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Jane Stenson PTA Meeting

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Attendees: Stephanie Azen, Sev Elmayan, Wannapa Eubanks, Wendy Gahm, Stephanie Geissler, Trina Janes, Katie McNelley, Rondell Merrill, Bonnie Ognisanti, Sue O'Neil, Karalee Robb, Jennifer Ruffner, Vanessa Schneider and Cyndi Stevens.

1. **Call to Order:** Jen Ruffner opened the meeting in the Stenson School library at 6:53 p.m.
2. **Secretary's Report:** Trina Janes asked the members to review the minutes from the March 7, 2017 meeting. Rondell motioned for approval and Sev seconded. The minutes were then adopted unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Vanessa shared the March treasurer's report. We paid \$60 for childcare. We received \$543.46 from Savers, all but \$100 of which will be donated to the Angel Fund. Wendy motioned to approve the report, Sev seconded the report and it was approved unanimously.
4. **President's Report:** Jen Ruffner gave her President's report:
 - a. **Registered Agent:** Wendy is now officially our PTA's registered agent. This saves us \$300 a year in legal fees.
 - b. **Nominating Committee:** Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their hard work to select officers for next year.
5. **Principal's Report:** Sue O'Neil gave the Principal's report.
 - a. **PARCC:** Students in grades 3 to 5 will soon take the PARCC test. Participation is required for the district to receive federal funding. The district has still not received the results from last year's test.
 - b. **Battle of the Books:** The fourth and fifth graders are competing in the Battle of the Books tomorrow.
 - c. **Spring Concert:** The spring concert for 4th and 5th graders is April 11.
 - d. **Human Growth & Development:** The 5th graders will be learning about human growth and development soon. There is a pre meeting for parents on April 17.
 - e. **Art Show:** The District 68 art show is on April 20. About 18 Stenson students have artwork in the show.
 - f. **Poetry Night:** Stenson poetry night at Barnes & Noble is April 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 - g. **Maker Space Committee:** This committee has come up with great ideas to bring the maker space concept to Stenson. Supplies for coding, circuitry and building were ordered.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **PrePack (Jenny Kane, Chair):** The order forms will be sent home soon.
 - b. **Restaurant Night (Keval Amin, Chair):** The next event is at Panera Bread on April 27.

- c. **Original Works (Wendy Gahm, Chair):** Next year we will be able to place orders over the phone. Wendy will reach out to Ms. Feit to discuss the timeline for 2017.
 - d. **Cultural Arts (Wannapa Eubanks, Chair):** The Top Note music assembly was held on March 23.
 - e. **Board of Education (Bucky Hempen, Chair):** The board approved purchase of a maintenance and warehouse facility.
 - f. **Savers (Trina Janes, Chair):** We raised \$543 from the March 18 Savers donation drive and almost totally filled a box truck with our donations. We raised \$2 more than last year despite bringing in considerably more items by volume and weight. The per pound payment for books decreased from \$.05 to \$.02. Savers is interested in doing the event with us again next year.
 - g. **Silent Auction (Joe Ruffner, Chair):** Volunteers are needed to help at the April 6 event. We currently have \$15,000 worth of donated items. The online auction is open for bidding and will close on April 13.
 - h. **Teacher Appreciation (Michelle Harris, Chair):** See Michelle if you are able to assist with this on May 1 to 4.
 - i. **Crossing Guard Appreciation (Bonnie Ognisanti, Chair):** This event will be held on May 16.
 - j. **New Fundraiser Development (Sev Elmayan, Chair):** Sev will look into the feasibility of organizing a fun run.
 - k. **Ice Cream Day (Bonnie Ognisanti, Chair):** Bonnie will meet with Sue to select a date for the ice cream that works for all students.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
- a. **Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee consisting of Wendy Gahm, Rondell Merrill and Stephanie Geissler presented its report of PTA officers nominated for the upcoming school year: Kandace Luskin for President, Stephanie Azen for Vice President and Bonnie Ognisanti for Secretary. The election will be held at the May 1 meeting.
8. **Upcoming Events:** The following are key upcoming events.
- a. Silent Auction: April 6
 - b. Online Silent Auction runs through April 13
 - c. No School: April 14
 - d. Board of Education Meeting: April 20
 - e. Restaurant Night: April 27 at Panera Bread
 - f. Teacher Appreciation: May 1 to 4
9. **Next Meeting:** The final PTA meeting of the year will be held on May 1 at 6:45 p.m. It will be a potluck meeting, so plan to bring food to share.
10. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. after Sev moved and Rondell seconded a motion that was approved unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Trina Janes.