

## **Oregon PTO Meeting**

January 7, 2003

6:30 P.M.

Minutes

**Attendance:** Donna Wright, Peggy Bakken, Bob Onesti, Janine Bessemer, Jamie Okonek, Amy Hermus, Britney Smith, Kris Pearson, Marilyn Murphy, Debbie Fischer, Velvet Holmes, Jeri Schumacher, Philayne Chose, Raandi Schmidt, Maria Katsaros-Molzahn and Mary Jo Romero.

### **Secretary Report**

No changes to report. Maria Katsaros-Molzahn moved to approve the October Minutes; Janine Bessemer seconded the motion. Approved.

### **Treasurer Report**

Jamie Okonek asked for approval to increase the budget for the PVE Memory Book from \$150 to the \$154.60 final cost. Approved.

Jamie reported that a \$335 check for wrapping paper had been returned for insufficient funds. She is trying to recoup the money, but will have to turn it over to police soon if it is not paid.

Fund raising totals: Gift wrap will be approximately \$18,500; Entertainment Books, about \$3,000.

Mary Jo Romero moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Amy Hermus seconded the motion. Approved.

### **Science Fair**

Mary Jo Romero and Kris Pearson reported that the Science Fair is progressing well. Participants will receive buttons instead of t-shirts. Volunteers are set although some floater help is needed that night. The number of participants is down slightly: 125 individuals and 8 classes (about 225 students total). This is 60 less than last year. Total expenses will be about \$500.

A UW Wildlife presentation will be ongoing during the Fair.

### **Art Fair**

Raandi Schmidt asked if permanent space with a lock could be found for Art Fair materials used year to year; some items are missing from last year. Marilyn Murphy will check with Teri Mills. Raandi was particularly concerned about two of NKE's framed t-shirts, but Amy Hermus said her mother has them to use as an example for framing PVE t-shirts.

The Art Fair is scheduled for April 26 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at NKE. This year, the team will display the artwork for one month prior to the fair, then it will be taken down and sent home with students the day of the event.

T-shirts have been a big part of the Art Fair in the past, and rather than stop offering them due to the fundraising shortfall this year, the Art Fair Committee will request a \$4.00 donation to pay for them. The group also discussed wording to encourage extra donations to pay for shirts for students with financial need. Marilyn Murphy suggested, "An additional X amount can be included to help offset costs for the Art Fair."

Raandi also expressed concern about collecting this money. Checks should be made payable to "Oregon PTO." Britney Smith volunteered to check the mailbox at PVE daily, and Kris Pearson offered to check NKE daily to pick up checks. The registration deadline is tentatively March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Raandi is hoping for a large volunteer turnout, otherwise, she'll have to cut elements of the Fair. She's planning to use the Art Fair Star again this year. If a teacher knows of an exceptional piece of artwork done during the school year, the teacher can give the child who made it a slip of paper encouraging him or her to display it in the Art Fair. Children are under no obligation to do so. Last year, she said, some teachers criticized this system, saying kids should create new artwork for the Fair. Raandi said she will continue to use the Art Fair Star as a way to get kids involved who don't have resources at home.

### **Publicity**

The new PTO web site is up and should be considered a work in progress. Peggy Bakken will work with Mike Kiffel to add content over the next month.

### **New Business**

**AlphaSmarts:** Velvet Holmes, Philayne Chose and Jeri Schumacher, computer resource teachers for the district, attended to thank the PTO for past purchases of AlphaSmarts. The word processors are extremely popular with students and there is a long waiting list at each school to use them. PVE has 3 AlphaSmarts and NKE has 6. If the budget permits, the teachers asked that the PTO consider purchasing more for each school.

\*NOTE: check Special Request budget at budget time for more AlphaSmarts.

**PTO Scholarships:** Donna Wright received notification of the 2003 PTO scholarship applications. The recipients are selected by OHS counselors, and Donna will ask about the qualifications they use to select them.

**Adjourned:** 8:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** February 4, 2003, 6:30 p.m., NKE library