

**Tualatin Elementary School PTA**  
**General Membership Meeting • May 6, 2014**  
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by co-president Amie MacDonald. A quorum of members as stated in the standing rules was present. Cindy Krahnke is the timekeeper for the meeting.

The membership reviewed the April 1, 2014, meeting minutes. Christy Goodell motioned to approve and the motion was seconded by Cindy K. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership.

#### REPORTS

##### **Co-Presidents' report** (Amie MacDonald)

The Auction was successful!

##### **Vice President report** (Amie MacDonald for Courtney)

Spirit Wear is available for purchase online until Friday.

##### **Membership report** (Sharell Lien)

No updates to report.

#### BUSINESS

##### **Guest – Dana Terhune – TTSD School Board Chair**

Dana came to share that in November the School Board is putting out a measure to continue the current Local Option levy approved by TTSD voters in 2000 and renewed in 2004 and 2008. If renewed in November 2014, the measure would maintain the existing option levy rate for another five years beginning 2015-2016. The tax that the citizen's of the district would levy on their property is \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

What it will do? The dollars would continue to be used to pay for teachers and support classroom instruction – fund about the equivalent of 50 teaching positions.

TTSD can't advocate for Local Option ballot measures. Need a neighborhood organizer for the Tualatin Elementary area. There is some door to door activity closer to the vote date in November. Other things that can be done are letters of support to the newspapers, walking the neighborhoods to canvas, and display lawn signs in the Fall.

If you are interested in becoming involved, contact Maureen Wolf: [mowolfcrew@comcast.net](mailto:mowolfcrew@comcast.net).

##### **Nominations** (Amie MacDonald)

Secretary – Sharell Lien accepted the nomination and was voted Secretary for the 2014-2015 year.

President – Cindy nominated Amanda Thorderson as President. Amanda accepted the nomination and was voted President for the 2014-2015 school year.

Vice President – Cindy nominated Beth Hancock to be Vice President. Beth accepted. Cindy is willing share the vice president role. The standing rules don't have the vice presidents as a dual role. Sharell will work on draft language changes to the standing rules for dual positions beyond the current co-President language. The language will be reviewed and voted upon at the June meeting, prior to voting on the vice presidents.

Elena and Wendy are willing to be co-Treasurers. This needs to be verified if it is possible to have two people in charge of the money.

Positions to be voted on at the June meeting are Vice Presidents and Treasurer.

### **Library (Kathleen Cunningham)**

The Library would like to replace the Harry Potter books. Hardbacks are needed. \$25-30 each (ideally like to have two sets). The U.S. State books are needed too. \$22-30 for each book. Cindy Krahnke is donating full set of Harry Potter books. Thank you, Cindy!

More spine label stickers are needed – approx.\$50 (there are Holiday themes, etc. to help identify books quicker). Contact paper to cover the paperback books and cleaning supplies are needed. Amie suggested asking the janitor for bottles of disinfectant and soap for the Library. Amie will talk to Jamie. Guinness World Books and the New Diary of a Wimpy Kid are needed.

Amie suggested that at the budget meeting in June, Kathleen should ask to increase the budget from \$500 to help cover the wish list. Also, Scrip was suggested as a fund raising option and part of the Fun Run money too.

Other –

Battle of the Books was mentioned for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students – kids read the books and then debate them. A paid staff member needs to participate.

Literary Ball – fundraiser; pay to attend. Dress up as a character. Do it the week before the book fair?

Next year would like to do more to teach kids about the Dewey decimal system.

### **Carnival – May 30** (Amie MacDonald for Wendy O'Riley)

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 30 from 5-8 p.m. for the Carnival.

Admission price has reduced to \$1 per person (adults and kids). Cake walk and games/inflatables will be free once admission is paid. Tickets will need to be purchased for food and drinks (\$1 = 1 ticket). Food ranges from \$1-4 dollars each.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5-9** (Amie MacDonald)

MONDAY – Vases for teachers – stars on the doors – Kids brought in flower

TUESDAY – Today teachers got gum and mini manicure/pedicure

WEDNESDAY – Tin with smarties plus fruit from kids

THURSDAY – Starburst jars

FRIDAY – Lunch for the teachers plus thank you notes

Big Town Hero sandwiches and people are bringing in salads (plus get a bag of cookies)

### **Memory book** (Cindy Krahnke)

42 books remain to be sold...Cindy will continue to share on FB that books are available.

She asked if a message via email could be sent out to the PTA email list about the available books too.

### **Scrip** (Angela Tyler)

April music campaign went well. Made \$220 from 13 families.

Angela is hoping someone will step up for the scrip position next school year.

There are 4 more order dates. A motion was made by Cindy to have Scrip funds go to Library. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

Angela reported that there is about \$3,000 total for funds raised by Scrip...\$1,400 goes back to staff.

## **Garden** (Paul Taylor)

The Garden is alive and growing! Harvested salad greens recently and had an awesome work party – 20 people attended. Kids encouraged families to attend. In May, the Work Party will be Friday, May 16 after school. Encouraging staff to come out to the garden that day. Light weeding and garden activities.

In early April, second graders brainstormed what they wanted to plant in the classroom (peppers, tomatoes, corn, cucumbers). Begonias are being propagated and there were discussions about the rain barrels and seasonal ponds. Zucchini and rhubarb are growing.

Spring TEAF season was exciting – slicing of the limbs to make the name tags is a favorite project...kids made a connection with the trees.

Fava beans are coming up. Kindergarten squash and pumpkins were planted. 1<sup>st</sup> graders are growing seeds in clear containers so they can see the roots grow.

A donation was received from the Oregon Potato Commission. 3<sup>Rd</sup> grade class planted potatoes. All 5<sup>th</sup> grader talked about composting – of the students about 10 to 12 families compost. Kids learned what makes good compost.

Planted lettuce, garlic, and a dwarf ginkgo tree to honor Aggi's father who recently passed away and was a friend of the garden.

Garden Committee met with Phil Wentz to work on hose bib availability.

## **Hazelbrook PTA** (Jean Keck-Buelna)

Jean gave a shout out for PSO at Hazelbrook. Teh PTA is in need of a Treasurer. If you want to come to check-out the meeting it is May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

## **QUESTIONS and COMMENTS**

If you want to be on the agenda, please let Jill McCarty or Amie MacDonald know.

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## **NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2014 – School Library**  
**7 p.m. PTA meeting begins**

Co-president Amie MacDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: June 3, 2014

Sharell Lien, Secretary

Approved as    Written    or    Amended

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Co-president

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Secretary