

George Middle School PTA meeting September 14th, 2016

Laura does introduction and gives brief explanation of PTA

Otto Schell talked about Measure 97 Taxing corporations to support the funding of schools Oregon ranks 50th in nation for corporate taxes. Schools funded by personal income and property taxes and the lottery. School funding is running \$2 billion short each year. The initiative is focussed on education, health care, and elder services.

Laura asks about having a info table for the measure on Back to School night. Must stay on the sidewalk. Can speak about the measure in school, but not talk about how to vote.

Still looking for someone to provide childcare

Mission statement:

Last year we tried to bring as many parents and children for events at school as possible. Laura proposes that this year we focus on increasing parent leadership and cultural diversity to reflect our school. Lavert makes suggestions about outreach to other schools to feed into George PTA. Coffee with the Community, diverse groups to feed into PTA. Lavert's idea of our PTA purpose: Honor our school community and larger neighborhood community's diversity by engaging parents in leadership development opportunities to improve the quality of the achievement outcomes for all GMS students.

Review the minutes from May meeting. Recap of summer activities. Summer Parkways, raised just over \$500 in donations. Back to school barbeque Sept 10th. Sold Chinook books at Fred Meyer over Labor Day weekend. Outreach to local businesses to inform about GMS PTA and look for support. Joe moves to approve the minutes, Stephanie seconds.

Membership drive. Fourteen memberships. Goal for this school year is 45. Scholarships are available.

Treasurer's Report: Joe over \$1400 carry over from last fiscal year

Postponing vote for Vice President until next meeting.

Upcoming events

- Volunteers needed for selling Chinook Books at Farmers Market
- Back to school night Sept 20th, Volunteers for a PTA info table
- PTA leadership training Sept 24th. Robert Gray MS
- Clothing Center Volunteer shifts Monday September 26th.
- Burgerville Night October 19th. Volunteers sign up at a later date.
- Run For the Mustangs benefit for new PE equipment date TBD

For the good of the order