

Aquarian Charter School
PTO Board Minutes
November 5, 2018
Location: Aquarian Library

1. **Call to Order:** 5:31 p.m.

Attendees: Amy Newman, Christina Rankin, Michele Ming, Jennifer Snodgrass, Emily Walker, Carrie Connaker, Paige Nelson, Jennifer Anderson, Olympia Machuga, Kathie Morgan, Sarah Boice, Lucas Saltzman

2. **Reading of Minutes**

Motion: Christina moved to approve the October minutes. Emily seconded.

Minutes approved unanimously.

3. **Funding Requests.**

A. Nadina Morris requested that PTO contribute \$2,292.24 to help Ms. Julie replace items stolen from the musica portable. The amount requested is the difference between the money raised in a parent-led GoFundMe and the replacement cost of the stolen items.

Motion: Emily moved that PTO pay up to \$2,300 to replace items stolen from Ms. Julie's music portable. Christina seconded.

Discussion: Emily said there are more donations that haven't been tabulated yet, so amount PTO will need to pay slightly lower than amount requested. Amy asked whether payment would cover personal items stolen, Emily said yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Emily Walker requested up to \$700 to reimburse teachers for STEM Explorations. STEM was removed from the PTOs 2018-19 budget, and teachers were supposed to make a funding request prior to Explorations for exploration funding beyond what they are budgeted for the entire year. Some of the teachers apparently weren't aware of that (or forgot) and if they are not reimbursed, their entire Exploration budget for the year will have already been spent.

Motion: Emily moved to reimburse up to \$700 to teachers who hosted STEM Explorations. Kathie seconded.

Discussion: Marie suggested removing \$50 from the amount requested from each teacher, which reflects amount budgeted toward each of the four Explorations.

Motion passed unanimously, and Emily will deduct \$50 from amount paid to each teacher.

4. Officer and Committee Reports

A. Principal's Report.

- i. Continue to work on building ideas re: ASD's request school sign lease agreement.
 1. Moving into a new building is expensive, as is paying to repair the existing building.
 2. Unsure how lease issue will play out in 2019-20 budget.
- ii. Small scale cuts to budget likely unless 2019 legislature increases budget
- iii. First iteration of digital portfolio to be debuted in January. Teachers will begin learning the new platform in November.
- iv. School logo/branding project. Reworked old Aquarian school graphic (which was just clip art pulled from internet) to make more usable on letterhead.

B. President's Report. None.

C. Treasurer's Report.

- i. Checking account has \$25,800; savings has \$46,600
- ii. Early estimate of Athon funds raised is \$28,000.

D. APC Discussion.

- i. Focusing on facility issues.
- ii. Working on parent & teacher surveys.

5. Old Business

A. Athon. Carrie said information about number of laps her children completed never got inputted, Emily said Shareen was working on it.

B. Gaming Permit. Jessye & Kathie passed test. Emily will get new checking account set up per gaming regulations to hold fundraiser monies.

C. Yearbook. Christina working on Yearbook cover, plans to take photos of children's artwork to use like last year. Raised idea of holding art contest for cover photo like in past, but deadline too close.

6. New Business

A. Stacy Campbell stopped by to thank PTO for funding her puppetry exploration. Said the kids had a lot of fun, and she saw lots of kids who are normally quiet and reserved open up and really participate since the puppet was 'talking' for them.

B. Winter Craft Fair. Scheduled for December 1 in the gym from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Laura Kanyer will be holding toy swap again.

C. Officer Elections. Christina moved to approve Sarah Boice as President, Olympia Machuga as Vice President, Amy Newman as Secretary, and Emily Walker as Treasurer. Kathie seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Newman
PTO Secretary