**Athey Creek Middle School PTSA**

**General Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by Dana Callaghan

Quorum established with 12 members in attendance

Meeting held at Athey Creek Staff Lunchroom

Welcome to all

**Approval of February Minutes**: ***(Margaret Koch)***

February’s Meeting Minutes were distributed by email to all in attendance to check for accuracy. Additions/Corrections were done by the deadline of one week. Margaret requested approval of the February Minutes. Sheila motioned to approve. It was seconded & unanimously approved.

**PTA Representative for Better Oregon Campaign, Otto Schell**

Mr. Schell presented a talk about school funding issues & presented a petition to get this issue on the ballet. The proposal is to raise the business tax on income over 25 million, earned in Oregon for large Corporations. They would be taxed only on their revenue generated in Oregon. He estimated this would affect about 900 companies, and that 70% of these are based outside Oregon, ie Walmart, Comcast, etc. As a way to stabilize school funding, a sales tax is not a feasible option as it has been rejected several times, so this is another option. If this does progress, they will be negotiating with the legislature. He reminded everyone of the PTA Meeting in Eugene on April 14/15.

**Principals Report: *(Joel Sebastian)***

Conferences coming up the week before Spring Break. They are working on organizing the conferences to connect to the school community, trying to make this as impactful as possible for all participants. Each teacher here has about 140 students per teacher, so they only have about 3 minutes per conference with each family. They have looked at and tried several different models to conduct the conferences. Right now the 8th grade has 2 distinct teams, but 6th grade they tried to have the families meet with one teacher who would provide feedback on that student. This will continue to be worked on to find a solution that works for all.

Question was raised about math—is there a middle level class for those between the regular math & the exceled class? Joel would like to see more grouping, but this is a very complex thing to set up. (Size of groups, who to group together, etc.) He wanted everyone to know that our students, no matter what level they are in, have more challenging classes than other districts & are very well prepared for high school.

**Presidents Report: *(Dana Callaghan)***

- Dana passed around the revised Standing Rules and asked if anyone would like to make a move to approve. Sheila made the motion to approve, it was seconded & all raised hands to approve. Margaret will keep in the files and Dana will send a copy to PTA.

**Vice-President: *(Kathleen Jensen*)**

She is leading the search to find people that are interested in being on the Nominating Committee. She has a couple people so far. She will be listing the open positions and will list the others as filled, but that can always use help.

**Treasurer Report*: (Sheila Adams)***

We have a balance of $26,265.85. In February, she wrote checks to the Dept. of Justice & the Company that prepared the taxes. This is a huge benefit to have a tax preparer do our taxes, they did find a couple of things that could cause issues, so now if there are any questions, they will be the ones to answer.

There were a couple of checks for ESD envelope printing & student store, as well as a deposit from the student store for $247.36.

**Membership: *(Joanne Masters)***

She is working on the Thank You letters for people that signed up & paid for the PTSA membership. Sheila pointed out that this is similar to a recent situation for TASA in that a person wanted a receipt for food donations for TASA - any amount under $100 does not need a receipt from us, that they can save their own receipts for their tax purposes.

**Committee Reports**:

**Volunteer Coordinator: *(Kate Hoots)***

No Report

**Winter Dance: *(Dana for Emily Schmitt/Amanda Curdy)***

Friday, May 13 is the next dance.

**School Store: *(Shari Winters)***

Store doing great—Shari has many volunteers, and the rice Krispy treats & seaweed selling well.

**TASA: *(Margaret Koch)***

Next TASA is Wednesday, March 9, 2016, Dine Around The World theme. We are about 60% filled, but need more people to sign up for main dishes.

**Garage Sale: *(Dana for Saleen Chenevert)***

The rain is improving, knock wood, but we have improved life in the containers with magnetic LED lights (Thank you Costco!) that stick to the walls of the container so we can see! It’s the little things that make us happy. We’ve had four moving trucks drop off items!

- We are doing quite well on Craigslist. I have a deposit of $1026 for Sheila today, and had $730 from January, so we are ahead of last year. Craigslist ads help us advertise the sale way in advance, and so far, all the sales have been to parents outside of the West Linn School District so it helps to spread the word far & wide.

