

Creston School PTA

Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Creston School PTA was called to order at 6:20 pm on February 12, 2019 by President Abby Nilsen-Kirby. Abby welcomed all and there was a group introduction with all members introducing themselves.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. Meeting minutes were filed with no corrections.

Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Aram Babasin was not present, so Abby provided the update and presented the report from Aram. All budget amendments from the previous meeting are reflected. Some event income and expenses from the fall have been recorded. There was a question about the Book Fair expenses. Abby will be clearing that up with Aram. Creston PTA takes the "book credit" rather than cash from the event. So, the number on the report is not the final figure. Treasurer's report was presented and filed.
- **Membership Update:** Molly O'Neil stated that Creston currently has 64 members.
- **Auction Update:** Keely Montgomery gave an Auction update. There will be a DJ at the beginning of the event and live entertainment. There are 7 "Little Library's" that the classrooms will personalize around the theme of "STEAM". They will go online to the greater community next week and be part of the Live Auction event on March 9, 2019. First timer tickets are \$20 per ticket. Ticket price includes a heavy appetizer menu, open bar, bidding on some great items and a lot of fun.
- **STEAM Night:** Abby Nilsen-Kirby reported that this collaborative event between SUN and PTA will include OMSI presenting so that parents can enjoy the event with their students. Elena Miranda spoke about the middle school's participation in the event. They will have a more traditional Science Fair model where they will have their projects displayed.
- **Oregon PTA News:** Lisa spoke about the work that Oregon PTA is doing on behalf of all PTA members in the state. She gave a background of the advocacy issues that the PTA has been involved in both at Creston and the state level. Lisa gave more information on the "March for our Students" on February 18, 2019.
- **President's Report 6:54pm:** Abby Nilsen-Kirby reports on the Oregon PTA Convention and the speakers that will be involved. Safe and Sound Schools will be a keynote and hold a workshop on how to make our schools safer places for our students. She encourages anyone to attend who is interested in parent engagement and other relevant topics. Abby is currently working with some of the staff to increase STEM opportunities and materials school wide for students. PTA is using some of the STEM Enrichments and Supports funding from the PTA budget to provide funds for this.

New Projects, 7:05 pm:

- Bike Racks:
 - Mariah Apolito: spoke about the need for larger bike racks to accommodate longer and larger bikes. She has researched the racks and has found one for \$699.00, has a parent who is willing to help with installation of the rack. She has filed a “project development review” with PPS and is waiting to hear back.
- Playground:
 - Abby Nilsen-Kirby & Emily Graves: spoke about PTA’s desire to enhance the playground in the back of the school with equipment more suited to our 3-5th grade students.
- New Ideas:
 - Courtney O’Leary: asked if we could create yard signs for the Kindergarten Connect events that are coming up. Abby confirmed that there are funds

Principal’s Update Angelica Cruz (7:35 pm):

- Stay tuned for staffing update. She will get figures from PPS soon and will have a week or two to make staff projections. We are currently at 378 students. We would love to see 400 students, which will allow us to have an Assistant Principal.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by Abby Nilsen-Kirby. The next general meeting will be at 6:00 pm on April 9, 2019 in the Creston Library.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Kensel, Interim PTA Secretary.