

**Fall City Elementary School PTSA 2.16.15
General Membership Meeting
May 22, 2007
Minutes**

Call to Order: Betsy Evensen, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present and the Treasurer's Books were on hand.

Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2007 General Membership Meeting: Cammie Jackson moved that the minutes from the March 13, 2007 General Membership Meeting be approved as written. Kara Spaulding seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Robin Schmitt, Treasurer, distributed the April 2007 financial statement.

President's Report: Betsy Evensen

-**Committee Chairperson Appreciation Brunch:** Betsy announced that this event is scheduled for June 12, 2007 at The Lodge in the Valley of the Moon and thanked Mo Pfister for allowing the PTSA to use the Lodge for this purpose without charge.

-**Principal Appreciation Week:** The PTSA presented Dan Schlotfeldt a gift certificate to the Salish Lodge in honor of Principal Appreciation Week.

-**Thanks to two special officers:** Betsy thanked Robin Schmitt and Inga Rouches for their work with the PTSA.

-**Bond Update:** The Snoqualmie Valley School District bond received only 58.31 percent yes votes in the election on May 11, which is short of the 60 percent needed for approval. The bond therefore did not pass and the election will be certified on May 30, 2007.

Principal's Report: Dan Schlotfeldt informed the membership that he has hired a new fifth grade teacher for next year and that there is still a first grade position open for the fall.

New Business-Planning for 2007-2008: Betsy Evensen

-**Standing Rules and New Committees:** An amended copy of the PTSA standing rules was distributed. Betsy announced the formation of three new committees for next year: The Kindergarten Committee, the School Spirit Committee, and the No-Effort Fundraising Committee. The standing rules have been modified to add these committees. In addition, the Snoqualmie Valley School District now has a new PTSA Council, and the standing rules have been amended to add reference to this new group. Sheri Christian moved that the amended standing rules be adopted for the 2007-2008 school year. Leslie Kellogg seconded the motion and the motion passed.

-**Fundraising Plans for Next Year:** Tracy Egan, Co-Vice President

-**Fundraising Task Force:** Tracy informed the group that a task force was formed this spring and it looked at all key fundraising activities and rated them. The task force also looked at what programs needed funding next year. Mr. Schlotfeldt gave his input and ideas to the task force.

-**Fundraising Needs:** One of the major items the task force determined is needed is a Learning Assistance Package, which would consist of three parts: (1) Two Instructional Assistants, one for the lower grades and one for the upper; (2) A bigger tutoring program, with common assessments; and (3) A Homework Club. A certified teacher will direct the IAs, the tutoring group and the Homework Club.

-**Fundraising Plans for Next Year:** The task force came up with the following fundraising plans for next year:

1. Maximize the Walk-a-thon and Go the Extra Mile, with a goal of \$50,000 and \$15,000 for each program, respectively.
2. Maximize the raffle, with a goal of \$7,000.00.
3. Redouble our No-Effort Fundraising efforts, with renewed emphasis on Escrip and corporate matching, with a conservative goal of \$5,800.00.

4. Grants and/or a Spring fundraiser, with an ultimate goal of \$25,000.00. This will be used to fund the Learning Support Package, which will be sustainable from year to year. The PTSA will decide by the end of the calendar year if the spring fundraiser/auction will be necessary.

-Adoption of the 2007-2008 Budget: Robin Schmitt presented the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 school year. She stated that the PTSA's checking account currently has a balance of approximately \$8,700.00 and has an additional \$10,000.00 in savings. Mo Pfister made a motion that the proposed 2007-2008 budget be approved. Cathy Renner and Karen Hunt both seconded the motion and the motion passed.

-Open Committee Chair positions: Betsy announced that a number of committee chair positions for next year remain open. The following committees are still in need of chairs and/or co-chairs: Book Fair, Spaghetti Dinner, Yearbook, Walk-a-Thon, Food Drive, Hug Buckets, Safety, and Playground Support.

Committee Reports

-Nominating Committee: Stephanie Ploof, Nominating Committee member, presented a letter of resignation from Shelli Sanctis, Vice-President-elect. Stephanie stated that the Nominating Committee would like to nominate Miranda Thorpe to take Shelli's place and read Miranda's qualifications to the membership. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Stephanie formally nominated Miranda Thorpe as Vice President. Miranda accepted the nomination. The floor was asked for further nominations, but none were forthcoming and the nominations were closed. Robin Schmitt moved that Miranda Thorpe be accepted as Vice President for next year and the motion was seconded. The motion passed.

-Golden Acorn Award and Shining Stars: Cammie Jackson, chair of the Golden Acorn committee, announced the following Shining Stars for the 2006-2007 school year: Susan Husa, Laurel Gress, Pat Martin, Jennifer Curd, and Robin Schmitt. Cammie then presented the Golden Acorn Award to Debbie Luchtel and Chris Guyer.

-Walk-A-Thon: Mo Pfister, Co-Chair, announced that a couple more co-chairs are needed for the WAT. Specifically, a Co-chair is needed for morale and spirit building and will work with Tim Coleman on videotaping inspirational messages for the children. Mo also announced that the committee is looking to beef up the WAT sponsorship angle.

-Legislative-Simple Majority Campaign: Susan Husa, Chair of the Legislative Committee, informed the membership that one of the top five priorities of the WSPTA is the adoption of Constitutional Amendment EHJR 4204, which provides for a simple majority vote to pass all school levies. The general electorate will vote to accept this amendment on November 11, 2007. Susan stated that the People for Public Schools has asked the PTSA to vote to support the amendment and to provide monetary support to the campaign to have the amendment pass. Stephanie Ploof moved that the PTSA endorse the simple majority campaign and Miranda Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed. Stephanie Ploof then moved that the PTSA provide \$250.00 to People for Public Schools to support the simple majority campaign. Miranda Thorpe seconded the motion and it passed.

-Fall City Cookbooks: Inga Rouches, Co-Vice President, announced that the PTSA is updating the Fall City cookbook within the next few months and asked for new recipes for the supplement. She also stated that a new chairperson is needed for this project.

-School Supplies: Betsy announced that fliers advertising the PTSA program for school supplies would be coming home shortly.

-Junior Achievement: Angel Pipinich, chairperson, stated that the Junior Achievement program is currently being presented in class and that a new chairperson will be needed for this program next year.

Foster Care Presentation: Kim O'Hagan of the Snoqualmie Tribe Kiya Foster Care Program and Ruth Graham of Fostering Together talked about the fact that the King County foster parent program is

currently in crisis. They informed the group of the many options available to help the foster parent program.

Adjournment: Betsy Evensen adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.