



## Arbor Heights Elementary School PTA

### General Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2017

Arbor Heights Commons

#### Attendees

Jen Boyer, Justin Hoffman, Kristi Nelson, Stacey Banahan, Tiffany Colman, Jessica Raucci, Sarah Richey, Arin Winsor, Oriana Somers Dilley, Darrin Dilley

#### Call to Order

Jen Boyer

- Meeting is called to order at 7:10 P.M.

#### Reports

##### Secretary

Justin Hoffman/Rebecca Brendel

- Motion to accept the minutes from the November 17, 2016, general PTA meeting is made, and seconded.
- Minutes are accepted unanimously.

##### Treasurer

Tiffany Colman/Darren Dilley

- The PTA has \$62,000 in the bank.
- We are ahead of budget on two events, membership and Direct Drive
- The big one is the auction right now
- Board did donate \$500 towards the re-branding of Unity Night (previously Multicultural Night).

##### Legislative

Janine Davis

- Legislative committee members are working on a SPARC grant proposal to city to benefit Unity Day/Night.
  - Sent to PTA board members for review.
  - Legislative committee members plan to get a draft of the grant proposal submitted at end of January.
- Legislative chair reports that postcards with messages regarding fully funding public education in Washington state were sent in to the governor and two state representatives for the area.
  - Legislation has passed the House and now it is in the Senate.
  - Where we need help: calling in areas where we need legislators' support: Puyallup, Auburn, Federal Way.
  - Hoping to get parents going to a lot of meetings.
  - Please take a moment to say thank you to reps

## Auction Update

Jessica Raucci/Arin Winsor

- Auction invites went out. RSVP cards are ready and tickets are available for sale.
- Volunteers are handing out flyers tomorrow, before school and after school.
- Procurements are coming in.
- Classroom projects:
  - Committee members are focusing on classroom projects.
  - Lots of volunteers have signed up for the 3–5 grades.
  - The K–2 grades needs more help.
  - Arin and Jess have some easy projects for volunteers who are interested in helping with class projects, but need help with a concept.
- Auction committee plans to make a huge push for ticket sales in February.
- Next meeting is on February 1 at 7 P.M.
- Auction committee members plan to have a table at Bingo Night next Friday.
- Auction committee members got tax-exempt status granted.
- Auction committee members from last year, Teri and Jenaige, assembled a timeline document that Jessica and Arin are using—the timeline document is very helpful and Jess and Arin are adding to it as they go through the auction preparation process.

## Principal

Christy Collins

- There was a successful kindergarten open house today.
- Arbor Heights might become a highly capable cohort school (HCC): These HCC schools attract new students and the school district buses in kids who are eligible.
- Arbor Heights has a brand new popcorn maker—and the return of Popcorn Friday is tomorrow.

## Announcements

Jen Boyer

- Bingo Night is scheduled for Friday, February 3, from 6:30 to 8 P.M.
- Barnes & Noble Night is rescheduled for Thursday, April 6.
  - At the annual Barnes & Noble Night, kids come in their pajamas and get to hear books read by teachers and Principal Collins.
  - People could buy books and other items from the teachers.
- Unity Night, which is financially supported by the PTA, is scheduled for May.
- We are still looking for an Events Chairperson.

## PTA Parent Education Series

Guest speaker, Jill Petro, Child Life Specialist

“Overscheduling: How much is too much?”

- Jill’s presentation covered how parents can support children in their interests and teach them to be well-rounded little persons, but still maintain their "downtime."

- Jill presented strategies on recognizing when kids might be overscheduled and provided tips on setting limits for kids' activities, so kids, and their parents, are not always rushing from activity to activity.
- Jill's overscheduled presentation is available here: <http://arborheightspta.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Overscheduled-Presentation.pdf>

## Adjournment

Jen Boyer

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.