

April PTA General Meeting
April 10, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:11pm
Quorum was reached

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the previous general meeting in February were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections; the minutes will be filed.

Treasurer's Report

Rebekah distributed the current treasurer's report. She encouraged everyone to talk to their teachers and make sure teachers are using their funds for the year. There will be a preliminary budget presented at the May meeting to be used during the summer months. An official budget will be presented at the first 2018-19 general PTA meeting. Abby requested interested people to join the budget committee that will be meeting over the summer.

Membership Report - No update at this time.

Auction Committee Report

The auction took in highest amount of money, and at the same time the costs were the highest they have been, mainly due to working with an event space that was not all-inclusive. The committee will be splitting into specific roles next year in order to spread the workload. Keely Montgomery has agreed to be the chair for next year's event. Next year's event will be on March 9, 2019 with a theme of Creston Speakeasy. The total program donations were \$110 to Mr. M's auditorium fund and \$180 to the summer reading program. There are still spots available in a number of the buy-in events.

Nominating Committee

Lisa is seeking people for the nominating committee. Molly O'Neill has volunteered and has spoken to Melissa Standley about joining as the third person.

Health and Safety Report

Walk and Bike to School May 7-11 – she has requested a “bike fairy” to participate in the Walk/Bike week.

President's Report

- Abby spoke with Jennifer Patterson; we are close to a principal announcement. She asked that Abby pass on to us that she used the information gathered at the parent information meetings, staff meetings, emails and phone calls with parents. Abby read a list of the takeaway qualities and Jennifer feels confident that the incoming principal meets them. The principal announcement is expected in the next two weeks, and there will be several opportunities for the new administrator to visit the school prior to the end of the year. Possible events that would work for visits were discussed (Multicultural Night, awards ceremonies, pickup/dropoff, Run for the Eagles).
- PTA convention is this weekend – Abby and Emily will be attending for Creston. There is a region meeting on Sunday morning that is open to all PTA members.
- The board has been working to update the grant forms. For next year the PTA will have a grant committee to review grant requests and process approvals. Elena has volunteered to be part of the grant committee.

Multicultural Night – May 17

The committee met last week and are working with Mr. McKinstry to have a musical performance. There will also be student dance groups. The food will be pot-luck. Stephanie will speak to teachers during their work day this week. Abby and Kerri will meet to go over the basics of running a PTA event.

Green Committee

Creston is officially an Eco-School. We have received signage that will go up soon.

There is still a need for volunteers to work lunch duty as compost supervisors. Heidi passed around a sign up sheet for open spots. SE 45th and center

Motion: Heidi requested \$200 to purchase paint to update the street intersection painting at SE 45th and SE Center. Elena Miranda seconded the motion.

A discussion was held as to where the funds will come from. If the Green Committee budget has been used the funds would come from general. The total cost for this project is \$800; Heidi has requested and received funds from the neighborhood association as well. She plans to include the school name and the neighborhood name in the street painting. The motion passed.

Carnival

The carnival theme will be “Wizard of Oz”. Theresa has sent out a sign-up genius for volunteers.

Run for the Eagles

Abby reviewed the prizes for the group: the highest laps run and 2 highest earners will receive prizes. Classes with highest laps, highest earnings and most forms turned in will get sno-cone and bounce house party.

SUN Update – Ben Mauer

- Spring term has started and new teachers were located for programming. NW Children’s Theatre drama, Farm on the Go and Upstream Downstream (through Human Access Project). We are the pilot school for Upstream Downstream.
- They also need someone to serve supper on Tuesdays.
- They will send out one last survey this year for parent input with programming.
- Summer camp is being set-up right now. Breakfast, 9am – 12:00pm with free lunch in the park. Dates are July 9-August 2.

Krista had a family emergency and was unable to attend. She emailed some staffing update notes to Abby, which were shared at the end of the meeting.

2018-19 Grade level configurations:

K – Hilbourne and Standley

1 – new hires

2 – Winn and Pearl

3 – Grewell and Lindemann

4 – McCartney and Woods

5 – Fox and Williams

Positions being added are a .75 counselor for the k-5 students and a .5 Spanish teacher for MS students.

Mr. Shock will be the MS health/PE teacher. Greta’s position is going down to .2; she is seeking a .5 position in addition to this and will remain at Creston.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm