

PTA General Meeting
May 5, 2014

Attendance

Brooke LaFave
Kylie Phillips
Amy McMahan
Jane Al-Tamimi
Nikki Spaulding
Kim Cader
Regina Reeves
Taylor Meadows
Brooke Guthrie
Kristina Ackley

Call to Order

Brooke LaFave called the meeting to order at 6:32.

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Brooke LaFave motioned to approve minutes from March 10, 2014. Nikki Spaulding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Principals Report

Jane reported that Bob wanted to make sure that the PTA understood that Field Day was scheduled to run from 1:30-2:45pm. She also said she let him know if we needed help recruiting volunteers. Jane added that Tara Spencer, the PE teacher, had offered to help with field day.

Treasurer's Report

Carol handed out and reviewed the financials for April (see attached).
Nikki reported that she spoke with Amy Koster and that 5th grade had no needs for Cispus. The potential OJP reimbursement was delayed until the June meeting.
Kylie reported that she had done some research and that Garfield PTA was eligible to register with Amazon as an Amazon Smile charity. All eligible purchases through Amazon Smile would earn the PTA a 0.5% return. Kylie said all that she needed to complete the sign-up was a voided check. Carol O'Sullivan moved to open an Amazon Smile account, which was seconded by Brooke LaFave. The motion passed unanimously.

Teacher's Report

Taylor Meadows said that Tara Otonicar was planning a Principal's lunch on May 21st or 22nd and wanted the PTA to be aware. She also announced that Bob Hodges had been recognized as the Innovator of the Year and Jason Dodge had been recognized as the Champion of Diversity by the Olympia School District.

OLD BUSINESS

Entryway Bricks

Kylie said that she had received an estimate from the etcher for the PTA paver of \$57.73 including tax. She also showed the banner which she created to help promote the pavers and estimated would cost \$50.00. Carol O'Sullivan moved to pay for the paver and the banner. Nikki Spaulding seconded this. Finally, Kylie announced that the PTA needed to pick a pattern for the installation of the pavers so that they would know how many they had to sell. Pattern B was selected (see attached).

Read-A-Thon

Nikki presented the Board with a hand out comparing last years' Read-a-thon results with this year's (see attached). She pointed out that we had higher participation and minutes read rates but that fundraising was down for the year.

Board Members for 2014-15

Brooke LaFave introduced the 2014-15 PTA Board slate:

Kristen Westlund, President

Brooke Guthrie, Vice President

Brooke LaFave, Secretary

Kim Cader, Treasurer

Kylie Phillips, Communications

Amy McMahan, Bookkeeper

Kristina Ackley moved to approve the 2014-15 Board, which was seconded by Brooke LaFave. The motion passed unanimously.

Yearbook

Kylie said that Yearbooks needed to be ordered. Carol said that she had researched and found that the PTA had purchased 160 yearbooks the previous year. It was decided that the PTA should purchase the same amount again.

Movie Night

Kim announced that she would be unable to movie night in May. Kylie volunteered to take over. Regina said that she would volunteer for the night.

Field Day

Nikki announced that Field day would be June 11th and that they were still looking for volunteers. She then went over the list of games for the day. Kylie mentioned that it might be difficult to transfer the games inside with the new smaller gym and all the other on-going construction. There was some discussion and it was decided that a few minute to win it games could be developed in case of rain.

2014-15 Event Calendar

Kylie discussed creating the 2014-15 event calendar. Carol mentioned that in the interest of saving time, the current Board and the incoming Board get together at a separate time to develop the calendar and bring it back to the PTA at the June 2nd meeting. Kim requested that PTA meetings be moved to the 2nd Monday of the month due to a conflicting obligation. All members of the incoming Board said that this would work for them

2014-15 Committee Chairs/Coordinators

Kylie presented the PTA with the list of Committee Chairs. She pointed out that there were still some committee positions open. Brooke Guthrie took on Yearbook as well as assisting with the PTA Phone Directory. Amy McMahan said that she was interested in working with Mari on Box Tops. Regina Reeves said that she would work with Jessica Duncan on Children's Store. Kim Cader and Brooke LaFave took on Fall Fling. Kim Cader also volunteers to lead Movie Nights. Brooke LaFave volunteered for Bulletin Boards also. Kristina Ackley said she would head up Apparel. Kylie Phillips said that she would head Volunteers. Carol, Kim, and Regina also volunteered to be popcorn sellers on Fridays next year. Brooke Guthrie and Kylie Phillips also volunteered to be yearbook photographers.

Brooke Guthrie then mentioned some ideas. She suggested the PTA consider a book/clothing swap, a recipe book, auctioning off parent parking spaces, raising funds with a coupon book, hosting a fundraiser at Discover Aquatics, and helping with the school garden.

NEW BUSINESS

Packet for families for 2014-15

It was decided to delay discussion until the June 2nd meeting.

Audit

Carol said that she needed three non-signatory PTA members to help conduct an audit of the PTA Books. She said that this needed to occur after June 30th. Amy McMahan and Regina Reeves volunteered.

Other

Kylie reminded everyone that the PTA needed to have all the items that they needed to have the movers move packed up by May 30th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42.