

## **Grant PTA Meeting**

**December 13, 2016**

Members Present: Jessica Lieder, Laura More, Anne Anthony, Taline Tokatlian, Rachel Kennedy, Dan Sakai, Lance Harris

The school orchestra performed. They will also have a concert on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Lieder at 6:43 p.m.

### **Meeting minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kirsten Ravola and seconded by Jeff Sheppard. The motion passed.

### **Audit Report – Vickie Knapp – Audit for January 1, 2016- June 30, 2016**

Examined the financial records of the Script Checking account and find them correct and also audited the financial records of the PTA checking account and find the treasurer's report substantially correct.

Motion to accept the findings of the audit was made by Vickie Knapp, second by Kirsten Ravola. Motion passed.

### **Administration Report – Vice Principal Jakl -**

Please check the lost and found – all items will be donated to Am Vets during the holiday break

There will be a sing-along for the students on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

A member noted that she had heard that the school board is asking for cuts due to the budget short-fall. Grant doesn't have a plan yet for projected budget shortfalls.

### **Imagine Campaign – Jill Baltan**

Raising funds to relocate the Gecko Garden to the front of the school and upgrade it to an outdoor leaning lab. The Foundation is doing a paver campaign which is being headed by Lara Gates, and wording of your choice can be inscribed on the pavers. Lara will be chairing the Mission Hills Garden Walk – May 13, 2017. Need help to solicit advertising, ticket sales, and docents. Half of the proceeds will directly benefit the garden.

### **ASB Update – Anne Anthony**

Spirit Day – Pajama day and/or ugly sweater day – Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The ASB is collecting unwrapped toys and/or cans through Friday.

Mock Election Results – Prop G-reat. The charity selected was to help an animal shelter. Ms. Lovern is exploring some options. Hope to have the charitable event in January.

Holly de la Vega was recognized for all her efforts in heading up the Book Fair.

### **Upcoming Events – Jessica Lieder**

Brooklyn Girl fundraiser – December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Remember to use Amazon Smile when doing holiday shopping.

Mission Hills Nursery – has holiday trees for sale and will donate a portion of the proceeds to Grant. Can also sign up to be a member of the Mission Hills Garden Club while you are there.

### **Treasurer's Report – Lance Harris**

A motion was made by Lara Gates to approve the release of checks 4214 - 4245 and payments for budgeted and pre-approved amount totaling \$18,193 with deposits of \$11,266 and an ending cash on hand balance of \$73,895. The motion was seconded by Jill Baltan. The motion passed

In October there were \$6,881 in cleared checks that were written in past months and \$3,484 in checks not yet cleared.

The expenses and revenues in the month of November included: \$8,226 associated with PayPal transfer income from the Halloween Carnival. Other revenues included \$194 in Amazon Smile and \$7 in income from Script. Expenses included Checks 4226 and 4247 for STEAM teacher's salary and benefits (\$4,685) Check 4248 for a donation to the Salk Institute (\$100) associated with the November 4th Family Science Night. Other expenses included \$369 in General and Administrative and \$27 in Hospitality charges.

In connection with November's financial report, Lance Harris made a motion to approve the release of checks 4246 - 4248 and payments for budgeted and pre-approved amount totaling \$5,180 with deposits of \$8,426 and an ending cash on hand balance of \$74,032. In November there were \$3,183 in cleared checks that were written in past months and \$73 in checks not yet cleared. The motion was seconded by Lara Gates. The motion passed.

### **Roundtable**

National Geography Bee –grades 4-8 Students took a test and the top 8 students were selected to represent Grant. The finals will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> to determine the 1<sup>st</sup> place (and an alternate) to represent the school and to see if they can go to Sacramento (requires a test) in April. National contest is in May and the winner earns a \$50,000 scholarship, \$500 in cash, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Ms. Capparell expressed that the teachers really appreciate the work the PTA does.

Thank you to the Science Team who has been putting on the engineering challenge. There will be a car show in January. There will be a large engineering component to the new science standards.

The January PTA meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> will feature a presentation on cyber security. Geared towards the parents of middle schoolers – but can applicable to any parent.

In February will have a special presentation on the capital campaign. We are looking for new PTA officers for the next school year. The nominating committee will be formed in February, positions are discussed in March, and voting occurs in April.

The budget committee will also be meeting to start talking about the budget for next year.

The meeting ended at 7:16 p.m.