



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Issaquah High School Career and Counseling Center

March 13th, 2015

Welcome and Call to Order – Anne Watanabe and Cyn Baumert

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with these minutes.

Awards Celebration – Marni Kilz/Becky Gordon/Dianne Bugge

Golden Acorn Award winner #1: Board member/Theater Arts volunteer: Anne Watanabe

Golden Acorn Award winner #2: Sandi Lum (communications guru...sign maker)

Outstanding Advocate #1: Julie Siefkes

Outstanding Advocate #2: Alison Meryweather

Marni and Becky are accepting nominations for Outstanding Educators; forms are online.

Thank you!

To the counseling center for hosting our meeting today. Awards committee for all of your hard work. Thanks to Bertina for putting together the career/volunteer fair.

President's Report - Cyn Baumert & Anne Watanabe

- Anne: attended the admin meeting. Ron reported that they are doing lots of staff development. Diane Bugge was presented with Outstanding Advocate Award and Becky Gordon at the council level.
- Washington State PTA Convention is coming up in April 17-18. It is now being held in Bellevue Hyatt so easy to attend some or all sessions. If you want to go, please send them an email and

they will get you registered. You can go online to the state PTA website and check out the schedule of classes/speakers.

Secretary's Report – Ellen Dieken

- Cyn B sent in the following corrections to the February Minutes:
 - ✓ Under "Treasurer's Report": 1) The Financial reports on posted online on the PTA website.
 - 2) Remove "Marilyn Evans" under the motion.
 - ✓ Under "President's Report": Anne made the report.
 - ✓ Under "Elected Executive Committee Positions": Change to the following: The board submitted a motion with a recommendation to make a revision to Standing Rule #8 as follows: "The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President Hospitality, Vice President Communications, Vice President Events, Vice President Programs." To summarize this motion resulted in the removal of the VP of Ways and Means and VP of Volunteers from elected Executive Committee positions, and added VP of Events as an Elected Executive Committee position. Motion was approved unanimously.
- **Ellen made a motion: "I move we amend the Standing Rules to read "In case of a vacancy in the office of President, and in accordance with Washington State PTA Bylaws, the Vice President of Programs shall temporarily assume the duties until the vacancy is filled".**
Seconded. Discussion: This would come into play in the event that both co-VPs (if there are two) are no longer able to serve. Vote. Motion passed.
- The February GM Meeting Minutes were approved with added corrections.

Treasurer's Report – Anne Watanabe filling in for Diane Burdette

- February Financial Reports – The Financial reports are posted on the website.
Highlights include:
 - \$3,845.01 in income (examples include: interest, membership, corporate matching, pass the hat, senior celebration, angel donations, and corporate rebates)
 - \$3,837.03 in expenses (examples include: state/national fees, grant committee fees, student academic fund, senior celebration, SAT/ACT program, community service program, senior exit interview snacks, golden acorn awards)

Committee Reports

Reflections – Sandi Lum/Becky Gordon

We have one student who is moving onto to nationals: Julie Kwon with a painting.
Theme: "The world would be a better place: if we pursue our dreams."

Fashion Show – Lisa Clawson

Show is on April 24th. They have 80 models in 160 outfits. Auctioneer has been secured. Tickets go on sale Sunday March 15th. Their website: www.issaquahfashion.com. Tickets are \$45 for VIP (swag bag and first 3 rows). Regular seats \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Volunteers- Ginger Wilfong

Still looking for TOLO chaperones...she only has 3 and needs about 20. TOLO is being held on March 21st, next Saturday.

5K needs help; will need this in May.

Ami Maron is chairing Baccalaureate. She would love to have someone shadow her to train for taking this over for next year. This year they are on track and getting everything ready.

Healthy Student – Dianne Bugge

Influence the choice Video contest: ended Feb 28th. 100 total entries (39 from Issaquah), 214 students involved. March 10, judging (there were student and adult judges) took place on March 10th. This takes about 4 hours (2 min max/video). There will be 10 winners in 3 categories and one overall winner. They will be announcing today or tomorrow. Awards ceremony is being held at Cinebarre. \$2000 has been donated by community groups for awards (Kiwanis and Rotary clubs of Issaquah and Sammamish).

