

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • December 3, 2013
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by co-president Amie MacDonald. A quorum of members as stated in the standing rules was present. Cindy Krahnke is our time keeper.

The membership reviewed the November 5, 2013, meeting minutes. Jenn Walters motioned to approve and the motion was seconded. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership.

REPORTS

Principal report

Sydney Prescott gave the Principal's report...feel better soon, Jamie! The school had a successful Title I/ELL night. Thank you to the Ambassadors for their help. It was a great event!

Upcoming events:

- December 12 (6:30-7 p.m.) the 1st and 2nd graders have their concert.
- December 13 (6-8 p.m.) Winter Holiday Night

Co-presidents' report (Amie MacDonald)

The office is asking support for boys and girls socks and girls underwear (6x-10). If you can purchase new items, please give them to the office.

We are looking for a guest speaker for the next meeting. Please share your ideas. If you know of someone who has something good to share or a topic you would like to hear, please let us know.

Treasurer's report (Elena Molau)

The current budget was shared with the membership. At this time, the PTA funds available are \$46,874.60.

The budget layout has been changed. There was a question about the final column and what it represents. Elena offered to talk with members after the meeting if they had further questions.

Vice President's report (Courtney Kozak)

Spirit Wear store sold \$1,500 of sales online. Items will be delivered to the school soon.

Membership report (Sharell Lien)

No new members to report this month. We are at 57 members and met the Silver level goal for increased membership.

BUSINESS

Winter Holiday Night (Jean Keck-Buelna and Cindy Krahnke)

We are two weeks away from the event. It is Friday, December 13, at 6 p.m.

Jean and Cindy are asking for help with baked goods and candy.

Key Club will be helping again and working with the Ambassadors. The choir will sing at the beginning. Jersey Mikes is donating 300 sandwiches, Haggan donated water, Sherwood Regal is donating popcorn.

Winter Holiday Night (continued)

Garden and Spirtwear will have shirt sales. Memory Book pre-orders will also be taken. Pala will be having an information table at Winter Holiday. They are donating the elephant ears for the bake sale.

For decorating, tentatively on Monday, December 9 and for sure on Wednesday, December 11.

Thank you again to Aggi, who allows the group to make the icing in the school's kitchen.

Next meeting is Monday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Cindy's house.

Memory book (Cindy Krahnke)

Cindy reported that 35 books have already been sold. A committee meeting took place two weeks ago. Last year was the first year the books were done. The profit from last year was nearly \$1,000.

At the committee meeting, it was discussed to allocate profits to Melissa for the music program. There will be 25 of the 200 books given to the 5th grade teachers determine which student to give them to. The cost for this is $25 \times \$14.63 = \365.75 .

A motion was made by Cindy to give 25 books to the 5th grade teachers to distribute to students and the remainder of the profits to the music program. The motion was seconded and passed.

Pre-orders for the Memory books are being done now. See Cindy!

Garden (Paul Taylor)

The past month has been busy. Kids have been processing the flowers from the scatter garden, dried harvested seeds, and taken seed pods apart. The last major harvest of beets was completed too. Birds are being fed black sunflower seeds with suet next.

Paul has written thank you notes to Little Prince for the butterfly garden seeds.

2nd Sunday in November work party was great! Thank you to all who participated. There won't be a 2nd Sunday in December or January.

Paul has asked each teacher who signs up to be in the garden, "What are you teaching them in the regular curriculum?" He is tying the garden activity into that classroom curriculum. For example, weather was the 5th graders' focus. Paul did a talk about how nature responds to seasons/weather. Other 5th graders were learning about native plants (common and botanical names)...they did some additional tagging of plants that needed it.

Mrs. Heath's 3rd graders were learning measurement. They used their body as measuring tools to do a pacing activity.

Ms. Cook's 3rd graders were learning about machines. Paul showed them how the push lawn mower was a useful machine in the garden/yard and identified the parts of the machine. Each child could push the mower in a relay race. Check out the photo on Facebook!

The 1st graders were covering the 5 senses so they went though senses in garden. All kindergarten classes were learning the Letter C. They looked for things in the garden that begin with C.

Scrip (Angela Tyler)

There are two more order weeks before the holidays. For orders turned in on Tuesday morning by 9 a.m., the Scrip will be ready by Thursday afternoon. There are five order days before winter break.

Angela has gift cards available tonight...Starbucks, Fred Meyer, and for Bridgeport Shopping Center.

Adrenaline Fund-raising

Amie discussed Adrenaline Fund-raising – we need to decided when and what we want to sell. The membership already voted on doing the sales in the early Spring, but do need to determine what the money will be used for.

Jenn Walters is here to share insight on the products...snack mixes sell well.

Options for sales (all are \$16 each):

- Gourmet caramel corn
- **Gourmet treats (nuts, pretzels, caramel corn, peanuts)**
- Cookies
- Beverages

The Gourmet treats were selected.

School Directory (Wendy O'Riley)

School directory forms will be out at the Winter Holiday.

Fall Harvest (Wendy O'Riley)

Fall harvest checks will be requested.

Carnival (Wendy O'Riley)

A parent at Bridgeport is willing to come and talk to the PTA about what is entailed in a creating a carnival at school. She is the current PTA president at the school. They do one every year (first Friday in June). We will see if she can attend our next meeting.

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS

Please send your PTA activity blurbs to Amy Zuckerman for the Bear Bulletin.

If you want to be on the agenda, please let Jill McCarty or Amie MacDonald know. If you have ideas for programs/speakers for the meetings, please share with one of the officers.

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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, January 7, 2014 – School Library
7 p.m. PTA meeting begins

Co-president Amie MacDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Prepared by ~
Sharell Lien, Secretary

Date presented: January 7, 2014

Approved as Written or Amended

Co-president

Secretary