

Aquarian Charter School  
PTO Board Minutes  
July 16, 2018  
Location: Aquarian PTO Member's House

1. **Call to Order:** 6:15 p.m.

**Attendees:** Amy Newman, Nadina Morris, Jennifer Fredericks, Marie Russell, Elain Gentner, Jessye Mehler, Kathie Morgan, Emily Walker, Christina Rankin, Dean Syta, Carrie Connaker

2. **Reading of Minutes**

Motion: Christina moved to approve the May 7 meeting minutes. Emily seconded.

Minutes approved unanimously.

3. **Funding Requests.** None.

4. **Officer and Committee Reports**

A. Principal's Report. None.

B. President's Report. See discussion in New/Old Business.

C. Treasurer's Report.

- i. Roughly \$2,070 in checking, \$46,000 in savings
- ii. After school program has repaid almost all of its loan

D. APC Discussion.

- i. Carrie Connaker has replaced Meghan Stapleton as APC chair.
- ii. Continued discussion regarding building lease with ASD.
- iii. ASD getting final conditional facility report. Need to address roofing leaks.
- iv. Purchased refresh of Saxon, 2015 version, new reading program for 4th through 6th grade.
- v. Lunch/recess switched for bigs/littles.

5. **Old Business.**

A. Raffle ticket sales.

- i. Need license, two people to take gaming test and run raffles. (Kathie and Jessye volunteered at May meeting to take test).

ii. Bylaws need to be changed per Alaska State statute to provide that if PTO dissolves, any remaining proceeds from raffle ticket sales will be donated to a non-profit.

**MOTION:** Emily moved to amend the PTO bylaws to provide that “Upon dissolution, any remaining net proceeds from gaming activity under AS 05.15 will be distributed to one or more existing permittees, other than a multiple-beneficiary permittee, in accordance with 15 AAC 160.020(a)(5).”

Christina seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws will be amended in draft form to be voted on at September 10 PTO meeting.

B. Carnival.

- i. Want more teacher involvement.
- ii. Marie wants PTO to brainstorm ideas for booths, teachers recruit parents, and all money raised goes to PTO.
- iii. No food booths other than PTO and Cam’s cotton candy. Otherwise all food event, not enough activities.
- iv. Will hold separate Carnival meeting when school starts.

C. Other ideas for easy fundraisers.

- i. Shockwave Fun Night. Restaurant fundraisers. Texas Roadhouse has one, maybe others?
- ii. Craft fair. Scheduled for November/December, will get in ADN’s holiday craft fair schedule. Thought a 3rd grade parent offered to organize, Nadina will reach out to her.
- iii. Dessert auction. Want to bring back at sledding party. Usually held weekend before Super Bowl, hope people can bid on desserts for Super Bowl party.
- iv. Babysitting night. Way for 6th graders to raise money for field trips. Discontinued because Will put out feelers to 6th grade families to participate so Monica not only adult present.

D. Transgender pamphlets.

- i. Jennifer Fredericks working on getting approval from ASD EEO for pamphlet discussion transgendered students to be distributed to parents/teachers.
- ii. Nadina said possible to include in wellness night.

6. **New Business.**

A. School Activity Calendar. Create schedule of events to hand out ice cream social, Tissues & Tears. Brief explanation of ones parents may not understand, i.e., Explorations, Athon. Jennifer & Kathie will take lead on drafting.

B. Athon. Nadina suggested moving to spring to see how much money raffle raises. Dean doesn't think it will raise close to Athon. Amy said it may take awhile to get things going, then PTO might find itself in spring with no money. Will beef up promotion, look into online donations - only problem is if donors don't specify child they are donating to, money may not get counted toward that child for prize purposes.

C. Photo day. Wendy Davis moved, need new volunteer to help organize day of. Jennifer and Kathie agreed to take lead.

D. PTO Week. Have someone in hallway at open house/ice cream social promoting PTO, getting people to sign up, sign up for rewards program. Kathie said she can handle.

7. **Adjourn.** 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Newman

PTO Secretary