

Aquarian Charter School
PTO Board Minutes
October 5, 2015
Location: Aquarian Library

1. Call to Order: 5:33 p.m.

Attendees: Susan Gress (Treasurer), Shareen Crosby (President), Nadina Morris (Vice President), Danni Hall, Erin Austin, Terise n'ha Caitriona, Angie Southwould, Dean Syta, Lucas Saltzman, Christina Rankin, Doug Limpinsel, Wendy Davis, Amy Newman (Secretary)

2. Reading of September Minutes

MOTION: Nadina moved to approve the September minutes. Dean seconded.

September minutes approved with no changes.

3. Funding Requests

- a. None this month

4. Officer and Committee Reports

a. Principal's Report

- i. Motivational speaker Dan Bigley tentatively scheduled to give presentation on hard work, perseverance and overcoming adversity, to 3rd - 6th grade students on Tuesday, November 3. Dan was mauled by a bear and is now blind, uses a cane and service dog.
- ii. New online program to schedule parent-teacher conferences.
- iii. SEL assembly scheduled for Tuesday, October 21 to review school-wide behavior expectations.
- iv. Kiln installation pushed back to late October due to municipal permitting. Lisa C. (new art teacher) looking at possible January kick-off with potter Autumn Tetlow.
- v. Staffing changes complete, will soon be posting for new music teacher.
- vi. Working on budget for next school year, no major changes expected.

b. President's Report

- i. No report, will discuss in new business.

c. Treasurer's Report

- i. \$32,507 in checking, \$43,750 in savings.
- ii. eScrip program (earnings through Safeway/Carrs) officially scrapped
- iii. Pushing parents to sign up for Fred Meyer Community Rewards

d. Tri-Body Report – Nadina Morris reporting.

- i. Getting bids for various projects brought up during ed specs last year
- ii. Linda van Winkle wants to have more tech nights for parents
- iii. APC will do a second survey from teachers and PTO regarding building and curriculum

- iv. Considering holding a craft fair in the gym in November or December. Lucas will rent the gym to PTO for \$1, PTO rent space to vendors for \$50. Money would go toward equipment and playground.
- 5. Old Business
 - a. **Carnival:** Netted \$3,249. May consider changing date next year and adding more booths.
 - b. **Aquarian-A-thon:** Scheduled for Thursday, 10/15. Envelopes will go out 10/6. Students will run/dance/play basketball or foursquare for 60 minutes (K & 1st grade 30 minutes). Flat fee or pledge per lap/5 minutes spent. Money due 10/30.
 - c. **Sledding party:** Will continue as is this year and reevaluate next year. PTO will buy cookies for the events, rather than asking families to donate.
 - d. **Auction baskets:** Teachers have picked themes and e-mailed parents. Baskets will be displayed during conference week (10/19 - 10/23), with bidding week after. Baskets must be paid for and picked up 10/30.
 - e. **Student & Class Pictures** (Wendy): Picture retakes rescheduled for 10/28 since photos not yet come in.
- 6. New Business
 - a. **PTO Board Election:** Dean made motion to postpone elections until November meeting. Angi seconded. Motion passed unanimously with no discussion.
 - b. **November/December Babysitting Night:** Shareen working with Monica and Erin to figure out dates. Funds go to 6th grade for class trips.
 - c. **Staff Appreciation Brunch:** PTO will pay for it rather than asking parents to donate food. Will help cut down on waste. Will transfer \$500 from line item to fund omelette bar.
 - d. **Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping:** Terise said should be good for Saturday, 12/20. Will coordinate volunteers as date approaches. All money raised goes to library.
- 7. **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Newman, PTO Secretary