



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45  
General Membership Meeting  
IHS Main Conference Room

December 09, 2016  
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/Diane Burdette called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. 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 expressed thanks to the following committee chairs and volunteers: Tami Curtis, Valerie Yanni, and team for completion of the All School Student Directory; Nominating Committee members Anne Watanabe, Sara Carmichael, and Rebecca Fay on the kickoff meeting with Bertina and Diane; Birgit Aarrestad and Michele Severt for ongoing work for ACT Test Prep; Pamela Krueger and committee for the successful Volunteer Fair on December 8; Leslie Guajardo, Jen Crewe, and Rebecca Fay for the New Family Ambassador's social on December 8; Julie Siefkes and Barb Howe for continued work on the Angel program; Dea Barnett for her active role in Advocacy; Ami Maron for her work on the Be True campaign (Healthy Student); Linda Liske for coordinating health room snacks; Valerie Yanni and the Communications team including Dan Chernin, Tara Moe, and Chris Cebull (website), Tami Curtis (newsletter and facebook), and Dora Hastings (display case); Ginger Wilfong and Stacy Heller for GMM snacks and Ginger for providing for the December BOD meeting; Sara Carmichael in her role as secretary; BOD for great work behind the scenes and between GMMs; Victoria Evans for stepping into roles in iVision and Healthy Student.

**Secretary's Report** (*Sara Carmichael*)

The October 2016 and November 2016 minutes were reviewed, approved as presented, and filed.

**Treasurer's Report** (*Patti Miller*)

Patti Miller presented the November 2016 Financial report.

Patti highlighted the following items:

- Membership dues were paid. The expense was over budget because membership exceeds the budgeted number.
- A grant for textbooks from 2015-2016 was paid.
- The annual insurance premium was paid this month.
- Update regarding the Radio Station Grant approved at the November GMM: Bookkeeper Kathlyn Chinn secured a reduced cost for the equipment and the total cost ended up at \$5085.00.

The November 2016 bank statements were reviewed by Margaret Chalfant.

No insurance claims were filed for November.

Patti needs one more person for the Financial Review Committee. Contact Patti.

**Business**

Bertina presented recommended changes to the IH PTSA Standing Rules 7 and 8 to reflect that students can be paid members of IH PTSA.

**MOTION 1** Onti Rosen moved that we adopt the standing rules as presented with changes to #7 and #8. The motion was seconded. After discussion the vote was taken. The motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

**Advocacy** Dea Barnett described the WSPTA Focus Day event coming up on January 16, 2017 in Olympia. She also contacted the AP Government teacher in an effort to get some of those students to attend. Students can get Community Service hours for their time at Focus Day.

**Membership** Bertina reported that IH PTSA has 1,290 paid members.

**Awards** Marni Kilzi has contacted her committee and is working on the forms for Awards.

**Nominating Committee** Anne Watanabe noted that the committee is just getting started. Election for next year's Executive Committee will take place during the April GMM meeting. The committee's goal is to see how people want to be involved as well as finding people interested in the elected positions.

Executive spotlight: During the next few general membership meetings, the current executive committee members will share an overview of their respective offices. Bertina spoke about the position of President, Valerie Yanni spoke about the VP Communication and Ginger Wilfong spoke about the VP Hospitality.

## **Hospitality**

No Report.

## **Events**

No Report.

## **Communications**

**Directory** Valerie reported that the Student Directory went to print on November 17 and mailed out to members November 28. The project was on time and under budget. There are extra directories for people who join.

**Issaquah Schools Foundation** Valerie Yanni noted that the Issaquah Schools Foundation has reached \$402,000 of their \$513,000 goal for their fall campaign. She also mentioned various fundraising options that benefit the foundation. Grant applications are due to Issaquah Schools Foundation by January 8.

## **Programs**

**Angel** Julie Siefkes reported that in November the Angel Program provided Strideline socks, booster wear, and 22 toiletries kits. In December, Angel will distribute winter coats, mittens, and toiletry kits. The committee is also assembling holiday bags containing gift cards and fun things for teens that they will distribute just before winter break. There is a google doc on which to sign up to contribute. Contact Julie if you would like to be on the contact list to provide Angel donations.

Julie also described how the Angel Program is functioning and some of the changes that have been implemented. For example, the program focus this year is on providing new rather than used items. The Angel Closet will be switching its open day to the last Monday of the month. There are still opportunities for students to earn service hours by sorting and hauling things.

**Community Service** Pamela Krueger reported on the Volunteer Fair, held December 8, that connected students to volunteer opportunities. She estimated about 400 table visits (students signed in at each table to get a raffle ticket). The committee will now follow up to see that students get connected with the opportunities. Pamela will also solicit feedback from the organizations that attended.

**Grants** Margaret Chalfant shared an update from librarian Kelly Crickmore about an author visit paid for through an IH PTSA grant. Margaret also provided an update on the Radio Station grant approved at the November GMM. The overall cost went down because the bookkeeper secured a discount from the vendor. IHS needs approval from the district to accept a grant of that size from IH PTSA. The next grant cycle ends in January.

**New Family Ambassadors** Anne Watanabe and Rebecca Fay reported on the New Family event held at Agave Cocina in the Highlands on December 8. The venue was great. Turnout was low because of snow. Other events are being planned for after break.

**Healthy Student** Ami Moran spoke about the Be True campaign which is centered on Positive Community Norms—the percentage of behaviors are actual versus perceived. Ami showed a rally towel that was to be handed out to all students at the December 9 basketball game. The committee is looking for other ways to keep the Be True message visible to students.

**Parent Education** Dea Barnett is the new Parent Ed Liaison. She noted to be sure to check the ParentWiser website for upcoming events.

### **Speakers**

**Neil Lasher and Officer Diego Zanella** provided a security update. Things that happen after school hours on campus are still subject to school rules. Neil described the ladder of discipline applied to situations. Social media is still an issue as it multiplies the effects of minor incidents.

**Andrea McCormick**, Principal, addressed how delayed starts due to weather are determined and how the information is pushed out to the school community (automatic recorded calls, emails, FlashAlert, websites). Andrea also spoke about the IHS Parent Ed night held on December 6. Attendance was estimated at 60+ and feedback was positive. She is looking to bring back the first speaker, Kristy Ludwig, to address students. Andrea also addressed school rankings and their validity/legitimacy.

**Erin Connolly** shared information about Winterfest activities scheduled for the week of December 12. The Winter Formal is scheduled for January 28 from 9-11. Students surveyed prefer a formal format compared to casual. ASB is organizing a dress swap. Lastly, Homecoming had about the same attendance as last year despite being postponed.

**Alison Cathro, ISD Nurse,** and **Chrissy Richmond, Health Room Specialist,** shared about their roles in the district and at IHS.

**Meeting adjourned 12:14pm**

**Next Meeting:** January 13, 2017 9:30 am IHS Main Conference Room