

PTO General Meeting Minutes, 1/20/16

Attending: Sarah Ladiges, Jenny Anderberg, Hawk Cramer, Jen Woodman, Jenn Middleton, Jennifer Long, Connie Saxby, Megan Blomquist, Stephanie Eshuis, Courtney McCready, Brandi Bock, Susan Kelleher and three parents

Call to Order: 6:33 pm by Jen W., seconded by Stephanie E.

Review Agenda/Approval of Minutes

Jen W. moved to approve minutes from the November 18, 2015 General Meeting after noting that the date on the top of the minutes needed to be corrected to read 11/18/15 rather than 6/9/15. Hawk C. seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Principal's Report

Hawk C. passed out information about the capital and replacement levy that will be on the ballot on February 9, 2016. He explained that the intent of this levy is to continue funding for building improvements and technology, specifically with the intent of meeting the District's goal of having laptops for every student in grades three and above. This funding will also support the addition of more portable classrooms. He encouraged parents to make themselves available to answer questions about the levy and to volunteer for the District's phone bank, if possible.

Hawk also discussed the need for new ways to reach out to students in our community who may be experiencing sexual abuse. He explained that Open Door Theater used to come to Cedar Way every other year and do age-appropriate performances to educate students and raise awareness about bullying and sexual abuse. Open Door is no longer operating, and he is looking for a replacement curriculum on these issues and for other ways to create a culture of openness and support for students who may be struggling with such problems. It was suggested that Mountlake Terrace Police and EDGE Performing Arts may be of assistance in finding a replacement for the Open Door program.

Hawk had no additional information about SBA scores at this time but will be following up about that at the next PTO meeting. In closing, he reported that the Cedar Way community raised over \$24,000 for the family of Ariel Johnston, which assisted the family with medical bills, funeral expenses, and related needs.

Treasurer's Report

Jenn M. handed out Profit & Loss sheet for 11/18/15 – 1/19/16 & highlighted some of the money that came in & went out:

- Box Tops generated \$304.90
- Registrations for the spring musical generated \$1,095.00
- Cancellation of the TreeRing yearbook order resulted in a refund of \$502.89
- Expenditures included Safety Patrol appreciation (\$81.76), script charges for the spring musical (\$535.00), and purchase of wreaths for holiday wreath sale (\$1,249.50).

Old Business

Sewing/Storage Project – Megan B. reported that several parents, grandparents, and other community members volunteered to sew chair pockets to provide additional storage to students in the portable classroom. Fabric for the pockets was donated by Sarah Ladiges. About half the chair pockets have been completed and the rest are expected to be finished within the next couple of weeks.

Pacific Science Center – Jenn M. reported that arrangements have been made for Pacific Science Center to present a two-day, all-school assembly/onsite “field trip” with classroom instruction and hands-on experiences in the spring. The dates are currently under review due to a scheduling conflict with the spring Book Fair. The theme will be outer space. Jenn reported there will be an additional charge of \$480 to keep equipment at Cedar Way overnight. Jen W. moved to approve the extra expenditure; Hawk C. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Edmonds Comedy Night - Jen W. provided information about this fundraising opportunity that is being done in partnership with Terrace Park Elementary. The comedy show is on January 29 & 30, 2016, and \$5 of each ticket sold will come back to the PTO.

Goodwill Fill a Truck – Jenn M. has arranged for Goodwill to bring a truck to Cedar Way on February 6, 2016, from 10 am – 2 pm as a fundraiser for the fifth graders for next year’s Outdoor Camp. Goodwill will donate \$500 for each truck that is filled.

International Potluck at Brier Terrace – Sarah L. reported that Brier Terrace Middle School is organizing an international potluck to be held on March 24, 2016. Students and families from elementary schools that feed into Brier Terrace, especially sixth graders and their families, are encouraged to attend. More information will follow.

Committee Updates

Spring Musical – Jen W. reported that 41 students are participating in Annie, the Musical. An evening performance will be held on Friday, March 10, and an afternoon performance will be held on Saturday, March 11.

Enrichment Programs – Jen W. reported that a new series of enrichment programs have begun, including a drawing class through Smart with Art, Bricks 4 Kids, and basketball for grades 1-4.

Communication – Information about PTO is available through the PTO website (www.cedarwaypto.org), the Facebook page, the Weekly Happenings email, and the readerboard. The Eagle Express (paper flyer) covering January and February will be sent out in late January.

Read-a-thon – Jennifer L. reported that the Read-a-Thon will be taking place the week of February 28 – March 6, 2016, which is timed to coincide with Dr. Seuss’s birthday. Packets will be going home the week of February 8, and volunteers are needed to help prepare packets. Several activities are planned, including a pajama night story time, a dress-up day, guest readers, and a reading by Ms. Hayes-Bell at Yogurtland. Prizes will be given for minutes read and for pledges raised, and students will be able to earn Eagle Bucks for use at the spring Book Fair, which is scheduled for March 21-24, 2016.

5K Fun Run – Planning meetings for next summer’s 5K Fun Run will begin soon, and new volunteers are welcome to join in and help with planning and sponsorship.

Box Tops – Next turn in date for Box Tops is February 17, 2016.

Call to Adjourn: Jen W. moved to adjourn at 7:29 pm, seconded by Jenn M.