

Juanita High School PTSA 2.0.08.90

General Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2018 - 7:00PM in the Library

OPENING

PTSA President Meg Tally Hunt welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

SECRETARY REPORTS

Secretary Theresa Harrington presented the draft minutes from the November 14th meeting for review.

Amy Loftquist made a motion to approve the minutes. Meg Tally Hunt seconded the motion and the motion passed. The minutes were signed and filed.

GRANT COMMITTEE REPORT

A grant committee consisting of Heather Cramer, Joel Pfundt, Michelle Rocamora, Meg Tally Hunt and Pam McBain, met and reviewed the PTSA grant requests. Michelle Rocamora presented the grant committee recommendation. Twelve grant requests were received totaling \$5359.91. The grant committee recommended funding all the grant requests with the exception of a teacher training requests which Principal Clapp indicated could be funded through the school budget.

Jessica Pfundt made a motion to approve the grant committee recommendation to fund 11 grants totaling \$4733.00. Meg Tally Hunt seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pam McBain will notify the grant recipients.

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting and financial statements were not available. The financial statements will be sent to the Board via email next week and presented to the membership at the general meeting in January.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Kelly Clapp gave a construction update. Staff was given a tour of the new building and it is starting to look like a school. The building timeline is currently on schedule for the opening of the main building and performing arts center in the fall of 2019. The current plan is for staff to take occupancy of the building in mid - August, but contingency plans are being made just in case inspection and permitting delay occupation until right before school starts. The office portable will remain until the transition to the new office in the main building is complete. Ms. Clapp also reported that excitement is building about the new Juanita High School. Interior furnishing are being selected with an eye toward student comfort and collaboration. In addition, the new building has some amazing sustainability features as well as plans for an urban garden. Ms. Clapp also shared a draft of the Continuous Improvement Plan for Juanita High School. This is a goal setting document developed by staff and administration which defines professional growth goals for teachers and achievement goals for students. Staff and administration have spent considerable time and energy ensuring this plan will help to meet the needs of the Juanita community. Finally, Ms. Clapp reported that Juanita High School is on the agenda to present to the School Board in April. She may be asking some students and parents to help with the presentation.

CLASS OF 1998 DONATION

Theresa Harrington reported that a member of the JHS Class of 1998 Alumni Association contacted her through the PTSA website wanting to make a donation to the school. The class had some funds left over after planning their

20th reunion and thought a donation would be a good use of the surplus. They were hoping to give \$3200 for a specific and tangible purpose and asked that the PTSA make a recommendation on how these funds could be best used. After discussion, it was decided that using these funds to increase the PTSA scholarship fund would be the best use. Theresa will contact the Class of 1998 representative and invite them to the January meeting to make the donation. The scholarship will be called the Class of 1998 Alumni Scholarship and will be announced in the Town Crier.

WAYS AND MEANS

Jessica Pfundt reminded everyone to sign up for the Fred Meyer rewards program. It is an easy way to generate additional funds for the school. She also reminded membership to check in with their employer's about matching donation programs. Jessica also reported that she is working with the Rebel Cares team to try to generate more funding for the InvestEd account at Juanita. Funds from this account go to pay AP testing fees, class fees and other expenses such as yearbooks, cap and gown, eyeglasses etc. for student who could not otherwise afford it.

FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Shannon Schill asked for volunteers to conduct the PTSA Mid-Year Financial Review in January. Mike Sigl and Jessica Pfundt volunteer. Shannon will be in touch to set up the review.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Meg Tally Hunt reported that Carolyn Appleyard, Scholarship Committee Chair needs a few more people to sit on the scholarship committee. Anyone interested should contact Carolyn.

REBEL CARE

Susan Vossler reported on the InvestEd Drive. The goal of the campaign is to raise funds for the InvestEd fund at Juanita, as the need is high. She also reported that the counselling office is still requesting donations of non-perishable snacks for students in need. The Juanita staff has started a holiday clothing drive. They are gathering donations of new and gently used coats and clothing as well as new socks. Donations should be dropped at the counseling office by December 17th.

SENIOR CELEBRATION

Meg Tally Hunt informed the membership that the Senior Celebration parent committee resigned citing unforeseen personal issues. The membership discussed how to best move forward. There is a lot of work involved in planning the Senior Celebration. Without a committed team of parent volunteers the event may not be able to happen. A decision must be made by December 12th as the Grad Night Company needs to book the venues by that time. It was agreed to send an email out to all the senior parents letting them know that without volunteers the party is in jeopardy. Theresa Harrington will reach out to Grad Nights to inquire about our contractual obligations and to discuss trying to lower the price of the party and reduce the contracted number of students.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Susan Vossler and Jessica Pfundt reported on the newly formed Sustainability Committee. Sustainability representatives from all the schools are meeting with the District to try to shape and inform district wide policies around sustainability. It was suggested that the PTSA invite the District's Resource Manager Jed Reynolds to come to an upcoming PTSA meeting to talk about the sustainability features in the new school building. Meg Tally Hunt suggested the March meeting might be a good time.

STAFF APPRECIATION

Shannon Schill informed membership that she will be organizing a December “Holiday Treat” staff appreciation event. She will be sending out a sign up for folks to bring in treats the week before break. Look for more information in the Town Crier and in email.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

GUEST SPEAKER

Meg Tally Hunt introduced the guest speaker Crystal Tate of Crystal Clear College Planning. Ms. Tate was welcomed to the meeting. She presented on “How to Choose the Best College for You Student and Your Pocketbook.” The presentation was informative and well received.

CLOSING

Secretary Theresa Harrington thanked Ms. Tate for her helpful presentation and the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM. Ms. Tate remained to answer questions.

Respectfully Submitted, Theresa Harrington, Secretary

Signature