

**Gateway Middle School PTSA 7.3.72
General Membership Meeting
Date: 9/17/09**

Proper notice was given to the membership including Executive Committee members, all Committee Chairs, Principal, Assistant Principal, Teacher Representatives and ASB Representatives.

Attendees

Sharon Loch, Heidi Pannell, Debbie Strong, Kathy Kondakjian, Peter Scott, Elizabeth Nunes, Cathy Phipps, Liza Granada, Stacey Dachenhausen, Susan Hines-Elizinga

A quorum of the general membership and Executive Committee were present.

Call to Order: 6:37 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting were approved and filed.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances as of: August 31, 2009

Checking = \$ 1,408.09

Money Market = \$ 9,366.68

The Treasurer's Report for September was approved and filed.

Financial Review

- A committee member who gives money to the treasurer to deposit, must receive a receipt. If a deposit is made directly to the bank by a committee member then a receipt from the Treasurer is not necessary.
- A copy of the membership list must be made available to the Financial Review Committee.
- All monthly bank statements should be reviewed by a PTSA board member who is not a signer on the account.

Mission Statement

No change from last year. A motion was made by Heidi Pannell to approve the Mission Statement. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved.

Standing Rules

- Breakdown of membership dues was recommend by WA PTA. It was discussed that a one time annual fee of \$35 for council dues be added to the Standing Rules. Vice President of Fundraising has been changed to Vice President of Ways and Means because it is a more commonly used title.
- Wording for the guardian wear was changed under Standing and AdHoc Committees –
- It was requested that the sentence "The newly elected officers shall be empowered to honor expenditures that have been provided for in the previous year's budget from the last day of school through the October meeting." be stricken from the standing rules because this provision is already listed in the National PTA Standing Rules.

Motion to accept standing rules with changes was made by Cathy Phipps and was seconded. The motion was approved.

Budget

- A Costco membership was opened to allow PTSA volunteers to purchase supplies without the need to put it on their own personal account. Payments can now be made using a PTSA check.
- The PTSA cash reserve is decreasing because of more spending. Income is lower with \$1,000 from membership, \$3,000.00 from PTSA portion of magazine sales and student store net income of about \$1,000 - \$1,500.
- Several Budget line items were cut to bring the Budget into better balance.
- Liza Granada made a motion to accept the budget as amended. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved.

Principal's Report

- Orientation was a success. Thanks to all who helped contribute to making it go so well.
- Curriculum Night is Wednesday, September 23rd. We will skip the intro in the gym this year and start at 6:30 p.m. and be out at 8:15 p.m.
- The Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 26th. The schedule for conferences will be:
 - 10/26 - all families from 1-3:45 p.m. and 5-8:00 p.m. all grades A-L
 - 10/28 – all families from 1-3:45 p.m. and 5-8:00 p.m. all grades M-Z

Save the date cards going out end of next week.

- Gateway Middle School once again won the School of Distinction Award (called the Great School Award going forward). Gateway won for a 5% growth in math and reading test scores.
- Levy Campaign – 19% of operating costs are from the levy. Please attend the meeting on September 30th.
- Magazine kick-off is 9/21 which is also School Spirit week.
- Twenty-six girls came out for the girls softball tryouts. Twenty-nine came out for the cross country tryouts.

Volunteer Committee Chair Update

- Teacher appreciation has chair but needs more volunteers.
- Book fair is during conference week. Eleven people signed up to help.
- ASB fundraiser only has a few – how many are needed?
- Walk-about – now being coordinated by Tom Villoria.

Membership Committee Update

- The PTSA currently has 155 members including staff. Lisa Granada will print cards and have them at curriculum night. Free latte cards were donated from the Spotted Cow which will go to members.

Student Store

- No one from the student store attended the meeting but it was reported that the store is now open to students. The store is looking to have a new name and holding a drawing among the students for the new name. The student whose store name is selected during the contest wins a \$5 gift certificate for the store.

Newsletter

- The deadline for the next newsletter is September 20th.

New Business

- Honor Volunteers Funds - Elizabeth Nunes requested from the board \$150 to acknowledge the volunteers this year.
- A grant request was made by Art Teacher Susan Hines-Elzinga to provide funding for an artist in residence to teach the art of quilting for 2 days each trimester this year. As many as 275 students would be able to participate in an art project and create a quilt with the artist. Everett Public School Foundation will pay for the supplies for the project but will not pay for the artist. The artist expense will be \$250 for each trimester, a total of \$750 for the year. A motion was made by Debbie Strong to grant \$500 to fund 2 of the artist's visits. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved. Peter Scott will fund the other trimester visit by the artist from the Principal's Building Fund.

Announcements

- PTA and the Law Workshop in Marysville on October 17th from 9-12:30 p.m. It will be held at the Marysville Technical High School. The cost is \$40 for all of the board members to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Kathy Kondakjian
Secretary