

## General Membership Meeting

June 2, 2006, 9:30 AM  
Held at the Home of Diane McGee

### Call to Order – Jiff Searing

Jiff called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. 18 people present; 17 members signed in.

Thank you cards from the teachers and from Paula were passed around. Also passed around were letters from the kids who attended Tillicum Village, and the kids who worked with the Songwriting Software. We had the music from the songwriting software grant to listen to while we snacked and socialized before the meeting.

### Secretary's Report – Deborah Parsons

#### Minutes from May

Deborah Parsons presented the minutes from the May 5, 2006 General Membership meeting. Accepted as presented.

### Treasurer's Report – Diane McGee

Available cash on hand: \$16,597. We paid out \$23,000 this month, including the scholarships, the Songwriting Software funding request, and Safenet. The Senior Celebration is a zero profit income/expense.

### President's Report – Jiff Searing

#### Acknowledgements

Goals achieved:

- Closing the achievement gap: we helped fund a WASL lab, SAT/ACT readiness, math and reading labs.
- Membership: we had 1164 members; we have 1200 students, so we came close to 100%
- We adopted the Senior Celebration program; lends credibility, continuity, insurance.
- Diane has reformatted the budget to be more usable
- We now have our own website, thank to Susan Hegedus
- We have given over \$16,000 in grants this year
- We had two staff lunches, staff appreciation week, and provided snacks at all of the staff meetings each month
- We recognized a lot of kids in the Quarterly Student Honors—kids who don't usually get recognized
- We handed out 4 scholarships

#### PTA Council Report

Jiff's Senior Moment: at the Council thank you luncheon last week, each PTA president introduced their incoming presidents, and principals. For some reason, Jiff couldn't think of Paula's name.

Jiff shared Paula's story of a backpacking trip in which she broke both feet when a tree limb fell on her.

The council is asking for donations to the district to fund summer school scholarships for kids who can't afford to attend.

June 8, there will be training after the Council meeting at the ISD, at about 11:00 am.

The ISF phonathon had good participation.

On June 14, the School Board will have an important meeting to discuss reboundarying, ends statements, new middle school locations, etc. Interested public should attend.

#### Housekeeping

Our PTA retreat will be on August 30<sup>th</sup> at Nancy Campi's house, probably 7 pm to 9 pm.

The June meeting next year will have to be on the second Friday, since Marianne Kersten will be at a swim meet on the first Friday.

### **Principal's Report – Paula Phelps**

Paula was not here, due to a family emergency.

Curriculum Night: September 19.

### **Staff Report – Susan Graham**

Not present; no report.

### **Site Council Report – Nancy Campi**

There was a request to teach intelligent design along with evolution; this is a district issue.

IHS and PCFC still need Site Council parent reps next year.

Curfews on field trips: recommend the district get the schools to collaborate on this.

The kids are supposed to be finalizing their schedules over the summer, before registration.

Attendance procedures: spent some time reviewing.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 21.

### **Legislation Report – Deborah Parsons**

Deborah thanked us for sending her to Convention. Some key votes taken: all 5 resolutions adopted; Membership fee increased.

“Washington Learns” report due out in July.

At Convention, there was an excellent speech by Rob McKenna about the vulnerability of kids to predators or identity theft on the internet.

### **VP Reports**

#### Volunteers

“Taking Care of Business days” August 22, 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>: Executive committee members are required to help. Other volunteers will be needed.

We are also needed to help with the packet preparation on August 7.

#### Website

Get any stuff you have for next year to Susan Hegedus so she can get it updated before July.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Outstanding Educator

Three awards were distributed at last month's staff meeting: Chris Bowman, Cary Kodama and Jay Radmer.

### **New Business**

#### Proposed Budget

The proposed budget was sent out by email, and is attached to the Secretary's copy of the minutes. The Special Funding requests will be less next year and can be increased if more comes in from “Pass the Hat”. We are paying down the carry forward amount with a goal to get it down to about \$5,000.

**Motion: Linda Frye moves that we approve the proposed budget, dated 6/1/06. Motion seconded. Motion carries.**

#### Special Funding Request

We have \$3800 excess carry forward above We have a request for \$1200 for some science equipment. The teachers require containment trays for hazardous materials. We didn't get enough information, though, to discuss this, so we will talk about it in the Fall.

There is a request of \$200 for a district summer school fund. This would be donated directly to the District.

**Motion: Lorry Primrose moves that we fund the District summer school scholarship donation at \$200. Motion seconded. Motion carries.**

Deed is requesting that we make a donation of \$500 to the Issaquah Food Bank. Kids who receive "free and reduced lunch" during the school year, do not have that available during the summer.

**Motion: JoEllen moves that we donate \$500 to the Food Bank for their summer lunch program. Seconded. Motion carries.**

#### Audit Committee

We need 3 people to serve on an audit committee. This takes about an hour. Volunteers: Danielle Tilsen, Tina Richards and Susan Balkman.

#### Volunteers needed

Drug and Alcohol Awareness co-chair, Reflections chair, and Spring Luncheon chair.

Deed Chase volunteered to co chair Drug and Alcohol awareness.

We will talk to Carrie Tolefson about Reflections, and Sue Burke about the Spring Luncheon.

#### **Gifts**

To thank us, MaryLou and Jiff presented everyone with a "Issaquah PTSA" mug filled with candy.

We presented MaryLou and Jiff each with a \$50 gift certificate to Bellevue Square & Lincoln Center.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

#### **Next Meeting**

This is the last meeting of the 2005-2006 school year.

The next Issaquah High School PTSA board membership meeting will be a planning meeting, to be held on August 30 at Nancy Campi's house.

Deborah Parsons  
PTSA Secretary