

Location: Karen's House (3626 212th PL SE)



**Meeting called to order at 9:42AM, quorum present.**

**Family Stem Night-** Jane Laukner

Family Stem Night is on March 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be nine vendors and teens from local high schools. Vendors include: Issaquah Aerospace initiative, Spartabots, Skyline IB Physics, Tech Venture Kids, Issaquah Valley Rock Club, Aphis Fingerprinting, 3-D VR Game, and Republic Recycling. There will be between 15 and 18 experiments. No concessions will be offered but there will be stations to make soil cups, marshmallow toothpick constellations and dissolving skittles. Promotional signs will be put up after winter break. Attendance is typically 400 people. Twenty-five volunteers are needed and not many people have signed up. ISD has STEM kits that they send the schools. Mrs. Cosey will facilitate procuring the kits. A take home experiment and flier with science websites will be given to all participants of the event. Math Club may have a table. Some of the vendors will be in the pods so a passport will be given to kids encouraging them to visit all the locations, to try all the experiments and interact with all vendors.

**President's Report-** Marissa Corona

Gaga Pit- Nothing to report. Email was sent inviting them to the General Meeting in January, but they have not yet responded.

The Creekside Around the World (Cultural Fair) Poster was approved by all in attendance.

At Council meeting there was a presentation about cultural differences.

**Vice President's Report-** Aimee Cermak & Karen Rajtar

Membership- 100% membership of staff has been reached.

Standards of Excellence Binder- All board members present are in favor of not submitting the Standards of Excellence Binder this year or in years to come. Instead, at the January board meeting from this day forward, we will perform an internal review and audit of the Standards of Excellence Checklist, keeping the documents in a binder for 7 years. Next year's board can revisit this decision.

**Vice Presidents of Fundraising Report-** Andrea Bullock & Lindsey Hatch

Sponsorship- There are sponsors who are interested in Hawk-a-thon, specifically. A new Board Position will need to be made for a Sponsorship Chair. It will be their job to put information into the eNews to promote sponsorship at variable levels. WSPTSA laws will be looked into regarding sponsorship and any ideas will be discussed with Tera Coyle.

The Board Position for Sponsorship Chair could also promote Amazon Smile. To offset the funds raised from sponsors, we could lower the Hawk-a-thon suggested donation amount. A letter will be put into eNews for parents to contribute ideas for how to spend additional Hawk-a-thon and sponsorship funds for the following

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year. Discussed having the Hawk-a-thon in October to allow for sponsorship and focus on membership right after school starts.

Will meet with Web designer to see new products for next year, review proposal, discuss deadlines, bug fixes, and how to have the website ownership transferred so it could hopefully be maintained by Creekside volunteers.

**Treasurer's Report-** Hailey Chamberlain

Monthly Report- Bank account balance is \$138,188.20. The biggest deductions in the last month were the teacher stipend grants. The three largest checks were for the walkie talkies, fifth grade camp, and two assembly checks. A stipend reminder will be sent out soon. Teachers have spent \$3092 so there is \$7407 left over for teachers and there is more for specialists. There is \$1000 in the budget for the Learning A to Z program but the office says they are not planning to use the program. By May it should be considered that the budget line item be zero on next year's budget. Additional money available but not utilized could go towards the rest of the walkie talkies.

New mailbox is working well.

Will order one yearbook per student (following up with those who have not paid) and give one yearbook to each teacher as a gift, this year we will need to credit back 6 staff who have already paid. Will consider having an art competition for yearbook cover. Competition runners up will go on the back page.

Charitable renewal was done at the end of December. Sales tax is due January 31<sup>st</sup>. Harland charge for \$744 to maintain the popcorn machine is not in our budget. This is done in the summer every other year. Halloween bash putting in an extra \$500 for haunted house.

**Vice Presidents of Volunteers/Programs Report-** Krista Wood

- Family Movie Night is January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Creekside Around the World is on February 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be an ISF presence at this event.
- Family Stem Night is March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Talent show is April 26<sup>th</sup> and Chairs will be present at March meeting.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the ISF luncheon.
- Lion King performances will run May 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The End of the Year BBQ is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> as it is not possible to hold PTSA events in the last 2 weeks of school.
- Art night needs a date. Hoping for early May pending dates for 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp.
- Halloween Bash co-chairs will be Krista and Jared Wood for next year.
- ISF dining for kids is on February 6<sup>th</sup> at Tanoor.

**Secretary's Report-** Taimay Jones

- Correspondence/Thank You Cards
- Next General Meeting Jan 22nd
- Next Board Meeting Feb 8th 930-1230AM at Marissa's House

**Open Discussion**

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Nominating committee- Asks people if they would like to have a position on the board. Three people have to be voted in at the January General Meeting to be the nominating committee. The nominating committee cannot be the PTSA President but anyone else on the board or any other PTSA member. The communications position is a board position but not an executive board position. Candidates are needed for VP fundraising, VP membership, Treasurer, and communications. Krista Wood will head up the nominating committee.

**Meeting adjourned at 1203PM.**