

Jane Stenson PTA

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016

Attendees: Keval Amin, Priya Amin, Steph Azen, Ana Bryant, Rochelle Brown, Carrie Butera, Stephanie Cooney, Taylor Crowley, Diana Dizon, Sevan Elmayan, Wannapa Eubanks, Wendy Gahm, Jim Harris, Trina Janes, Jenny Kane, Anna Kramer, Karen Koehler-Davis, Karen Lostaunau, Kandace Luskin, Sol Luskin, Lisa Malina, Jason Malina, Katie McNelley, Sue O'Neil, Karalee Robb, Cecile Roberts, Jennifer Ruffner, Joe Ruffner, Kim Savini, Vanessa Schneider and Cyndi Stevens.

1. **Call to Order:** Jen Ruffner opened the meeting in the Stenson School library at 6:54 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves because there were several parents of future Stenson kindergarteners in attendance.
2. **Secretary's Report:** Trina Janes shared the minutes from the April 4, 2016 meeting. There was one edit to the minutes in the date when red folders will be ordered. Wendy motioned for approval with the edit and Priya Amin seconded. The revised minutes were then adopted unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Jen Ruffner presented Julie Oh's treasurer's report. This past month there were expenses for the indoor recess supplies, Angel Fund donation and Scholarship & Memorial Fund. The water bottle filler was added to the budget. Sev Elmayan motioned for approval and Carrie Butera seconded. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.
4. **President's Report:** Jen Ruffner gave her President's Report:
 - a. **Volunteer needs:** Committee chairs are still needed for the following committees: Board of Education, Child Care, Family Fun Night, Holiday Craft Fair, New Fundraiser Development, Restaurant Night/Sky High and Sponsorship. Contact her if you are interested or know someone who is.
 - b. **Indoor Recess:** Thirteen storage bins and all the remaining games were purchased and given to the school to enhance indoor recess.
 - c. **Gifts:** Cards and gift cards were given to Ms. Saipe for her retirement and Mr. Kaplan and Ms. Sarangan for new babies. A get well card was sent to Mr. J.
 - d. **Thanks:** A big thank you to all the many volunteers who helped make this year a success. In particular, Julie Oh who is finishing up her term as Treasurer, the teacher representatives, parents of graduating 5th graders and committee chairs.
5. **Principal's Report:** Sue O'Neil provided her report.
 - a. **Staff News:** Taylor Crowley got engaged over the weekend! Mr. Jenkins is on medical leave and Mr. Tarpey is subbing for him.
 - b. Tomorrow there will be a performance of Spanish dancers.
 - c. Fifth graders will be taking another test.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Membership Committee (Wendy Gahm):** We ended the year with 112 members.

- b. **Room Parents (Steph Azen):** Stephanie is looking for Room Parents for next year. Please let her know if you are interested or know someone who is.
- c. **PrePack (Vanessa Schneider, Chair):** The deadline for ordering PrePack on paper was May 6 and May 13 for online orders.
- d. **Restaurant Night (Karen Lostaunau, Chair):** We raised \$105 from Graziano's. The next event is May 12 at Cici's Pizza.
- e. **Board of Education (Michelle Harris, Chair):** Jen shared Michelle Harris' report from the April 21 School Board meeting:
 - **Indoor Recess:** At the July Board meeting, the school board will be presented with the proposed budget for 2016-17. In the proposed budget, Dr Garwood is going to present to the Board with a line item for after school clubs. The Board will have to approve this expenditure. Garwood will conduct a survey to determine what kinds of programs are going to meet the needs of a majority. His hope is to replicate something like we had in the past. There will be availability for all kids; he hopes clubs will be free but is not sure that will be feasible. Kids can be in at least one club year, perhaps on a rotating schedule. The school district will look into public grant funding that might be available for these kinds of programs. That takes time and won't be something utilized next year. Garwood expressed his gratitude that the PTAs are willing to do fundraising to underwrite these programs, but he stressed to the Board that he doesn't want that "on our backs." He also noted that PTA's efforts do good in the schools, and he doesn't want to detract from what we are currently accomplishing with the money we have. He also implied was that fundraising is not a guarantee, so the Board would have to assume responsibility for this expenditure.
 - **OOJH:** The school board approved the replacement of the field at Old Orchard Junior High.
 - **Next Meeting:** The next School Board meeting is May 19.
- f. **International Night (Priya Amin & Michelle Harris, Co-Chairs):** The April 7 event was a big success. There were great performances and a lot of food. For the next International Night in 2018, the PTA should look for a date that is not as close to spring break and ensure that there are two co-chairs.
- g. **Crossing Guard Appreciation (Bonnie & Michael Ognisanti):** Sue will confirm the May 17 date and let the committee chairs know.
- h. **Teacher Appreciation (Vanessa Schneider, Stephanie Azen & Michelle Harris, Co-Chairs):** This is teacher appreciation week. The committee decorated the teacher's lounge and dropped off snacks. Lunch will be provided on Thursday and parents will drop off baked goods on Friday. Teachers will be given a small gift – hand sanitizer and a book mark. A masseuse will provide massages on Monday.
- i. **Ice Cream Day (Bonnie Ognisanti):** Oberweis is providing a good deal on ice cream.
- j. **New Fundraiser:** A committee met and suggested selling Lou Malnati frozen pizza coupons to replace the Innisbrook fundraiser. Priya moved and Wendy seconded to replace the Innisbrook fundraiser with the Lou Malnati's fundraiser. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. **Treasurer Election:** At our April meeting, the Nominating Committee consisting of Wendy Gahm, Sev Elmayan and Ana Bryant nominated Vanessa Schneider to be treasurer . Vanessa was elected unanimously and will begin her 2 year term on August 1.
 - b. **Audit Committee:** An Audit Committee was formed. Keval Amin will serve as chair with Wendy Gahm and Joe Ruffner as members.
- 8. Upcoming Events:** The following are key upcoming events.
- a. Teacher Appreciation: May 2 to 6
 - b. Restaurant Night: May 12 at Cici's Pizza
 - c. Board of Education Meeting: May 19 at 7 p.m.
 - d. No School: May 30
 - e. Last Day of School: June 7
- 9. Next Meeting:** The next PTA meeting will be held in September.
- 10. Adjourn:** Thanks to a motion from Lisa which was seconded by Kim, the meeting ended at 7:40 p.m. following a unanimous vote to adjourn. The pot luck portion of the evening then began.

Minutes prepared by Trina Janes.