being a Reading Buddy!
- **Fundraising:** Kim Arellano and Staci asked the question, "What is our next target?" Their goal for the remainder of the year will be to help people understand that there are several ways to help the school earn money without spending money. They asked board members to brainstorm over the holiday break and circle back at the next PTSA meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:42.**