

Abernethy PTA Board Meeting

Date: 2/15/2017

Attendees:

Jim Kohler	Beth Cavanaugh	1 General Member
Lisa Delaney	Amanda Demoss	
Kirstin Isaacson	Jennifer Jensen	
Kari Brooks Capony	Leah Woods	

Agenda:

1) **Call to Order** – 7:06pm by Jim Kohler

2) **Approval of Minutes**

- a) Beth Cavanaugh makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Kari Brooks Capony seconds the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

3) **Officers & Committee Reports**

a) **Finance Committee**

- i) Distributed current Budget vs. Actual report.
ii) Amanda gave update: 1099's are out; need to move the yearbook line out of the current location in the report; nothing for February showing on the report yet, this is all through January.

b) **Auction**

- i) Net proceeds were \$70k last year, this year should be similar.
ii) \$22,274 total expenses projected this year- this is similar to last year's expenses.

c) **New Families**

- i) Connect to Kindergarten is on the 23rd.

d) **SKG/GAP**

- i) Grounds proposal: 5th graders will work on a legacy project in the native garden (NE corner of campus) to get rid of invasive species, ID and sign plants, create a nature trail. Hoping this will engender some shared care and respect for that area of the school grounds. Jennifer submitted a grant proposal today for the East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation grant to help fund this project.
ii) Garden Clean Up day is on the 25th.
iii) April 20th earth day event will be a pre-chili event where people can help make flags for the garden and then proceed into the school for the cookoff.
iv) SKG had a committee meeting last week, but not many people could make it.

- v) GAP proceeded with the Friday reduction to 2 teachers and now Thursday is at Friday enrollment so they may need to discuss reduction on Thursdays too.

e) Staff update

- i) None.

f) Other Committee/Officer updates

- i) None.

4) Unfinished Business

- a) Will we have the Fregenet fundraiser this year? Mr Kurtz is gone- could we do this to collect books for other city libraries or schools?

Results: Refugee orgs? Would staff want to take it on? Jim will talk to Rose or Heather to see if there's interest from staff first since this was an event coordinated by a staff member. If not, PTA will send a notice in the MM to see if anyone would like to run a fundraiser like this.

5) New Business

- a) Officer positions up for Spring nominations & elections; Committee Chair positions open for 2017-2018 – Final list to publish & Planning for recruitment?

- i) Should we have a service coordinator on the PTA Board to coordinate maybe 2 events per year for service?

(1) Could advertise it as an open position and then if it doesn't get filled we won't pursue at this time. Someone may be very interested. Could be a family...

(2) Let's leave as unfinished business until more 2017-2018 positions are filled.

- ii) Things to consider for spring recruitment: we should redefine room parent description to include responsibility for help with communication to class parents (communication tree); make sure we cast a wider net to involve parents who are not at school in pta opportunities versus relying on teacher recommendations.

- b) Restoration request for the WPA 1940 mural, History of Oregon, painted by German immigrant (whose work is also at timberline). The mural goes around the entire room- located in the current room of Mr. Day. The mural is currently painted over, but there is a small square that was restored years ago as part of an initial analysis on whether the project was feasible.

- i) Nina Olson, conservator, and Rosie Platt (was PTA Pres at Chapman)- worked on a conservation project together there and they would like to take on the restoration of this mural. The project at Chapman was restoring one of first plywood relief pieces created. They would seek grants to get the work done Abernethy, the PTA would be the fiscal agent for these grants. Rosie would write the grants. The restoration work for the mural would also include stripping the woodwork in the room to make it look like 1940 to be contemporary with the mural.

- ii) There would be no outlay from the PTA except for an initial pledge. The initial grant requires a pledge of matching funds. So we'd pledge \$20K in order to receive a \$20K grant, then they'd get additional grants to keep funding the project and we wouldn't need to pay out on the pledge. They are estimating the entire project will be \$300-400K.

- iii) At Chapman they procured more than was needed for the project, so they produced plaques explaining the project for students.

iv) Questions: How would being the fiscal agent for these grants impact our taxes? Who would claim this as income?

- v) Lisa Delaney makes a **MOTION** to approve moving forward with the WPA mural conservation at Abernethy Elementary and making the PTA the fiscal agent for any grants won.

VOTE: The motion unanimously passed.

6) Announcements

- a) Garden clean up Feb 25th – please join us!

7) Program/Speaker (N/A)

8) Open Forum

- a) None.

9) Adjournment

Kirsten Isaacson makes a MOTION to adjourn, Beth Cavanaugh seconds.

VOTE: The motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Highlights denote items requiring follow up at the next meeting.

NOTE: These minutes are provided for review and distribution but have not yet been approved by the board.

Leah Woods
Abernethy PTA Secretary