

PSO Meeting
November 26, 2012
Mary Woodward Cafeteria 8:30 a.m.

Board Members: Karen Emerson, Judy Swiger, Cheryl Payne, Jill Weinstein

Karen welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order.

Karen introduced Neal Brown, a resident of Tigard. He proposed that we as a community start the process to have a YMCA built in downtown Tigard. By keeping the dues low, the whole community would be able to enjoy recreation regardless of a person's age or economic situation. He would like the location to be at 9040 SW Burnham, which is currently being used by a local merchant. If this is something you are interested in then we need to let our city government know. Sherwood did it in two years; they started talking about it the first year and built it the second year.

October 8, 2012 Minutes reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Report: \$25,500 made by Jog-A-Thon, we still have a few more checks to deposit. Checks have been issued for additional garden and instructional assistant support. Everything is moving along smoothly.

The auction is still on table. There has been some miscommunication some people think it is not happening, when it is actually still in the works.

We can take the Dare t-shirts out of the budget and do a different type of token, that may cost less and have more meaning to the kids.

Still need carnival person. Do we make it a money maker?

There is no written rule or limit on the number of fund raisers we can do but we don't want to tax Tigard businesses as they make contributions to other schools in the district.

Family Events: Family movie night brought in about 35 families or so; that was a bigger attendance than last year. There was popcorn donated by some of the local movie theatres and that was a big hit. We need to let people know they can bring pillows or sleeping bags or beach chairs to sit on. Some families brought take-out food to eat at the event. The next event is the father/daughter dance.

Box Tops/Labels: The current contest over Friday, December 7. The top three classes get donut parties. Due to some classes being bigger than others the winning classes may be determined a new way using percentages instead of total number of box tops.

Jog a thon: We did not raise as much money as was originally anticipated due to a spreadsheet error. We raised a little less than last year, but our student body is not as big as last year.

Book Fair: Thanks to all of those who volunteered. Sales are up 5% from last year. Some of the new titles we got for the library are here and ready to be checked out. We sold 1,927 books, so we almost reached our goal of 2000 books sold. A new reading competition will start soon to encourage kids to read. There will possibly be a total reading minute goal and if it is reached, Mr. Nihill has generously agreed to get doused with ice cream sundae toppings.

Volunteer Coordinator: October showed a big increase in volunteer hours. Jill will start to put more it in the news letter when we need volunteers for specific things.

We still need somebody to chair the Carnival. There a lot of people willing to help, we just need someone to organize it.

Script: Today is the deadline for November. There is one more before the holidays that ends on December 10th. Columbia Sportswear has passes to their employee store. They give one pass per \$50 gift card purchased and the passes are good into January.

Art Literacy: They are finishing up the clay tiles. They would like to try and do a mural but they would need a contractor/expert to help with that due to the weight of the tiles, they want to make sure it would be sturdy. There is a lot of left over clay, they may let the ambassadors use it to make more tiles and put them in the bazaar or sell at another event. They discovered it is very inexpensive to run the kiln.

Science Fair: Date may change.

Enrichment: Shaylene is meeting with Lindsay Darr.

Facebook: The page is made but not published yet. Should it be outgoing only? It is set up as Mary Woodward. It is not searchable. They are looking for a photo for the cover. They posted the Piccolo Mondo date. They agreed to let comments be made but PSO board is only able to post. Later we can talk about groups and photos being posted.

Staff Appreciation: Oct. lunch was a huge success. Teachers requested recipes. Sign up sheet is in the office for Cookie Exchange.

Specialty Fundraiser: Piccolo Mundi fundraiser is Thursday the 29th from 4-8 at Progress Ridge. There will be coco and cookies.

Principal's Report: In-service days Monday in Tualatin with Joe Robinson. He will be working with teachers with questioning strategies and keeping students engaged. Tuesday teachers are here in morning working on specific building writing for Writing Matters in Every Classroom and there will be Staff meetings on Tues. In December, they will be starting to go through the book by chapter so all of the teachers will understand each grade level. Standards will be increasing, so Tuesday afternoon teachers got together by grade level across the district. They reviewed the writing assessment and teachers co-scored papers. There will be a blurb in newsletter. Ballroom dance teachers think big commitment maybe every other year for 4 and 5. Maybe we can use Art in the Burb money. Each school will receive \$1,000 from Art in Burbs and the money has to be used for Art.

President Report: Barnes & Noble is having their grand opening; Jerry will be there at 12:30. We can go support him and the foundation will get a percentage of the sales. There is a phone-a-thon the same week. The superintendent search going on; meetings will be held this week for anyone who wants to attend the public forum and contribute what they are looking for in a superintendent. See the district website for more information.

The Auction is a possibility. It would be best to have co chairs and we need to use many resources to get helpers to make it not so overwhelming. The wine wall would need to have two categories nicer vs. cheaper wine. We could do a paddle raise for playground equipment. The beads were a hit and raised \$800 last year. We need to split the work load into donations/party venue & menu/data entry/decorations/ tickets, and we need an auctioneer.

Margie asked not to have auction in February as to not overwhelm businesses because a lot of schools have auctions in that month. March does not have a lot of school days our best auction date options are Saturday, March 9th & April 20.

New Business: Westerfield's presented a fundraising idea of selling Right Response first aid kits. They are high quality health products. Each kit is \$10. Backpack program kits inside and presell program might work better for a school setting. It is a referral program and we would get 10% of the residual sales if we referred Right Response their sales. We could encourage local business to carry them and they make good gifts. Would like to set a goal, time frame and she will chair. Each kit has different items.

Email Judy Swiger or Erin Farquhar if you want new business added to agenda.

The next PSO meeting is on January 14th, at 8:30 am in the cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.