

Jackson High School PTSA 7.3.95
PTSA Meeting May 1, 2013

Call to Order: PTSA Co-President Mary Lou Evans called the Jackson High School PTSA to order at 7:04pm in the school library.

Attendance: Co-Presidents Loran Bond & Mary Lou Evans, Treasurer Christa Pederson, Co-Secretaries Lisa Steckler & Brandi Lind, Volunteer Coordinator Shonda Reinikka, JLC Reps Kathryn Lee and Linda Pazevic, Teacher Rep Torri McEntire, Ways & Means Rep Bonnie Ellis, Principal Terry Cheshire, Membership Rep Becky Hitchcock, Financial Review Rep Delia Kelly, Email Administrator Lori Taylor, Student Rep Conner Findley and general member Meggin Podnar. A quorum of the PTSA Board was present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 10, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted with the following correction: The statement "There was a presentation by the First Robotics Club" was added.

MOTION: Linda Pazevic motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Motion seconded. Motion accepted.

Financial Report: Christa Pederson reported the current checking account balance is \$10,061.26 and savings balance is \$15,579.13. Gross profits for the month were \$570.77 and total expenses were \$332.28 with a net income of \$238.49. The financial report will be filed for audit with total current assets of \$25,640.39. Christa reported that the PTSA checking account is currently out of checks, although an order was placed today. Any reimbursement requests currently submitted will take a couple of days to complete pending the arrival of the new checks. No claims were made to the PTSA insurance this month. Financial books were available for review at this meeting.

Presidents' Message: Mary Lou Evans and Loran Bond

- Planner Sales- David Bhak has renewed his color ad for the back of the planners for next year.
- If you are leaving your position for next year, please hand over the binders/information for your position to the incoming officer/volunteer.
- We will need help in August with the summer mailing. Any volunteers would be appreciated. Let Mary Lou or Loran know if you are interested in helping or if you have suggestions/ideas for helping the process run smoothly.
- We are still looking for a Ways and Means Chairperson for next year.
- Barbara Hagstrom resigned effective April 29th from her position as VP Membership. Barbara reviewed the summer mailing process with Loran prior to her resignation.
- Michelle Nims from the Everett PTSA Council was here in the library just prior to tonight's meeting to complete annual required training with officers who had yet to complete their training. All JHS PTSA officers have now met training requirements for the 2012-13 school year.
- PTSA meetings for next year will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the JHS Career Center with the exception of the following months where meetings will be held on alternate dates: September (11th), October (9th), April (9th) and June (11th).
- This year's classes still need to be billed for their summer mailings from August 2012. The price to each class for this next school year should be about the same as last year, ~\$125 per class.
- We will be removing the following individuals as check signers on our bank accounts: Christa Pederson, Becky Hitchcock and Lisa Steckler. The following individuals will be added as signers on the accounts: Sandy Mak, Loran Bond, Mary Lou Evans and Meggin Podnar. The mailing address on the accounts will be changed to Mary Lou Evans' home address.

Principal's Report: Terry Cheshire

- Classes for next year will be finalized by Monday. Any students whose requested classes will not be offered will be notified soon. Classes will not be able to be offered until there are at least 25 students signed up for the class.
- Some science classes for the fall will be eligible for math credits. The school will be sending out information as soon as possible.
- Prom is coming up soon. It will be held at the Seattle Aquarium this year. The aquarium has very strict rules regarding the use of alcohol and drugs. If any student is found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the entire event will be shut down. This has been made very clear to all students.
- A scheduled lockdown was completed this past week during lunch hours. The students did a great job. Terry states that while the cafeteria was completely emptied in less than 1.5 minutes, it is unknown whether the same would be true if it were during an actual event.
- Terry announced that he has accepted a position with the Mukilteo School District and will not be returning to JHS in the fall. A Connect-Ed announcement will be sent out to parents later this week announcing his plans to leave. Further information from the district will be provided to parents as to the procedure for hiring a new principal. Terry thanked all the PTSA members for their help and support over the past nine years and Kathryn Lee presented Terry with a goodbye/congratulations cake.

Staff Representative: Torri McEntire gave reports from the following staff members:

