



## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Issaquah High School Conference Room**

**October 10th, 2014**

### **Welcome and Call to Order** – Anne Watanabe and Cyn Baumert

The meeting was called to order at 9:42 am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with these minutes.

### **President's Report** - Cyn Baumert & Anne Watanabe

- Welcome  
Door prizes were given out courtesy of Francesca's (gift bags).
- Accomplishments/Thank You  
Thanks to Bertina for the "New to IHS Night" event.  
Thanks to Stacy Heller for the staff welcome luncheon and meeting goodies.
- PTSA Council Report – Cyn  
Friends of Youth – will be holding a Breakfast fundraiser on 11/12/14 beginning at 7am
- Karen Walen (IHS – Art Department) stopped by to speak to membership about the upcoming "Fight the Fear" event being held at Issaquah High School for all ISD girls focusing on sexual assault prevention and self-defense. It is being held on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm and is a free event. You must register to attend; registration forms can be picked up and turned into school's front office.

### **Secretary's Report** – Ellen Dieken

- The September 2014 Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted after the following corrections were made:

- Under Treasurer's Report – "We have converted our bookkeeping to new software (Money Minders)..."
- Under Treasurer's Report – "The July and August bank statements have been reviewed by third party reviewer, Kim Dreiblatt."
- Under Committee Reports – Community Service Program – "The graduates get to wear a **white** honor cord at graduation."

#### **Treasurer's Report – Diane Burdette**

- September Financial Reports – The Financial reports are attached to the minutes.
- Highlights include:  
\$10,431 in income this month  
\$14,678.84 in expenses
- Chris Fischer reconciled the Aug and Sept bank statements.

#### **Grant Requests –**

We have been working on revamping our grant process (Onti). She has come up with a new game plan and form that should capture all the information we need to assess the grants. The new form can be found on our website.

- "Community Parent Night food" (request form filed with these minutes)– Stacy Clawson, Counselor

She is the on-time graduation specialist. They are holding an event for this group of kids. These are kids that are not on track to graduate on time. They are trying to engage the parents of these kids, so they are holding parent informational nights. They hope to get 50 families to attend.

**Motion #1: Becky Gordon moves to approve the grant request of \$200 for the Community Night food for Stacy Clawson. Seconded. Discussion. Ballot Count: 32 yes; 0 no. Motion Passed.**

- "Library EA" (request form filed with these minutes) – Onti Rosen, PTSA Member

**Motion #2: Jody Mull moves to approve the grant request of up to \$4000 to have the library stay open for after school home work. Seconded.**

**Discussion:** Onti gave a few details: Administration thinks that a district employee (EA) is the best choice to run this. Library will be open 4 days/week (Mon-Thurs) for about 1-1.25 hour each day. This will coincide with the activity bus. We have asked for the ability to collect data to measure success of grant (i.e. number of students coming in). They are planning to start October 27<sup>th</sup> and trying to get the word out to students and parents.

**Ballot Count: 36 yes; 0 No: Motion Passed.**

- “Visitor Tracking System” (request form filed with these minutes)– Neil Lasher, Security

**Motion #3: Ami Maron moves that we pass the grant request to purchase the Legend ID visitor tracking system for IHS. Seconded.**

**Discussion:** We have a total of 20k in grant monies available (10K more than annual budget because of grant monies for sound system that were returned). Neil Lasher (Security – IHS) reported that the Legend ID system is out of Kent, WA and is the security system they want to purchase for the high school. He doesn’t like the current ID badge system since it doesn’t really provide any security. These badges get taken and not returned. The new system scans your Driver’s License and creates a time sensitive disposable sticky badge which will develop a “VOID” across the front when expired. They tried it last year for 30 days. There are a lot of big companies using it successfully. Ami M reports that the district is not funding this because they have two other priorities that they are funding (key card system for teachers/staff; middle and elementary schools security cameras). Jodi M asked what happens if the district decides to implement a different system, can we still use this one? The fees for the stickers (\$1200) and a \$200 annual fee are the annual expenses. IHS and the district will cover these costs. Staff needs to be trained in the badge system. Deb Smith was here and has been on the district safety committee. She reported that the district went to each school and outlined security deficits that need to be addressed. Issaquah’s deficits included needing to cut bushes back and update their check in procedure. Andrea M says that the staff are now required to wear ID badges but is taking a while to get used to this. How do you address the fact that anyone can just enter the building without going to the office first? This system doesn’t address this. Benefits: won’t have ID badges floating around; being able to account for who all is in the building for emergency reasons; people can’t lie about their names. Ami has assured us that she will be on the staff to make sure that they are following the rules and implement the new procedures consistently.

