

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) General Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2013

Minutes taken by PTA Secretary Holly Boime.

Members present at the meeting in the school library: Trish Parks, Pia Nicastro, Diana Cameron, Natasha Nielson, Karla Zirbes, Constance San Juan, Linda Macpherson, Robin Fiedelson, and Denise Dekker.

At 6:40 p.m. PTA President Trish Parks chaired the meeting.

Treasurer report: Constance San Juan

- Meyer Memorial Trust--\$1,100—matching volunteer hours—set up by Jill Inglis.
- Received \$3,200 general fund donations—from parents and community members.
- Thanks to the PTA board and Karla in particular.
- \$32,000 gross for auction.
- Green house plant sales: don't have greenhouse yet (the money will come from a Fish and Wildlife Service grant).
- Scrip netted about \$6,000.
- “Language classes... (over the year were)...only \$600/\$700 in hole.”
- Received request for money from the School Counselor Tara Leo for Girl's Inc. Constance will meet with her on Wednesday to discuss further.
- Outdoor Learning Garden (OLG) will be folded back into the PTA budget.
- OLG has some changes in expenses: consulting expenses will increase from \$4,800 to \$7,550 for Aliesje. She is certified to teach but can't totally take on whole class because of teacher's union. 2X/month/class she'll do OLG lessons but classroom garden representatives are still wanted.

Question (Q): What about reserve funds?

Answer (A): It's 30% of expenses.

Q: What about OLG's end of the school year party?

A: Not sure how much money is being requested.

Q: How does the PTA use discretionary funds?

A: Possible uses include improving the playground or getting a social studies curriculum. We could discuss in the fall what to do with the extra chunk of money.

- Visual Arts Program (VAP) budget decreased from \$3,000 to \$2,500.

Q: How are we going to fund the overnight trips next year? Will it be a direct ask?

A: Yes, next year it'll be a direct ask and read-a-thon.

- There's been a proposal for playground supplies (\$300).

Q: Who asked for it?

A: teachers

The PTA could buy one cart of balls for the whole school. There's discussion about the logistics. Site Council has been considering this need as well and so motion removed to approve the \$300 till further notice.

Approve 2013/14 PTA general budget:

1st motion: Diana Cameron

2nd motion: Linda Macpherson

Received majority vote: yes

Thanks to all.

There isn't a quorum so the May 21, 2013 PTA general meeting minutes can't be voted on and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.