

PTA General Membership Meeting

May 8, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

PTA President Kristen Sheeran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved without opposition. These can be found on BigTent at http://www.bigtent.com/usr/files/77668366_2_00_PTAMinutes041013.doc

REPORTS

Talent Show

The talent show will be on May 22nd.

2:00-3:00 pm: Preview

6:30- : Full performance.

Sara is in need of assistants for the preview performance starting at 1 pm. Please contact penguinsara@hotmail.com if you can help.

Mr. Lamp and some student entrepreneurs will be selling and displaying art. There was some discussion of how the proceeds from the art sales would be handled, with the conclusion that Principal Bagby will be responsible for this as it is a school event rather than a PTA event.

JaneAnne is also planning on selling her renowned chemical element cupcakes. **A motion was passed without opposition to sponsor a PTA Bake Sale during the event to provide additional food, with proceeds to go to the PTA general fund.**

A request has been made to both ACCESS and Sabin to tune the school pianos prior to the talent show. If this is not approved, we propose to use PTA funds from the Music line item to pay for the tuning.

Social Activities

Judy Berck is leading the planning for the summer picnic on 8/18/2013 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. It has been relocated to Normandale Park, approximately 4 blocks from Rose City Park.

At the request of some students, the Spring Middle School Dance has been rescheduled to Friday June 7th, 6:30-8:30 pm. Please contact david.fikstad@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Foundation/Auction

Donations were collected at the auction raffle for the PTA to be used in support of the library. **A motion to postpone the expenditure of these funds until next fiscal year when our new library technician is hired was passed without opposition.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

The latest April treasurer's report was presented and is available at

http://www.bigtent.com/usr/files/77756751_2_00_Treasurers_report_April_2013.pdf

- Jonathan Dubay has arranged a restaurant fundraiser at the NE and NW locations of Pastini on May 13th-14th. Pastini will donate 50% of their profit if diners mention ACCESS. We will arrange for sales of food from Pastini on Science Night, both through pre-orders and onsite.

- Based on current income and planned expenditures the reserve will be significantly below the target of \$5,600, it is not expected that we will be unable to meet the planned expenditures.
- The possibility of doing another push for donations to the PTA to the Give! campaign was discussed. **A motion that we do not organize another Give! campaign push was approved without opposition.**
- There was considerable discussion about fundraising and whether we need to change either our fundraising approach or whether we need to change our budgeted expenses in the future to match current fundraising levels. This issue will be revisited.
- A request has been made by one of the teachers that they have the option to postpone use of their \$700/FTE discretionary funds until next fiscal year once they have a clearer idea of what materials will be needed in the new location. After much discussion, it was decided that we would continue with the June 30th deadline, but would communicate to the teachers both the fact that they have until June 30th and to remind them that requests for needed items at the new location can be brought to the PTA independent of the teachers' discretionary funds.
- An audit committee to review the financial records at the end of the fiscal year was selected consisting of Heather King, Pamela Kislak, and David Fikstad.

ELECTIONS

The following slate of candidates was proposed and elected unanimously:

- **President:** **Pamela Kislak**
- **Vice-President(s):** **Maxine Dexter, Judy Berck**
- **Secretary:** **Catherine Beckett**
- **Treasury:** **Kristen Sheeran**

The standing rules currently allow for joint positions as secretary and treasurer. **A motion to amend the standing rules to allow sharing of all positions except President was passed without opposition.**

Standing committee chairs will be discussed in the June meeting. It was suggested that we may want to consider creating positions specifically directed toward communication with the school population, along the lines of Sabin PTA's K-5 and 6-8 Communications VP's.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE (conveyed by Kristen Sheeran)

ACCESS will be allowed to accept 255 students next year, representing an increase of about 80 families.

Grade configuration for next year should include the following:

- A second 3rd grade section and a second 6th grade section.
- Full Spanish
- Full art, but Christopher Lamp will be remaining with Sabin
- Library reduced to 0.25 technician position

The new family night from June 5th has been rescheduled to May 28th 6:30-8:30 pm and will be in conjunction with the open house at Rose City Park (RCP). Children are welcome at this event.

- RCP will have a full cafeteria and full custodial staff.
- Start and end times will be unchanged.
- There will be a bus stop at Sabin.
- Peninsula before school and afterschool care will still be available through this stop.
- The building was newly painted, so there shouldn't be much needed on the inside. However, one issue is that RCP has no lockers. The parent community might want to consider fundraising for lockers for the middle school grades.
- The library will also likely need support. *Maxine Dexter has volunteered to house any books that families would like to donate to the library starting immediately. She will pass on those that are needed and arrange donation elsewhere for those that are not.*

Political Report

In light of the long waiting list of eligible students for admission to ACCESS, Michael suggested that we should pressure PPS to present its plan for meeting the needs of children who are not admitted either through growth in ACCESS or in their neighborhood schools. He felt that sharing of application data from families who are not admitted might be a particularly effective way to highlight the inadequacy of the status quo. An issue was raised regarding whether now would be an opportune time to approach PPS given they are currently embroiled in difficult budgeting issues.

A motion to draft a letter to PPS from the PTA asking them to explain their plan for meeting the needs of ACCESS eligible students was passed without opposition. The executive committee will draft a document and make it available online for review and comment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.