- Bill Trueitt-The yearbook was completed last Tuesday. The delivery date has been confirmed. Yearbook will be available for distribution at the Senior vs Staff basketball game. Yearbook sales will end May 10th. There are currently less than 100 books still available.
- Julie Long- Two years ago the Art club began the outdoor maintenance around the Fish Fountain near the school's main entrance to include pruning, weeding and planting tulip bulbs. The beautiful display of color currently in bloom is thanks to their hard work. Additionally, Art Club has been selling tie-dyed t-shirts as a fundraiser this year. The school district's annual high school art exhibit is currently on display at the school administration building for the month of May. JHS art students are significantly represented in this show.
- Barbara Stolzenburg- Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in the library this school year. Also thanks to the PTSA for the headphone sets that were granted this school year. The headphones are currently being used by students to complete class projects. Also, the library will be hosting author Rachel Hawkins during 4th period from 11am-noon on May 21st due to a partnership with University Book Store. Information is available on the library's website.
- Jennifer Joki- Jennifer is the new main office secretary. She would like PTSA to know that she is also Secretary for the NW Junior Pipe Band which is an organization that teaches bagpipes and Scottish drumming for parades, competitions or performances.
- Maria Reiman- Spanish study hall has been successful. Lots of students have been coming to study every Wednesday and work on class projects. There is also an Algebra tutor and an English tutor available as well. Snacks are being provided to students who come for study hall.
- Maggie Thorleifson- An "Awards" tab has been added to the JHS website.
- Torrie McEntire- Stiqayu has recently won a couple of awards as well as student Zack Anders for his articles.
- Reports/emails were also submitted from Victoria Haskell and Jeanette Boyer. A summary of awards/honors earned by students in the Introduction to Engineering and Science Research class and the Jackson Research Club was also submitted.

Student Representative: Connor Findley

- The Senior vs Staff Basketball game is coming up. All potential players names are put into a hat and names are drawn to choose teams to keep everything fair.
- New class officers for next year have been elected and the officers have been attending the 6:30am ASB meetings. Ms. Montgomery will be handing over advising responsibilities to Mr. Briggs. All ASB officers will be attending Leadership training this summer which is being paid for by the ASB.
- Link Crew is sponsoring Voiceless on May 3rd
- Battle of the Bands is coming soon
- Prom – The Three-legged Dogs, a band comprised of 4 JHS seniors, will be performing at prom for free. Planning for the event is coming together. The dance will be held June 8th at the Seattle Aquarium. The front will be decorated and lighting will be utilized to accent the walls/aquariums. Parking will be free from 8pm until the dance ends. There will be an otter feeding during the first hour of the dance. The entire aquarium will be open to students. Parents chaperones/volunteers are needed. The theme is Atlantis Underwater Paradise. Tickets will be \$10-\$15.

New Business:

A. Standing Rules: A copy of the proposed Standing Rules was passed around for all to review and a discussion ensued. It was suggested that the second sentence of Number 11 under Budget and Finance be changed to read: All contracts will be signed by a president and one other board member.

MOTION: Becky Hitchcock motioned to approve the proposed Standing Rules with the discussed amendment. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

B. Goals: A copy of the proposed Goals statement for next year was passed around for all the review. It was recommended that the 6th statement "Support school and community events" be removed.

MOTION: Becky Hitchcock motioned to approve the proposed Goals with the discussed amendment. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

C. Budget 2013-2014 school year: The proposed budget for next year was distributed for review. Christa Pederson reviewed the proposed line item changes.

MOTION: Becky Hitchcock motioned to approve the proposed 2013-2014 budget as written. Motion seconded. Motion passed. The PTSA may consider adding funding back into the budget for AP Art in the fall.

Old Business: none

Committee Reports:

Membership: No report

Ways and Means: We are still working on selling ad space in the planners for next year. Send any interested business to Mary Lou if they'd like to buy ad space.

JLC: Shonda Reinikka reported that during the JLCs most recent meeting the use of electronic devices was discussed. The group is working to create guidelines as to who can look at or review information on electronic devices. The Principal Student Cabinet also gave a report to the JLC. The cabinet members will go into JHS classrooms in May to explain to the rest of the student body what the goals are of the cabinet and how students can share questions/concerns they have. The majority of the time for the meeting was spent discussing Terry Cheshire's departure and the school district's plan for replacing Terry and Vice Principal Nyla Fritz who had previously announced that she was taking another job next fall.

Scholarship: 23 scholarship applications were received. All but one feeder school donated to the scholarship fund and the donations exceeded our budgeted amount by \$550, providing a total of \$1550 from feeder schools. A discussion took place about whether we should reallocate other budgeted funds to the scholarship fund so that more scholarships can be given this year. It was decided that \$250 would be moved from the legislative assembly budget to the scholarship budget so that JHS PTSA adds \$1250 to scholarships. This makes a total of \$2,800.00 available for scholarships. This year seven \$400 scholarships will be given to JHS students.

Wolf Tracks: Mary Lou Evans notified everyone that May 17, 2013 is the deadline for the June Wolf Tracks newsletter. Kathryn Lee volunteered to gather/compose the articles for next year's Wolf Tracks newsletters.

Staff Appreciation: The next staff appreciation luncheon will be a Cinco de Mayo theme held on May 8th.

Announcements:

- As all necessary items were covered at tonight's meeting, the scheduled June PTSA has been cancelled.
- The Coffee with the Principal scheduled for May 15th is going to be rescheduled.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm by Mary Lou Evans. The next meeting will be September 11, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Jackson High School Career Center.

Minutes submitted by Brandi Lind, Co-Secretary