State of Mind: ISF is sponsoring this forum on how to manage stress, suicide prevention, and healthy relationships at Tiger Mountain high school on March 21st from 12 – 5 pm. You can pre-register at www.healthyyouthinitiative.org.

Advocacy – Jody Mull

There are several Town Halls going on...contact her for details. They are working to keep Officer Karin at Issaquah High. They have had an interview with KOMO news and Issaquah Press.

ISF Liaison – Betsy Cohen/Jody Mull

Passed out signups for the Issaquah High's ISF Nourish Every Mind luncheon and breakfast tables. The grant session just wrapped up and they will be doing banner brigades soon!

Special Services Liaison – Sandi Lum

The basketball team won third place at state.

Nominating Committee – Diane Bugge

They have a list of candidates but still taking names. March 16th is the deadline. They will present slate at April GM meeting.

Senior Events – Tricia Jerue/Chris Fischer/Lori Foreman

The Senior Party is held on the evening of graduation. They come home from graduation for a bit, then leave on buses for all night party. They have collected \$37K as of now but still need more kids to sign up (the only have about 225 kids signed up so far). They will be sending out an email out to senior parents. Not sure why they haven't had as many sign up. The committee is up on campus every week trying to get kids signed up. The original deadline is passed. They need volunteers: two groups (sign in and load on bus & chaperones for all night party). We need 35 total volunteers.

Baccalaureate is on Wed June 10, Senior Breakfast and practice on Thursday, graduation is on Friday, June 12th at Safeco.

Angel – Lori Foreman

Julie S had meeting with Andrea M and Kim Michaels to figure out what to do next year. We won't be able to hand out holiday gift cards (Target and Safeway) because this is basically cash and according to WA State PTA and best practices (there are a lot of rules of how to handle/lock up cash). They would still be able to do the one-off gift cards for emergencies. They will be broadening their scope (ASB fees, sports fees). Perhaps a "personal shopper" type approach. This will take a bit more leg work to work out the details. They could use some new folks working on this since Lori is retiring.

Angel Closet...might get a portable next year.

Special Guest – IHS Mental Health Counselor – Tori McBride

She is a teen health counselor at Swedish. ISD contracted with Swedish to provide mental health care at the high school. She provides support for kids at the school. She has seen over

100 students this year. She is here 30 hrs/week. She makes referrals and has counseling session. She is seeing a lot of stress, anxiety and depression. Students can self-refer to her. The counselors and parents can make referrals as well. Her services are confidential and are volunteer (they don't have to go if referred). The sessions are confidential. There is a waiting list for her services. Students need to fill out a form in the counseling office to get a session with her. They are looking at offering this online to help with anonymity.

Principal – Andrea McCormick

Very busy with schedules for next year (course selection). They are going to revamp the incoming freshmen night. They will do more of rotating sessions (choice sessions and some required). Each session will be about 20-25 minutes. They are still working out the details. Please spread the word to families that will have incoming freshman next year (2017). Anne asked if the informational videos that are shown about the electives that are offered; can these be placed online for parents to see? This would be found on the counseling website.

Parking update: still waiting to hear when the upper lot will disappear. Students need to be up to date with their culminating projects by June 18th (this date has been moved up so they aren't scrambling at the last minute) to be eligible for a parking permit since they will be so limited on the number given out.

They are putting together a document (parent handout/resource guide) on how to deal with issues at school (attendance, absences, teacher issues) and it should roll out in September.

Resource Officer – Karin Weihe

She thanked everyone for their support with the proposed changes to the SSO.

A new problem has popped up at our school: Coricidin (Triple C): (cough and cold over the counter med) especially with freshman. Please be on the lookout. Kids are trying to see how many they can take. They are mixing it with alcohol. Please alert your kids that this is not safe! Front Street Market has placed it behind the counter; they have alerted other markets/stores about this.

Skate Park update: Just removing the fence has helped with the illegal activities that occur down there. They are still working on plan to make improvements to the park so that it is more family friendly.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 am.

Ellen Dieken, JHS PTSA Secretary

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