

**Gateway Middle School PTSA 7.3.72  
General Membership Meeting  
Date: 10/15/09**

**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, Lisa Granada, Stacey Dachenhausen, Kelli Van Ess, Kristine Neime, Roger Hendrickson, Patty Brinkley, Carla Skaufel, Connie Baldwin, Stephanie Ramess, Kelley Phan, Lonita Salyst, Diana Arango

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

**Call to Order:** 6:35 p.m.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting were approved and filed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bank Balances as of: September 30, 2009

**Checking = \$288.37**  
**Money Market = \$12,367.36**

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

**Volunteer Committee Update**

Student of the Month will be presented on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. A chair is still needed for this committee. Volunteers still needed for Book Fair Chair and Reflection Chair. Kathy Kondakjian agreed to chair the Gateway Book Fair this year. Cathy Phipps agreed to chair the Gateway Reflection Program for this year. The theme for this year's Reflection program is "Beauty Is".

Other open committees needing volunteers are: Staff Appreciation, Guardian Award (2/22 & 5/8), 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration, and Popcorn.

It was recommended that a ½ sheet at Conferences to parents indicating volunteers are still needed for committees. Another idea was to electronically send out information to list who signed up member or non-member.

**Principal's Report**

- "Thank You", for the Staff Appreciation breakfast on 10/1. Student Store on Fridays is going well. Volunteer training that was done morning and afternoon went very well.
- Volunteer boards were done with important policies and lots of good volunteers. The volunteer boards tally up hours for the volunteers. Volunteers reaching 500 hrs. of volunteer work receive a special volunteer pin and recognition from President Obama.
- A New award called the "Great Schools Award" was presented to Gateway on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Originally from the OSPI it is now given by the Center for Educational Effectiveness and is showcased in the glass case in the Gateway hall.

- On the other side of the case is “Life Skills” tapping into Reflection. Susan Hines-Elizinga is showing casing pictures of the homeless and having kids interact with kids (Interaction Exhibit). This is designed to teach giving to those in need through the arts and broadening their view of life.
- Work party needed on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> to spread bark outside on the school flower beds. We are hoping to have some families come out and help weed and spread the bark. An announcement will go out in the newsletter.
- Sign-up sheet is being passed around for volunteers to man phones in support of the School Levy. The vote is February 9<sup>th</sup>. Cathy Phipps will check to see if we are coordinating with other schools in support of manning phones.

### **Asst. Principal's Report**

- Magazine sales reached \$28,000 last year. This year we reached \$16,000. The amount of \$8,000 went to the magazine organizer and \$3,000 was kept by the PTSA. Only \$5,000 was left for ASB for this year. Things to look at for next year: 1). Contract with PTSA; 2). Sept/Oct. will be magazine drive; 3). Post cards from company; 4). Parent donation allowed instead of purchasing magazines; 5). Tap into Sherri to get volunteers to help with opening envelopes.

The contractual amount of \$3,000 will be paid to PTSA. Due to a shortage of volunteers, it represents only 72 hours of work. This ends up being an hourly rate of \$120/hr. The amount should have only been \$20/hr.

### **Membership Committee Chair Update**

- Membership is currently at 224.
- Still looking to have a ASB Student Representative to attend the PTSA Board meetings. The student would be put at the beginning of the agenda so they don't have to stay late.

### **New Business**

- A grant application was sent to the PTSA by Joanie Chaiten and Jessica Sowa for \$147.98. The request is for two raised relief globes of the moon for all 7th grade science classes. The need for the globes is to model the rotation, revolutions and phases of the moon to help children visualize what happens in space.

A motion was made by Liza Granada to approve the grant. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Guest Speaker**

Guest Speaker Beth Graef from Pregnancy Resource Center attended the board meeting and presented an overview of the information she will be presenting to the Gateway 6 – 8 graders in the upcoming weeks. Beth talks to as many as \$19,983 students per year regarding sex education. Beth passed out information for each age group and went through the materials providing a Power Point presentation and answering any questions at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kathy Kondakjian  
Secretary