- One container is ¾ full and the other is about ½ full. We might make it to the end! Sarah Bray is always offering to help find more temporary space, she’s awesome, but we are also aware that track starts before the garage sale we don’t want to get in their way.

- We still have some great furniture for sale! We are working with Wagon Inc., an Athey parent owned delivery company that helps make fast deliveries of large items (they target people who find things on Craigslist and need help with transportation). We’ll put flyers on larger items with their contact information and get a special rate for the sale.

 - Drop dates and times: Every Tuesday, 8-9:30 am, with no Drop on the Tuesday of Spring Break! One Saturday drop a month, and the next one is March 12 from 9am to 11 am.

**Garage Sale Continued**:

- About mid-month (March), we will put together a volunteer spot for the sale itself, slowly shifting gears to being excited to sell these treasures back to everyone. We are continuing to improve on the ease of putting together the boutique section, a collectible (and easily stolen) table with separate cash box, improved HOLD section to minimize the chaos.

-As always, a huge thank you to the amazing number of volunteers, those that show up often to those that are willing to show up at a moment’s notice if the sun happens to be out! Thank you for your time & always being so happy, it’s been a lot of fun!

- And what everyone has been waiting for, the naughty box, sadly is still empty. We were kinda hoping that after Valentine’s day, something fun would surprise us, but alas, everyone has been widely appropriate this year!

**Webpage: *(Jane Bernasconi)***

There were 105 unique visitors looking at 223 pages on the website. She will be changing out the garage sale items.

**Student Representatives: (*Toni Snapp and students*)**

No report.

**Community Reports:**

**Education Foundation: *(Elaine Cozart)***

Blazer tickets are still available for the April 9 event. We are extending the deadline to next week. There is a West Linn Basketball Player involved in a Hoop event at the MODA center before the game, so they are promoting tickets that would include attending the Hoop event too. SOLD Out from Wilsonville High will be singing the National Anthem.

The count campaign will be starting this Thursday. Elaine has a Bethany Wurtz & Kimberly Landsem lined up to help be the contact people at our school.

**Legislative Updates: *(Betty Reynolds*)**

No report

**New Business:**

- After a discussion about making a donation to Athey’s library in honor of Holly Menoher, we decided on $100. Bobbi Kelly made a motion to approve this gift, Kathleen seconded, and all raised hands to approve. Sheila will ask Joyce on who to make the check to.

- Dana & Margaret brought up the grant request from Mrs. Bowen to be trained as an Executive Functioning trainer at our school for $725. Discussion that this basically deals with organization & how it would benefit all the school, including students, teachers, and parents. Sheila made the motion to approve this expenditure, it was seconded, and all raised hands to approve. Mrs. Bowen was contacted to get signed up and submit a reimbursement.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

3/8: Tues, 8-9:30 am Garage Sale Drop 3/18: Fri, NO SCHOOL/Conferences

3/9: Wed, TASA Luncheon, Dine Around the World 3/19-4/3: Sat., Students leave for Korea

 Wed, 6:30 pm, Parent Night @Wilsonville High 3/21-3/25: SPRING BREAK

3/12: Sat, 9-11am, Garage Sale Drop 3/28: Mon, 6:30 W. Linn High Parent Night

3/14: Mon, 9:15 am Wilsonville High Visit at Athey 3/29: Tues, 8-9:30 Garage Sale Drop

3/15: Tues, 8-9:30 Garage Sale Drop 3/31: Thurs, 7pm Band 6/7 Concert

 Tues, 7pm Orchestra Concert 4/4: Mon, NO SCHOOL

3/16: Wed, EARLY RELEASE 4/5: Tues, PTSA Meeting

3/17: Thurs, Evening Conferences 4/5-4/8: (Tues-Fri), 6th gr. Outdoor school

**Adjourn**: Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Want to continue the discussion or join a committee that presented today? Here is contact information for the presenters:

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Attachment A: Sign-In Sheet

Attachment B: Treasurers Report

Attachment C: Copy of the updated Standing Rules

Attachment D: Mrs. Bowen’s Training Request

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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