



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
IHS Main Conference Room

April 7, 2017
9:30 am

Our PTSA Mission

To expand educational opportunities and enhance the learning and social environment at IHS through programs, volunteers, advocacy, and financial support.

Call to Order Bertina Loeffler Sedlack called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and led introductions. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum present. A sign-in sheet is attached to the original minutes.

President’s Report *(Bertina Loeffler Sedlack and Diane Burdette)*

Thank You Bertina shared thanks to the following committee chairs and volunteers: the BOD for contributions to Lunch for the Break; Anne Watanabe, Sara Carmichael, and Rebecca Fay for serving on the Nominating Committee; Barb Howe, Heidi Fuhs, Sara Carmichael, and Bertina Loeffler Sedlack for representing IHS at the Golden Acorn/Outstanding Advocate Reception on April 4; Margaret Chalfant for joining Bertina and Diane in a meeting with Andrea McCormick; Lida Buckner, Heidi Fuhs, and all the volunteers who helped with the April 5 staff breakfast; Leslie Guajardo, Jen Crewe, and Rebecca Fay for organizing the All Membership social at Capri Cellars on March 23; Valerie Yanni and the Communications team for promoting the Discover Your Power Workshop on April 6 and keeping the community well informed through the website, calendar, and display case; and Tami Curtis for an outstanding March newsletter and Facebook postings.

Secretary’s Report *(Sara Carmichael)*

The March 2017 minutes were reviewed, approved as submitted, and filed.

Treasurer’s Report *(Patti Miller)*

Patti Miller presented the March 2017 Financial report.

Other Financial Business

- The March 2017 bank statements were reviewed by Margaret Chalfant, an independent non-signer. Patti recognized Margaret for her time and steadfastness.
- No insurance claims were filed in March 2017.
- The Budget Committee was appointed by the BOD. They plan to meet the first week of May.

Business

IH PTSA Elections Secretary Sara Carmichael read Article 5 Section 6 of 2016-2017 WSPTA Uniform Bylaws. Anne Watanabe, chair of the nominating committee, read aloud the report of the committee and announced that all candidates meet the requirements of the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws. The following names have been put in nomination for the following offices:

- Co-President Diane Burdette
- Co-President open
- Treasurer Patti Miller
- Assistant Treasurer Blyth Claeys
- Secretary Sara Carmichael
- VP Hospitality..... Rebecca Fay
- VP Events open
- Co-VP Programs Valerie Yanni
- Co-VP Programs Jamie Beck
- VP Communications..... open

The signed report was handed to President Bertina Loeffler Sedlack and the committee was thanked for its work.

President Bertina Loeffler Sedlack re-read the proposed slate of officers. She asked for nominations from the floor for president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, secretary, vice president hospitality, vice president events, vice president programs, and vice president communications, in turn. There were no additional nominations from the floor and the president declared the nominations closed.

MOTION 1 Onti Rosen moved to vote on the slate as one unit. The motion was seconded and voted upon. The motion passed.

MOTION 2 Kristen Allen-Bentsen moved to elect the slate of nominees in its entirety as presented. Seconded. The Officers for IH PTSA 2017-2018 are duly elected.

Filling Executive Committee Vacancies The offices of Co-President, VP Events, and VP Communications remain open. Bertina noted that the current Board of Directors takes ownership to fill the open positions. She is hoping to fill the vacancies as soon as possible in order to get the new officers trained and up to speed.

WSPTA Convention Bertina noted that the Washington State PTA State Convention is April 28-30. Newly elected officers should take advantage of this. Diane or Bertina will email Convention details. Sara Carmichael and Patti Miller will attend the Awards Reception on Friday evening.

Voting delegates must be identified by April 21. Voting delegates represent IH PTSA when state PTA matters are voted on. Voting delegates do not have to be an elected officer. Diane will be going Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Newsletter Tuesday April 18 is the deadline for submitting content for the April IH PTSA newsletter. The newsletter will be distributed on April 20th. Email information to Tami Curtis at ihptsacommunications@gmail.com.

Issaquah Schools Foundation The Issaquah Schools Foundation Nourish Every Mind (NEM) Luncheon is Thursday May 11, 2017 from 12:00-1:00pm at Meyedenbauer Center in Bellevue. The NEM Breakfast is May 17, 2017 at Eastridge Church from 7:30-8:30am. Bertina will be a table captain at the breakfast. IH PTSA guests will include Andrea McCormick, Julie Fredrickson, Neil Lasher, graduating board member Ginger Wilfong (Anne Watanabe will be attending the luncheon), and Diane. Patti Miller will join Bertina's table. There is one open seat at Bertina's table.

Issaquah PTSA Council Diane noted that the Issaquah School District is forming a Levy Committee. The current levies expire next year. The committee will create new proposed levies to go before voters. Anyone interested in serving on the levy committee should contact Andrea McCormick. Levy Committee meetings are scheduled for May 3 and May 17 (Wednesdays) from 5:30-8:00pm.