**Motion #4: Stacy Feinsilber moves that Motion #3 is tabled until we get more information. Seconded.**

**Ballot Count on Motion #4: 11 Yes; 24 No: Motion Failed.**

**Ballot Count on Motion #3: 24 Yes; 12 No: Motion Passed.**

#### **New Business – Cyn Baumert**

Financial Review Committee: Anne Moore, Tricia Jerue and Margaret Chalfant.

**Motion #5: Stacy Heller moves to approve the Golden Acorn Committee of Sandi Lum, Jody Mull and Marnie Kilzi. Seconded. Motion Passed.**

**Motion #6: Stephanie Morton moves to approve the Nominating Committee of Stacy Heller, Ani Maron and Dianne Bugge (Alternates will be Ginger Wilfong and Bertina Loeffler Sedlack). Seconded. Motion Passed.**

## **Committee Reports**

### *Membership – Valarie Yanni*

We have added 47 members (families) this month. Membership forms were handed out at staff meeting which resulted in 4 more staff memberships.

### *ISF Liaison – Betsy Cohen*

We are in the middle of our annual “All in for Kids” campaign. Issaquah High School’s clubs volunteer to make the calls. Marni spoke about the VOICE mentoring program; every school in our district need mentors; please sign up;

### *Advocacy – Danelle Gonzalez*

Leg Assembly: will be held on October 24-25 in Vancouver, WA. A big thank you to Dea Barnett for volunteering to attend. Please complete the 2014 Legislative Priorities Issue Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LEG2014>.

Initiative 1351: this proposes reducing class size; PTA does not have an official stance on this. The Seattle Times has come out against this because it has not funding attached to it.

League of Education Voters: On November 6<sup>th</sup> at Jody Mull’s house, Kelly Munn will update attendees on the new legislative session starting in January.

### *Angel Program – Laurie Foreman*

They will open closet for Homecoming dresses next Wednesday; Tiger Mountain has reached out to us for a couple of their students: toiletries were needed. Eastlake and Skyline are kicking off Angel programs and have asked us for guidance.

### *Reflections – Sandi Lum/Becky Gordon*

Submission forms are at the front desk. Reflections Theme: “The world would be a better place if...”

October 27<sup>th</sup> is the due date for entries.

### *Fashion Show – Stephanie Morton*

April 24<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Fashion Show. DECA is selling fashion show tickets for the event. Francesca’s event went well but was not well-attended. They are looking for student MCs. Logistics update: they are using the same DJ as last year; they have found

3 photographers to take photos at the event; they are working on bigger press coverage via a social media blitz; 10 freshman and 10 sophomores will be included this year.

*Healthy Student* – Dianne Bugge

We now have a locked drop box at the Issaquah Police Department. Please drop off your old prescriptions here and don't throw your old meds in trash or dump down drain. The Sammamish Police Station has a drop box as well.

Healthy Youth Survey – all 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders are taking it this year. The results will be posted on ISD website. All answers are anonymous with the state running the survey.

Liberty HS is starting a Youth Suicide Group.

**Principal – Andrea McCormick**

"Fight the Fear" – please spread the fear; Brandie Carlyle; the #1 thing that the teen counselor saw kids about was sexual pressure;

Friends of Youth partnership, they have new person, meets with our students and parents;

RSVP Process – they will add feature where they will send you an a confirmation email in March of changes; also will send email response in August if you have requested change with a yes or no and short explanation;

Thanked Tricia J for helping with seniors; have made new senior page with all of the dates and links that they need;

Start Strong update: 45 9<sup>th</sup> graders; summer program; 44/45 improved GPA from middle school. Good attendance; passing classes; they have support throughout the year; they are in a required guided study class if they have a 3.0 they can opt out.

**ASB Advisor – Erin Schiermeyer**

Homecoming week: the theme this year is "Back to the Future". Redeeming Souls is the charity they picked this year. It is based in Seattle and was started by a guy who was homeless. They are hoping to collect 2500 pairs of shoes with the shoe drive. Guest passes for the Homecoming dance are available and students can check with Ms. Couty for more info and application. They are looking for parent chaperones so please contact her if interested. They are bringing in a staging company for the dance and will hire a "famous" DJ. They are really trying to keep kids at the dance.

**Resource Officer – Karin Weihe**

Out Sick.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:42 am.**

