

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • March 14, 2017
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m. by Ana Uriostegui, PaLa Liaison and Jymn Heathcott, PTA co-President.

PaLa conducted their meeting first.

Focusing efforts on the school-wide celebration of Day of the Child will be on April 28 from 6-8 p.m.. Volunteers are needed to help with activities and candy for prizes as well. There will be food available (hope to get it donated from local restaurants). Contact someone on the PaLa Board for more information.

President: Judith Abarca

Vice President: Elizabeth Escobar

Secretary: Gloria Esparza and Marisol Torres

Coordinator of Volunteers: Adriana Lopez, Eugenia Soto

Liaison to the PTA: Ana Uriostegui

REPORTS

Principal (Mr. Kingery)

- Encourage Kindergarten children you know to enroll. The sooner the better so we can know our enrollment for next year and have enough staff.
- Very successful OBOB battle last month. Kathleen will report on that later
- Read-A-thon results will be shared by Amanda...so great to have this school-wide reading event.
- Black Bear TV (TEAF class) – If you've not seen an episode get on our website, ask your child's teacher, or get on Facebook and share with family and friends.
- 5th grade music program was a great success. Another showing of how important music and performance are to our school.
- Sunday is another Sustainable Garden Work Party from 1-3p.
- Thanks again for the combined meeting and getting our PaLa and PTA parents together

ELL (Faye Orme)

Faye shared with the PTA what is going on in the English Language Learner. We measure for growth every year and hope for a year of growth. The funds given by PTA have helped make our room more inviting and homey. The funds have been able to do things that are memorable using cardstock, extra books to help explain a subject. We've worked on helping the students be thoughtful about how they speak and not using colloquial answers, but well rounded answers that could be used in a written paper. Having extra money that I can be more creative with is appreciated.

Garden (Paul Taylor)

Successful Garden meeting today. Tualatin Times interviewed us about the garden to update about last year's cistern. New item in the garden related to this is a bicycle that pumps the water from the cistern and makes it easier to water. 4th graders requested donations and this week we will be reaping the benefits of this request. ProGrow will be giving us wood chips donated by Paul Urh (sp?). Other classes: 2nd graders brainstormed what they want to grow in the garden each class will be growing something special after Spring Break and we'll transplant in Spring; 3rd grade made bird feeders and fed the birds (birds said it was a good thing).

Next Work Parties (RAIN or SHINE):

- Sunday, March 19, 1-3p
- Earth Day April 22, 1-3p
- OSU alumni May 20, 9a-12 (lunch included by Aggi)

Have Fun in the Garden!

Read-a-thon (Amanda Thorderson)

There were 148 who students participated and almost 38,000 minutes read with more than \$6,000 raised. Waibel had the most participants. Mrs. Barnes was most minutes read for lower grade, upper grade was Mrs. Cooke -- popcorn party for both classes and \$. The student that read more than 1,000 minutes – Hailey Hoflich (gift card to Coldstone)

STREAM Night (Amanda Thorderson)

Event is May 19th 5:30 for eating and 6-8pm for science; Mad Science will be here again, teachers will participating as well and because of a grant we will do some science and coding classes. With additional money we hope to provide a bus for families. We'll have Bellagio's Pizza truck here for purchase no money returning to the PTA. Girl Scouts with a booth. Dad's club doing rockets. Opportunities to volunteer will be sent out after Spring Break. Book Fair will be happening as well and the RAT certificates will be able to redeemed there. Art Lit will have activities and all of this years projects on display. They will also send out opportunities to volunteer in April.

Memory Book (Amanda Thorderson)

We have about 25 memory books left. Once they are sold we won't have any more. We only order a set number and donate a few to the 5th grade. Forms are available at the sign-in table if you need to order. Outside of the meeting they are available in the office. Memory Books will go out to teachers on Friday, June 16th and teachers will give them out on June 19th or the 20th. We give two each year to the library.

Computer Lab (Kathleen Cunnington)

Looking for people to help blow out the dust, wipe them down or turn them on in the morning. Cleaning can be down on your own time.

OBOB (Kathleen Cunnington)

106 students 3rd-5th grade make it all the way through the year. Most of them had a really good time. 16 book reading list. Celebratory cupcake and recess for all of them together. They read a lot of different types of books, learned study skills and how to work in groups. Went to regional event in Beaverton with 5 students and competed against 72 different schools. We had the perfect team and we answered all our questions right as did the other two teams so we couldn't steal points. Our team won't be going to state. Mrs. Hole came to be their coach so Kathleen Cunnington could be a parent this year.

Library (Kathleen Cunnington)

Looking for people who want to help coordinate the Library for next year. It's such a vital part of our school and a big project so we need to recruit now. We've done a great job this year helping students find specific books. The Library education has happened because of the money from the Score with Intel Core grant that has provided us with a white board, projector and laptop. Thank you PTA for raising the funds to buy the computers the students use and for paying for more books.

Fundraising (Amy Zuckerman)

McMenamin's Night on February 27 earned \$2,577.50 and we're working on a fundraising evening with Pieology.

PTA Business

The membership reviewed the February 7, 2017, meeting minutes. Amanda Thorderson motioned to approve the minutes and motion was seconded. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership. A quorum was present at the meeting.

Presidents' report (Sharell Lien)

See calendar of events on back side of agenda.

Membership is holding steady at 47. For \$11.50 you can be a member. To vote at meetings and on the budget, to handle money at events, and to be a Board member, you need to be a member. As a member you are able to have a voice when it is voting time. Scholarships are available for membership. Memberships are good until November of next year.

Oregon PTA Convention is slated for April 21 and 22, 2017, at Holiday Inn in Wilsonville, Oregon. There is money in the PTA Education line-item to fund the registration fees.

Nominating Committee (Amanda Thorderson)

Almost all positions are still open. Very important position is the PaLa Liaison. This could be someone already on the PaLa board that does both. Ana has been our PaLa Liaison for the past two years. You can only hold a position for two years.

A PTA must have a President, Treasurer, and Secretary. There is free membership for joining the board for next year. Many of you in here will receive a call from me so don't ignore my calls. If you agree to join you will receive your choice of pie or cake! Spirit wear, winter holiday, book fair in Oct, Read-a-thon, STREAM, Art Lit, OBOB, Library, Scrip, memory book, 5th grade promotion and the auction committee all need support. All of these committees are to enrich your student's experience here and a great way to get to know parents at the school.

Financial Report

The current financial status of the PTA was handed out.

We've been very good about staying within our budget. Still waiting for end of year expenses to come in.

At the April meeting, we'll discuss some of the line items for next year and do the same at the May meeting.

Voting on the budget will occur in June (remember you must be a member to vote).

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS

If you want to be on the agenda, please let Sharell Lien or Jymn Heathcott know.

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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7 p.m. – School Library

Co-President Jymn Heathcott adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: April 4, 2017

Danielle Aldinger (Secretary)

Approved as Written or Amended

Secretary

Co-President