Committee Reports

Advocacy Dea Barnett reported that the legislative session ends April 23 but could be extended into a special session. She encouraged people to call and email legislators with your opinions.

Membership Bertina reported that our membership is at 1,409, including 63 staff members (an increase of one staff member).

Awards Marla Baldinaldi reported that Outstanding Educator nominations are open through April 16, midnight. She showed a promotional flyer for Outstanding Educator designed by a student in the graphic design class. These flyers will be posted around the school. Marla thanked Valerie Yanni and the Communications team for generating great publicity.

Bertina noted that Heidi Fuhs, Sara Carmichael, Barb Howe & Bertina attended the Golden Acorn/Outstanding Advocate reception.

Programs

Parent Ed Dea Barnett noted that the ParentWiser event featuring Jessica Lahey speaking about her book The Gift of Failure is coming up on April 25 (10:00am at Village Theatre FIRST Stage and 7:00pm at IHS Auditorium). Onti Rosen has checked out two Parent Ed Library copies of the book. A follow-up discussion session will be scheduled later.

Healthy Student Ami Maron provided an update about activities surrounding the Be True campaign. A survey of students was conducted in March; Kids seem to be connecting with the campaign. Ami has ordered mechanical pencils with the Be True message on them that will be handed out to all students. The committee is also working on something for Prom. Ami expects the program to continue in the fall. Healthy Youth Survey results should be available before end of the school year.

Community Service Onti Rosen noted that current seniors must submit volunteer hours by May 2nd. The process is all online.

Grants Margaret Chalfant noted that the deadline for the third round of grants is April 21.

Senior Scholarships Onti Rosen reported that applications for Senior Scholarships are due April 17, right after spring break.

College Test Prep A Combination ACT/SAT test will be held May 20th. An ACT preparation course begins April 22. Sign up now.

Angel Onti Rosen announced that the Angel program is collecting long prom dresses, coats, and gift cards for Spring Break. Julie Siefkes, Angel Co-Chair, "starred" in an iVision video about the Angel Program. The link to the video will be added to the IH PTSA website. Patti Miller noted that the Angel Program is using their budgeted funds well.

New Family Ambassador The committee is planning an event for April 20.

Parent Ed Library Onti Rosen will accept book donations to help build the Parent Library. She will look into what to do with donations of ACT/SAT prep books. Onti and Dea Barnett are working on where to store books.

Other Diane and Bertina spoke with Lotte Torgersen, EA, who has been paying out of pocket to feed some of the LRC students. Funds could come from Angel or Health Room Snacks. Onti Rosen will work with Linda Liske about this issue for next year.

Events

Senior Events Sally Feldman reported that 235 students have signed up for the senior party. The committee has employed various approaches the past two weeks to increase participation. The Senior Farewell logo is being tweaked. Our Roots is the theme to convey a celebration of growth and learning. Auditions are May 3, 9 and 10, before and after school. They are still looking for a key note speaker. The committee is selling Graduation Pride Signs (similar to Booster's Going to State signs) to help cover Senior Farewell costs. The graphics design class is designing the signs.

Communications

No Report.

Hospitality

Ginger Wilfong thanked Lida Buckner and Heidi Fuhs for organizing the staff breakfasts this year and all the volunteers who donated food items.

Testing snacks will be provided for the Biology EOC on May 22.

Staff Appreciation Week is the first week in May. IH PTSA will not provide breakfast at the last staff meeting in May.

Proctors are need for the AP exams the first two weeks of May.

Speakers

Erin Connolly, Activities Director Erin Connolly reported that Tolo had a good turnout with ticket sales on par with last year. She appreciated the assistance of parent chaperones. • The ASB executive board, ASB class, and class representatives have all been chosen. • A Cram the Stands event is coming up in April. • The Color Run is being rescheduled to May 24. • Meetings for ASB budgeting and scheduling for next year will be April 17 and 18. Homecoming will be September 23, 2017. • The Prom is June 3 at EMP. • Not as many AP Care Packages were purchased compared to previous years. The Raise the Paddle fundraiser for Prom has been extended.

Nick Schiermeyer, Teacher Nick Schiermeyer spoke about the Issaquah Radio Station, for which IH PTSA approved a grant for equipment. ISF and IHS Boosters also contributed funds. Radio spots are available at Issaquahradio.org. He shared his uncontainable enthusiasm for the station, projects his class is currently working on, plans for developing more advanced classes, and the endless broadcast possibilities (sports, concerts, student works, etc...). After the meeting, several members joined Nick for a tour of the radio studio.

Adjourned 11:05

Next Meeting: May 12, 2017 9:30 am IHS Main Conference Room