

Loyal Heights Elementary School
PTA Board Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2007

Meeting held in LH library.

Meeting called to order by Mary Slater, president, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Slater, Mia Cisek, Jen Doherty, Margie Balcos, Clover Codd, Lori Monlux, LeAnne Brown, Anne Forester, Susan Ovens, Kelly Holton, Mara Lim, Shelley Imel, Tricia Lapse, Janet Solan and Carolyn Hostetler

Guests: Christie Most, Anne Dunn

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: Motion by Shelley, seconded and passed.

Approval of Agenda for tonight: Motion by Carolyn, seconded and passed.

Reports of Officers:

Anne Forester: Legislative

No on 960 is endorsed by PTA.

PTA legislative survey results are out - see attached sheet

Simple Majority Bill supporters are organizing a phone bank before the election.

Fundraising: Jen and Margie

Jogathon went well. The preliminary results are \$5100 on T shirt sponsors, \$621 on additional T shirt sales, \$1900 on pizza for a total of approximately \$7,000. With expenses being approximately just over \$4,000, there is a clear profit already of \$2,800.

About \$4,000 has been received in pledges so far.

Sally Foster sales have grossed \$16,000. LH gets half of that. Online sales are continuing through January.

Boxtops, Ballard Market, Safeway and PCC fundraisers have netted \$1300 so far this year.

The first auction committee meeting has been held. The theme is "80's Dance". The goal is to be done with the auction by 9:30 and then dance.

Volunteer Coordinators: Shelley

There was a big and favorable response to Big Blue and its new format. There were 75 responses. The data base with that information has been completed and given to committee chairs. Most chair positions have been filled. Still needed: Science Fair Chair and a Crossing Guard.

All rooms have room parents.

Passed around were thank you notes for Jeff Helde of Alphagraphics, Lena George for Club Coordination and Susan Thomas for after school club snacks.

The PTA Holiday Party will be held Friday, November 30 at the Blue Ridge Clubhouse. The hours are 7:00-11:00. Participants are to bring appetizers and a white elephant gift exchange, if desired. There will be a 1/4 sheet invitation going home later.

Treasurer: Mia

At the budget meeting we will discuss the Playfield Project line.

Mia recommends liquidating the library improvement project, as that project is completed.

Mia proposes closing the playground maintenance money market account at Viking Bank and moving the money to the regular money market account, leaving three accounts: Jumpstart checking, Viking money market and checking. This proposal was seconded and approved.

President's Report: Mary

New standing rules approved at General Meeting were passed out.

Liz Schmidt and Bruce Pritchard are working on the Sound Improvement project for the cafeteria and will give us a demonstration, maybe at the next meeting.

Let Liberte know about dates for events so she can get the coffee from Starbucks.

The Nominating Committee needs to pick a lead person.

A suggestion for the after school clubs is that a lottery system be implemented instead of the first come-first served system. This would eliminate any lack of fairness for kids whose teachers don't pass out the flyers the first day they come out.

We will consider making the clubs coordinator position a standing committee position.

Everyone please check your page on the website.

When sending out kidmail, please deliver everything to Kathy and Linda as well as Mary and Clover.

Two events that are coming up this winter are Middle School Night and a Parent Information Night. At the Parent Information Night there will be four presenters: Sheila Meaghar, a financial planner, a naturopathic sleep specialist and one other.

Membership: LeAnne

There are 347 PTA members signed up so far! Way to go, LeAnne!

Tricia will bug the staff to join PTA.

AIR Report: Susan

Diane Kurzyna came to conduct an Art Docent workshop and present information at a teacher's meeting.

Volunteers are needed for the classroom projects.

The field trips to the Sculpture Park are going very well.

Peggy Dolane will choose and present a "Mystery Sculpture" every few months.

Principal's Report: Clover

Loyal Heights received the Improvement in Student Achievement Award. Only 86 schools (the top 5%) in the state received this award. The Ballard News Tribune did a story, also.

There was a school board meeting last night. There was a unanimous vote to change the way school funding is done in Seattle. There will be a change from the Weighted Student Formula to a Staffing Standard. Loyal Heights will probably gain staff and lose some discretionary funding.

St. Alphonsus Kindergarten Fair...should we go? The agreement was that we should go.

The After Eight Mints are starting to go around the table.

Communications: Lori

Yahoo Group messages will only go out one time one day before an event to avoid barraging people with emails. If one is a member, one can put something out to the Yahoo Group oneself. One does not need to go through Phil Klein.

New Business:

Mini-grant: Shimada, Vaagsland/Ware are asking for \$333.00 for a February trip to Chinatown/International District. Jen moved to approve, it was seconded and approved.

Harvest Night: Mara is asking if there will be dinner. The feelings on the board are that there should be dinner run by the fifth grade class to help fund the fifth grade trip to Camp Orkila.

The crafts from Harvest Night will be donated to the community.

Harvest Night will start at 5:30 on November 16.

Queen BeaVer Award: Lori passes the tiara to Jen Doherty. Congratulations, Jen!

Meeting is adjourned at 8:50. Off to Zagi's.