

Jackson High School PTSA 7.3.95
General Membership Meeting - November 10, 2015

Call to order: PTSA President Denise Constantineau called the JHS PTSA General Membership meeting to order at 7:05. She welcomed everyone and Introductions were made by everyone present.

Attendance: Denise Constantineau, Georgina Johns, Michelle Anderson, Sandra Kramer, Kathi Webber, Angela Steck, Michelle Nims, Brandi Lind, Dave Peters, Laura Gothro - QUORUM MET

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Nims

- The financial record for the month of October was provided and presented.
- Things are going well. Some things from the start of the school year are trickling in: \$589 in Pass the Hat, planners (\$100), savings interest (\$0.15) and membership enrollment fees (\$608). Total income this month was \$1,297.15.
- Michelle worked with bank to get \$115.20 in bank fees reversed.
- Aim Insurance is renewed, 990N Postcard filed, and the Standards of Affiliation were completed before Oct 1st deadline.
- The books are present and there have been no claims on our insurance.
- *The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.*

Approval of Minutes: September minutes were accepted with the addition of a "Quorum Met" statement and list of attendees.

Principal and Staff Report: Dave Peters

- Lots has happened since the September meeting! October was busy:
- High School and Beyond: weren't able to get an exact count. Lots of folks. Timing conflicted with a Federal Way event so some of the colleges were spread thin or not present
- Nov 4: Coffee with Principal: Went well, thanks for organizing
- Homecoming: Totally done by students, and some diverse folks on the homecoming court. Dance - more than 1000 kids came to dance (felt like a record!) Key to appropriate behavior and good event is the DJ! He was great. (Tim - Part time Math Teacher at Everett High) No Suspensions! (not always true)
- School Improvement Plan: Just submitted to EPS District. This year JHS has been trying out some "best practices" Includes program called PIXAR (Planning, Instruction, X?, Assessment, Response). Provides common language for learning objectives across the subjects.
- Sports going really well! Ladies Volleyball and swimming in particular.

Goals update: Denise provided a written copy of the goals. Each one was reviewed and status updated.

- Communicate with families, staff, students and the community through:
 - JHS PTSA summer mailing (done)
 - Minimum of 7 Wolf Tracks Newsletters (2 done, on track)
 - Minimum of 4 JHS PTSA meetings (2 done 4 more planned, on track)
 - Assess current PTSA Website (It's a huge improvement. Provide stuff to Kathi Webber if you'd like it on the website)
 - Provide a minimum of 2 family and student education opportunities (still working on it, in the works is: suicide prevention)
- Increase family staff, student, and community memberships by 50 memberships (goal 504, at 496)
- Increase Pass the Hat donations to \$8000 to fully fund our school and classroom grants (at \$6349.50)
- Provide funding and volunteer support for enrichment programs events and services benefitting students and families. (Challenge Day is on the radar; funded honor roll posters; and reflections.

Nominating Committee: Denise

- We have a number of positions coming open next year.
- Michelle Nims made a motion and Angela Steck seconded that Georgina Johns, Sandra Kramer, and Brandi Lind be nominated for Nominating Committee and they all accepted. Positions to be filled: President, Treasurer, Secretary, VP of Fundraising. VP of Membership may continue on.
- **Motion was voted on and Passed: Georgina Johns, Sandra Kramer and Brandi Lind will be on the Nominating Committee.**

Fundraising: Angela Steck

- No additional Planner Sales. Expecting a few sold when midterm grades come out. Will also donate 15 more to counselors for students.
- Keep logging in Fred Meyer Cards!! The last check was over \$200

Open Board Positions: Denise

- Secretary: Just came open due to resignation

Staff Appreciation: Michelle Anderson

- Staff Appreciation has 2 open positions on the committee. Duties are to commit to bring food and be present from 9-1 to serve. Traditionally December is low and is a cookie exchange. We'll forward out to the general list and solicit donations from local stores.
- Upcoming events: Nov 18 and Dec 9
- Serving about 175 folks

Wolf Tracks: Denise (for Kathryn)

- Request for December went out recently. Deadline is Nov 16th.
- New guidelines to try to keep it shorter. Approach is to make more blurbs and a link, especially for multipage items.
- Flyers should be half page or less.
- Editor is looking for new formatting program for newsletter that allows more flexibility

Legislative/Advocacy: Georgina Johns and Denise

- Legislative Assembly In October: Georgina
 - Legislative Assembly Update: The legislative assembly was held recently in Olympia, on October 24, 2015. The purpose of Leg Assembly is to help prioritize the issues so that ones that resonate with the most local unit PTAs across the state. These are the ones that get the most attention and become part of the 'platform'. The current number one priority is the "Funding McClery" issue. Platforms are voted in for two year terms, the current platform is continuing for one more year.
 - The second tier for important ideas are called "supported issues". Two new issues were added to the "supported" list
 - § *Improving Education Outcomes for Foster Children:* Highlights a group of students who relocate often and have a difficult time getting a quality education as well as being college ready.
 - § *Career Development and Training for Para-educators:* Supports a move from para-educators that they want to be trained for the situations they are put in.
 - The one thing that was identified in recent Legislative assembly is that the legislators NEED TO HEAR from their constituents. Marie Sullivan identified that last month ZERO calls had been made to the governor's office about education. In an effort to help this, the PTA champions of this issue have drafted a document design for each local PTA to read, and adopt at a local general membership meeting. The document is titled the "Paramount Duty Resolution for Organizations"
 - A copy of the "Paramount Duty Resolution for Organizations" was provided and reviewed.
 - § ***Michelle Nims made a Motion to adopt the "Paramount Duty Resolution for Organizations" with the addition of a sentence adding "on behalf of our xxx members" : Angela Steck 2nd. Motion Passed***
 - § We will also try to get Twitter and other social media involved (facebook)
 - § See if ASB can be activated to get involved.
 - § "Class of" message boards might be able to be used
- Panic Button: (Denise) System for emergencies at or near schools. Is an App, that immediately connects to 911. It's everywhere in EPS except JHS, HW and Mill Creek Schools because the particular phone company that services Mill Creek does not support it.
 - ***Angela Steck made a Motion to send a letter to Mill Creek City Manager & City Council asking them to purchase the system that makes this works. It was seconded by Laura Gothro. Motion passed.***

Training: Denise, Board is fully trained. Will have new Secretary complete training when that position is filled.

New Business: Denise

- We are soliciting ideas for PTSA program or event in lieu of the individual scholarship.
- Funds reallocations:
 - We got word we would receive a Grant refund from District: Approx. \$3650 in previous years unused grant funds.
 - Scholarship fund: Despite intending to not do the scholarship, the budget shows \$800. This money can be reallocated.
 - ***Motion to return "Grants Refund from District" back into Grant line item and the \$800 in scholarships fund to be split into two line items: \$600 to undesignated and \$200 to shoe fund; made by Brandi Lind, 2nd by Angela Steck. Motion Passed.***

Other Business: Denise

- Sponsored by Everett Council PTSA: Nov 16th at North Middle School: "Parents Guide to Common Core" Starts with overview of Common Core, has a review of each subject and then info about how our district is doing it. More info is found on Facebook and JHS PTSA website

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgina Johns, Volunteer Coordinator