

Issaquah High PTSA, Unit 2.6.45
December 11, 2009
Issaquah High School Career Center, Rm. C-5
Proper notice was given to all members – quorum present

General Membership Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome: Co-President Jody Mull called meeting to order at 9:43 am.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Blair Baumer highlighted the following (see November Financial Reports.)

- Anne Moore has reviewed the bank statement.
- In November, \$50,000 was deposited into the online money market account and Jody Mull was added as a signer.
- Approximately \$7,500 was received from Senior Celebrations.
- Last month's approved funding request for the text-to-speech program has been paid.

Secretary's Report: Anne Moore made a motion to approve the November 13, 2009 minutes as written. **Seconded, motion carried.**

Acknowledgments: The following volunteers were thanked for their efforts:

- Wendy Logan for Reflections
- Laura Vietch for the PCFC Directory

Council Report: Jody Mull

- The new elementary school has been named "Creekside Elementary."
- There are now roughly 14,000 PTA members in our district, which is 90%.
- Many families are still in need of "adoption" by Issaquah Food Bank-organized volunteers, who donate food and gift baskets.
- The Issaquah PTSA Council is working with local school PTSAs and the Issaquah Chapter of Stand for Children to gather input from ISD families in order to compile a community values paper to be presented to the bargaining team of the IEA at the beginning of February. Please email your thoughts to Jody Mull at jodymull@comcast.net, no later than Friday, December 18.
- Volunteers are needed for the Council Reflections ceremony held Jan. 6 at PCFC.
- A new online communication program between staff and students, "Connect 2.0," is being developed.

Legislation: Anne Moore announced that the legislative session begins in early January and that there will be no Legislative Roundtable this year.

- "Stand for Children" will hold a meeting January 7, 7pm at Jody Mull's house, all are welcome. The emphasis will be on how to best promote positive change during this session.
- January 18 is Focus Day in Olympia. As this is a school holiday, parents are encouraged to bring their kids and are asked to preregister to take advantage of handouts and tours offered.
- Anne Moore reviewed information regarding the three upcoming levies. **Anne Moore made a motion that the IH PTSA general membership endorse a yes vote on all three levies. Seconded, motion carried.** Postcards will be mailed to the community in January with information and stating the endorsement.
- Phone bank volunteers are needed to remind people to vote. Additional volunteers will be organized for "Honk and Wave" on Jan. 22 and Feb. 8. Sign-up sheets were passed.
- Betsy Cohen explained that Governor Gregoire was required to present a proposed budget with no tax increases. This budget would decrease our district's funding by approx. \$5 million. The Governor will then present a budget that includes some tax increases along with some budget cuts, so that the public is better able to understand the choices that are made.
- Contact Betsy to sign up for Legislative alerts.

Nominating Committee: 3-5 volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee. Anne Moore, Blair Baumer, and Pat Batt volunteered. **Vicki Hahn made a motion to appoint Anne Moore, Blair Baumer, and Pat Batt as our Nominating Committee. Seconded, motion carried.** Training will be Jan. 28, 10am-12pm at the District Admin. Bldg.

Meeting adjourned 10:09am

Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order: Co-President Jody Mull called meeting to order at 10:09 am.

Staff Report: Emily Carl

- The Healthy Student Committee, chaired by Dianne Bugge and Nancy Campi, has met and plans to make videos with students about health and safety issues. They are seeking a time and place for the Mock crash, staged by Eastside Fire and Rescue.
- Students are organizing a “Flash Mob” to show support for the levies. It was suggested that those students approaching 18 years old be reminded to register to vote.
- The “Masters of the Mind” competition was a success.
- “December Dash” 5K run was well attended and raised \$1,200 for the Preston Food Bank.
- Last Tuesday’s ASB auction went well; no numbers are available yet.
- Donations are being received for kids through the organization, Eastside Domestic Violence. Used musical instruments and donations are being collected through “Treehouse/Fostering Tunes.”
- LINK is selling 10pks of Issaquah HS student-made art cards for \$10. Sport calendars are also on sale for \$10. Both can be found in Ms. Carl’s Rm, D8.
- Karin Allen added that the School play, “White Christmas” would show tonight at 7:30pm; Saturday at 2pm and 7:30pm.

Site Council: Rep. Karin Allen reported that it has been suggested by reps that more frequent Site Council meetings be held. The next meeting will take place in February or March, with e-mail communication in the meantime. Focus is on the transition to the new campus.

- Many parent and student volunteers will be needed to assist in the move to the new campus this spring and summer. Jody asked that Lisa Gaan, VP of Volunteers, include a blurb in the upcoming newsletter to solicit volunteers. Our PTSA will appoint a “Transition Coordinator.”

VP Reports:

PCFC – Ann Rauch noted that Principal Dana Bailey is excited about the transition of PCFC to a middle school. She added that the new homework policy has been regarded as a success. The staff holiday breakfast will be next week.

Membership – Karen Knitter announced our membership as 1,050, a recent increase of 15 members. She thanked Laura Vietch for the directory and notes that if anyone feels they should of, but haven’t received a directory, they should have to contact her. Jody displayed the “Bronze Award” for membership presented to IH PTSA.

Fundraising – Vicki Hahn reported that people will be given the option to donate to “Pass the Hat” on a monthly basis via Paypal. Blair Baumer suggested that the Audit Committee create a process to monitor the Paypal account, similarly as with the bank statement. Although the “Pass the Hat” fund is on target, our overall revenue is low due to a decrease in SAT Preparedness participation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 due to unexpected fire drill

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