

# Reeves PTA February 2025 Minutes

2/12/2025 | 6:00 p.m. | Reeves Middle School Library & Zoom

In attendance: Whitney Bowerman, Joellen Wilhelm, Mary Herrick, Rachel Higgins, Monica Taylor, Karen Zarate.

President Whitney Bowerman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

President's Report: The dance was last Friday, and 250 kids attended. It was a great turnout. The PTA ran out of change and pizza, which is unusual. Whitney has provided notes for future events. All money generated from food goes to the PTA, and all else goes to ASB. This event made \$2300 for ASB. Dances will be the fundraiser for future years, and will be held 3 times per year. Some feedback from kids: "This was the best night of my life" and "It was straight out of a movie"!

Vice President's Report: Dance was fun, thank you everyone who helped! Terry contacted Ms. Land about dates for the musical before we recruit for volunteers.

Treasurer's Report: The primary change this month was raising \$300 from the dance.

Secretary: Alysha presented January's notes to membership. Whitney moved and Joellen seconded to approve minutes. Membership approved unanimously.

Membership Report: Joellen reported that 2 new members have signed up. She needs to get the form from Matthew so she can enter new members into the system. Joellen has been handing out flyers at volleyball. We can also recruit at basketball games. Joellen asked where to save PTA flyers she has created. Alysha will add Joellen and Mary to the Reeves PTA OneDrive. There was a question about how the money flows from the website into the Reeves PTA bank account. Rachel will follow up with Matthew to confirm.

Fundraising Report: Mary reported we raised \$61 from the Panda Express passive fundraiser. The next one is Chipotle on April 15.

Mary reported the following updates regarding the spring carnival event:

- We have officially applied for June 7. Mary will follow up with Carmen in Facilities to confirm approval.
- The fundraising team is planning for a \$3500 profit goal and attendance of around 500 people. It is intended not just as a fundraiser, but also as a community building event.
- Mary interviewed 3 people from Boston Harbor carnival. They offered to lend us the carnival games. Thank you Boston Harbor! We will need to add additional games that are middle school age appropriate. Boston Harbor reported their revenue came from food, tokens, and a silent auction. This event will focus on food, tokens, and sponsorships.
- Mary estimates we will need 6 volunteers to help organizing on games, prizes, and food.
- Mary wants to create a donation sponsorship letter and form with 3 categories: \$250, \$500, and \$1000. Each sponsor level will be recognized on the Reeves PTA facebook page; second level sponsors will receive advertising for event; the third sponsor level will receive advertisement at the event. We plan to promote to Reeves families plus feeder schools, Lincoln, and ORLA.

- Membership suggested creating volunteer t-shirts featuring sponsors. A Reeves family does printscreening; Whitney to provide the contact to Mary.
- Membership also suggested to get ideas from student leadership during 3<sup>rd</sup> period, including ideas for games, food, music, etc. Mary will reach out to Karen to coordinate a time.

Lastly, the fundraising team is also working on the brotherhood fundraiser.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Report: Monica reported the date will be Thursday June 12. They are planning a full-day activity. They'll meet in the cafeteria, then head downtown for scavenger hunt: Love Oly/Love Reeves. The team is talking to Olympia Downtown Alliance – they are thinking of hosting the start of the scavenger hunt, although space size is a factor. Membership discussed starting at City Hall with the Olympia Mayor. There are 36 different companies to reach out to for participation. Intercity Transit will provide busses to ride back to the Miller intersection, where we can walk back to school. There are 150 estimated students; we'll need 24 volunteers, plus 2 additional volunteers for "command center". Four core teachers will be available too. Terry and Luke will be command center volunteers using Goose Chase application, and supporting through monitoring photos and assigning points. The team will collect \$100 sponsorships to offset the cost. Hoping to spend \$800 on scavenger hunt game; we will reach out to Altitude 15 or farmer's market for lunch, the team is thinking about giving a coupon or asking restaurants to provide a Reeves Lunch special. Arbutus is very interested, as well as Senior Services, Lollylama, and Oly Fed. Membership discussed involving Olympia High School volunteers in some way – Joellen will work with Key Club to explore.

Board Liaison Report: Monday is PTA Lobby Day. This event is organized by Washington PTA. Members are asked to go to the website, sign up as member, organize a meeting with legislators, and Washington PTA will provide talking points.

- OSD4All Legislative Updates: Joellen suggested members to get links to sign a pro/con site, which is reviewed and considered in decision-making. The big things currently being discussed are special ed, transportation, and maintenance & operations budget.

New Business:

- Pi Day is 3/14. PTA will arrange volunteers to bring 50 pies and recruit parents to serve. Pies must be store-bought and preferably not include nuts. We'll use signup genius for both signup and serving. Frozen pies should be ready to serve. There is space at school to store pies.

Old Business:

- Student Store Updates: Joellen provided a list of items, and needs approval from PTA to use budget. They also need storage for food items, 2 bank bags from Matthew, and petty cash startup. Whitney motioned to add \$300 line item to budget, with anticipated revenue of \$185. Mary seconded. Vote passed unanimously. The team needs to determine day of week – not Fridays.
- Spring musical will be held the first week of June. There will be 2 evening shows and 1 matinee: 6/3 and 6/4 at 7 p.m., 6/5 afternoon matinee. The spring musical will be "The Little Mermaid." Tryouts are being held February 24, 25, 27, 28.

Admin Report:

- A huge flu epidemic has hit Reeves, about a third of the school is out this week. Karen reminded to please keep kids at home if they are sick and wash your hands frequently!
- For school sports, boys volleyball is happening now. Next up is girls volleyball and boys soccer. Track starts in May.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade new student orientation is March 12, 6-7.
- Mr. Davis' recovery is expecting to be longer than originally planned. Karen is serving as Acting Principal, and Tyler Steiner is serving as Assistant Principal.