

PTA Meeting September 17, 2013. 7pm

Board Members Present: Dunja, Trish, Constance, Rachel, Robin, Lori, Natasha, Denise

General welcome to all returning and new/potential members, thanks for supporting Ice Cream Social

Minutes of 6/4 meeting approved as written.

Budget Report: Constance reported on Year To Date, explanation of the budget, monthly financial report- although in her words "not much current to report".
Current budget from 6/4 approved in July.

Atkinson PTA, Year End Financial Report needs approval by the Oregon PTA. Question was raised regarding discrepancy in budget numbers on paper. Explanation is that our auction committee raised 30K net, very successful, and 80K budget from scrip is inflation, due to nature of scrip.

Trish advertised the open Volunteer Coordinator Chair. Jennifer Povich shared that through the end of October it is approx 10hrs/week. Much of the job responsibility seems to consist of "a lot of threatening emails". (completely in fun!)

Carnival did not pan out last spring as we did not have enough volunteers. Trish is asking for a chair of Carnival, and to have a Fall Carnival. It was suggested that there be 2 people to chair.

Late start tomorrow, Back to School night next Tuesday, Site Council mtg is 1:30 1st Monday, and it is open to all. Principal coffee, Amigos for Spanish Immersion moms is 3rd Tuesday of every month in Library.

Wellness Committee is looking for new members.

FYI, big thanks to Constance for her translation of FYI. One parent spoke of importance of FYI, which was directed toward new parents. Constance was asked if she wanted emails sent to her with subject in subject line.

Facebook- Atkinson Facebook page which secretary Dunja is offering to set up and manage. Yahoo Atkinson group, PTA page, everything shows up in Google Calendar if it is set up to.

Agenda for PTA meetings will be printed early for accessibility, Pres Trish will respond to emails requesting topics covered one week early. Question raised, can we provide the agenda/summary on Yahoo listserv?

Halloween/Fall Day. Trish is looking forward to fall, Principal Paula let us know that they are discussing whether or not kids can wear costumes. Fall Festival is 11/1.

Next Friday is workday for OLG, Denise is chair. All classes are going out to help with the work party day.

Motion to vote in secretary- approved.

Daniel, a new parent to our community asked how dads can be involved in the school, the PTA. He brought up that he felt Day of the Dead was inappropriate, but Denise and Trish explained the difference. It's assumed that Daniel is not the only parent who is confused at the meaning. Daniel suggested that we skip calling the event Day of the Dead.

It was also proposed that hallways are renamed, as there is safety concern with the confusion between lower and upper hall.

Trish asked folks to check out the archives for PTA.

Dunja spoke to Franklin's football program, and encouraged parents to attend games. Daniel agreed, and spoke to how the community can build when families spend time with the neighboring high school.

Meeting adourned at 8:05.

Minutes taken by Dunja Marcum.