

NORTHWOOD PTA GENERAL MEETING

NORTHWOOD LIBRARY

DATE: October 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

The Northwood PTA General Meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M.

Adequate notice of this meeting was given through newsletters, website, e-mails and bulletin board.

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

MINUTES:

The Minutes of our September 12, 2013 meeting were approved with correction

TREASURER'S REPORT:

CHECKING- \$9140.41 SAVINGS- \$3199.48

It was reported that \$5000 was transferred from the savings account to the checking in order to cover start up costs for the year. An itemized expense sheet identifying start up costs for the year was prepared by Charity Johnson, treasurer to help future treasurers budget these expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Principal/CSIP:

A handout from the district on college and career readiness was passed out to the members in attendance. Melanie Helle explained that she is working with the leadership team to implement awareness and college readiness. The Puyallup School District has partnered with the University of Washington, Tacoma to allow students to transfer from high school to the University upon meeting specific qualifications. It was reported that district is reviewing the options to turn Edgemont Junior High into an International Baccalaureate school where credits can be transferred to college. A parent meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2013 at Edgemont Junior High.

A report on changes to the MSP was given. The changes will include a Smarter Balance online test which will replace the MSP. Due to the new online testing system, there will be no results or scoring available. The purpose is to allow students to become familiar with the process. The results from CSIP and MSP were also shared to the members in attendance.

Faculty Representative: Judy Faubion reminded everyone of the Veterans Day Assembly that will begin at 9:30am on Thursday, November 7, 2013 in the gym. Forms to participate were passed out. A request to update some of the book series in the library was shared as some of them are not holding together well. The librarian has asked for PTA to consider allocating funds approx., \$300.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Committee Positions: It was discussed that volunteers are still needed for Nominating (3), Financial Review(3) and Legislation Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Activities:**

Movie Night- There was a brief discussion regarding the October movie Knight. A reminder to the students and parents of the behavior and expectations is necessary and will be added to future Movie Knight Flyers. There was a discussion regarding renewing the movie license. Judy will speak with the teachers to determine if the annual license currently in place is of value.

- **Art Docent:** There are some classes still in need of Art Docents.
- **Book Fair:** The Book Fair is all set up and ready to go on Monday. The Committee has received a minimum amount of volunteers. They are working on the schedule to have kids attend during lunch and recess. There will be no Returns available this year.
- **Boutique :** The Committee is working on the menu and obtaining the permit from the Health Department. They are in need of volunteers and requested some additional help to pass out flyers. They are also working on advertising of the event including newspaper ads and Craigslist. There are aprox. 55 vendors signed up. The music is being organized and the current lineup is the Northwood Chorus, Edgemont musicians and piano players. There was discussion about having the cookbooks available for sale.
- **Membership:** The display in the hallway has been completed. There are currently 100 PTA members.
- **Reflections:** Deadlines to turn in projects is November 5th. Judging will occur on November 12-13th. The Committee is still in need of judges. The awards ceremony is scheduled for November 15, 2013 at 6:30pm. Rules are available on the Northwood PTA website.
- **Treasure Chest:** Volunteers are needed for October 18, 2013 at 11:45am.
- **WatchD.O.G.S.:** Doughnuts with Dads went well. They are still in need of more Dad volunteers
- **Walk A Thon:** The fundraiser brought in aprox \$5200. Nest Thursday a lunch with the principal is scheduled for the top earners. There were lots of prizes and ways to earn prizes for the students.
- **Escrip:** It was reported that we have received \$367 in donations and there are currently 159 supporters.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2013 at 6:30pm in the Northwood Library.