

## PTA General Membership Meeting

January 9, 2013

### CALL TO ORDER

PTA President Kristen Sheeran called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes from the previous meeting were approved without opposition. These can be found on BigTent at [http://www.bigtent.com/usr/files/74785554\\_2\\_00\\_PTAMinutes121212.doc](http://www.bigtent.com/usr/files/74785554_2_00_PTAMinutes121212.doc).**

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- The December treasurer's report was presented and are available at [http://www.bigtent.com/usr/files/75091115\\_2\\_00\\_Treasurer\\_report\\_January\\_2013.pdf](http://www.bigtent.com/usr/files/75091115_2_00_Treasurer_report_January_2013.pdf)
  - It was noted that the Give! Campaign contributions have increased substantially, increasing, now at 65% of target. (The target is based on 50% participation at \$100/child.)
  - Due to the overwhelming success of the ACCESS sweatshirt fund-raiser run by Gigi Cooper, it will be necessary to increase the line-item for supplies by \$60. **Motion to do so passed without opposition.**
  - It was decided that teachers and staff should not need to pay for the ACCESS sweatshirts. In future years we will endeavor to inform them of this fact in advance.
  - Denise Edgers had asked whether we would run the Chinook book fundraiser next year, as we can save some money by committing to do so now. Kristen affirmed our interest in continuing this next year.
  - *The PTA would like to express our sincere gratitude to Gigi Cooper and Denise Edgers for running the very successful sweatshirt and Chinook book fundraisers this year. Many thanks for all their hard work.*
  - A reimbursement check for Ms. Clarke was damaged and needs to be replaced. **Motion to issue a replacement check for \$18.28 was passed without opposition.**
  - Kristen has arranged a fundraiser at the downtown Laughing Planet cafe on January 16<sup>th</sup>. ACCESS will receive 10% of all receipts on that day. It was decided that this income would go into the PTA general fund.

### OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### MOVING

PPS is expected to present two options for the Jefferson cluster, which may include relocation of ACCESS within the cluster. A final decision is expected in early February. Judy Brennan has indicated that the decision will be made prior to the transfer deadline (early March?), which creates an upper limit for the length of the process.

Carl Logan attended the recent principal's coffee organized by Principal Bagby. Kristen said he seemed quite positive about the option of moving ACCESS to King. He also seemed to clearly expect ACCESS to be out of Sabin by next year.

At the same principal's coffee, Pamela and [Will?] presented the power point slides regarding the vision for ACCESS. These slides had presented in draft form at the December PTA meetings, then subsequently edited and reviewed online and in a follow-up meeting.

Kristen felt the presentation was well received by the district and thought it did a particularly good job of conveying our interest in aiding students throughout the district (not just our own children) and our interest in forming a strong partnership with any school with whom we are co-located.

## **POLITICAL ADVOCACY**

In the next 1-3 weeks the state PTA and the other PTA's working together should have a plan for action during the upcoming legislative session to support adequate education funding. PPS is currently projecting at least a \$22 million shortfall next year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **BOOK FAIR**

ACCESS families and supporters spent \$625 at the book fair, generating an additional \$150 in funds for books. The members discussed how to allocate these funds and choose to buy as many books as possible from the teachers wish lists (Clarke, Garcia, and OBOB books for Egan, Wiesner, McBride, and Kelly).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **AUCTION**

Pamela updated us on the progress on the ACCESS auction, to be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The auction will include a skating party for the kids organized by Camela Hicks. It will also feature new auctioneers, a husband and wife team. Tickets will be \$25, with some reduced price tickets available at \$5.

There are many opportunities to become involved in supporting the auction. We will be organizing some procurement get-togethers in various neighborhoods. These will be opportunities to walk the neighborhood in a group requesting donations from local businesses.

Donations of time and talent are particularly wanted. Some ideas that have been particularly successful include the following:

- Food
- Parties
- Kid or nerd oriented activities
- Vacation homes
- the Dark Horse Comics and Laika Studios visit
- a day shadowing a heart surgeon

There will be a planning meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>, and the deadline for donations is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Future Topics:** PTA President Kristen Sheeran would like to know what topics people would like to see addressed in future meetings either through discussion or through guest speakers. Please contact her at [ksheeran@ecotrust.org](mailto:ksheeran@ecotrust.org) with suggestions.

- Members suggested discussing next steps for the community partnerships mentioned as a goal in the ACCESS vision presentation.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05**