

Greywolf PTA 1.4.40 General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Greywolf Elementary Library

MINUTES

In Attendance: President Dot Gosset, Vice Presidents of Enrichment April Bellerud and John Cole; Vice Presidents of Fund Raising Michelle Earley and Carol Labbe; Secretary Sharon Prosser; Treasurer Edi Barrow; Donna Burnside, Doug Hastings, Cheryl Earley, Lisa Cibene, Scott Gordon, Connie Anderson, Tamara Begley, Linda Sundquist, Jana Grasser and Stephen Rosales.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dot Gosset.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the January 16th meeting were reviewed. It was motioned by John Cole and seconded that the minutes be approved with the minor corrections that were made via e-mail. The motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report: Edi reported that the PTA now has a safe deposit box at Bank of America. She reported that the IRS sent a letter in January 11, 2008 confirming that they have received the PTA's 501c(3) application and that they will be sending a response within 60 days . Edi clarified several entries on the 2/13/08 P&L Budget vs. Actual statement.

Principal's Report: Principal Patty was absent so Dot reported the following: Patty thanked the PTA for all that we do. She was excited about math night as it was a great success.

WeatherBug Station: John Cole distributed 2 items: 1) a detailed WeatherBug Weather Station handout, and 2) a list of donors and the donation amount which was created by Stephen, which are attached to the original minutes on file with the secretary. GW's goal is to purchase the Platinum WeatherBug which is \$12,990. Details are included in the handout. Installation is recommended by a professional installer and would cost around \$2,500. The WeatherBug would be insured by the school district with a \$5,000 deductible; the WeatherBug comes with lifetime technical support. The costs breakdown is as follows: \$12,990 for the WeatherBug; \$2,500 installation; 8.4% Sales Tax totaling approximately \$17,000. John reported that it would take about 6-8 weeks to get the WeatherBug up an running. John also explained how it would be used by GW, middle school and high school. John would like to create a "thermometer" as a visual to reach our fund raising goal. Scott Gordon suggested approaching the Sequim Association of Realtors, Remax and local title companies for donations.

Archery: PE instructor Doug Hastings showed the PTA a power point presentation explaining the National Archery of the Schools Program ("NASP") which he would like to teach at GW. Doug proposed that the Helen Haller PTO (lead by Billy Remer, PE Instructor) and the GWPTA would purchase NASP and split the costs. The actual total cost is \$3,300 (\$1,656 each for GW and Helen Haller). Doug answered the following questions:

who will participate (4th and 5th graders, possibly adding 3rd graders once the program was established);
when would the classes would be held (in the mornings, during school, in 2 hour blocks);
would there be a need for volunteers (yes, there is a possibility for a few parent volunteers);
when will the program begin (probably few months into the next school year);

where would it be taught (inside the gym; Doug teaches all PE classes indoors as he says there are too many distractions outdoors; notices would be posted at the entrances to gym advising/cautioning archery in progress);

does the middle school and/or HS teach archery so the kids can advance (Doug did not know).

Math Night: April reported that there was a good turn out for math night and that the children seemed to have enjoyed learning math games. It is unknown how many people attended math night however approximately 350 ice-cream sundaes were served. April thanked the volunteers who helped scoop ice-cream and clean up.

Pacific Science Center: Dot reported that the PSC did a great job. She doesn't know if they are booked yet for next year as GW always "piggy-backs" with HH. She'll find out more about this.

Sequim School District Facilities Committee: Stephen reported that he has been attending the facilities committee meetings which have been every Wednesday evening for 2.5 hours for the last 10 months. Stephen served on the committee to be sure that GW had a voice. He handed out the Facilities Committee Report and directed everyone's attention to page 9, ¶6 which recommends that a new cafeteria be constructed on the GW campus (a copy of the report is attached to the original minutes on file with the secretary). Stephen suggested that the PTA members call/contact the committee members and voice your interest in this project. It was suggested that perhaps the PTA draft a letter in support of a new cafeteria.

S.E.N.S.E. Auction (April 12): Donna reported that 850 letters were mailed on February 14th to local businesses soliciting donations. To date, the Auction Committee has 2 bouncies, bingo, face painters, wii, and a kid raffle reserved for the evening. Donna would like to have about 50 volunteers (she'll send e-mail). She has teens volunteering to clean up. She would like to see the teachers volunteer for 1 hour as children like to see their teachers outside of school. Monique suggested having a large (poster-sized) sign-up sheet detailing specific duties for the teachers. Donations are coming in from private donors; class baskets are in the works. Donna also explained that the auction is being officially called the "S.E.N.S.E. Auction," not basket auction. Stephen says that extra storage is available at the B&G Club. Donna said there might be a live auction. The committee is requesting "gently used" items be donated for use as raffle prizes. There will be lots of advertising including fliers in student's backpacks, Gazette, PDN, Chalk Talk, and website Donna's friend is willing to donate a used credit card machine. The committee would like to purchase a cash register which is \$199.00 (and can be used at all future PTA functions). Dot says there is \$220 available from the book fair which can be used for this purchase.

Motion: It was motioned by Stephen and seconded that the \$220 available from the book fair be used to purchase a new cash register which costs \$199 plus sales tax. The motion was unanimously carried.

Reading Program: Starting February 26 in the library between 8 and 8:30 a.m., there will be reading time for GW students. Volunteers are needed to supervise either Tue/Thurs or Wed/Fri mornings. Paraeducator, Candy Olmer will be overseeing this program. Please contact her to volunteer.

Semi-Annual Audit Results: Connie Anderson reported that the audit committee (Monique Brasher, Karla Wiker and Connie) met for 4 hours and completed the semi-annual audit of the PTA's financials. Connie thanked Edi for creating, organizing and maintaining the financial records in a professional manner. The committee was impressed with all that had been done by the Steering Committee and Edi to date. There were 5 minor (insignificant) findings which were explained by Connie. A copy of the audit report on file with the secretary.

Shed: The PTA's shed needs to be cleaned, organized and inventoried. Shelving and containers will cost approximately \$350. It was moved by Donna Burnside and seconded that the PTA purchase shelving and containers in an amount not to exceed \$350 to organize the shed. The motion was unanimously carried.

Field Day: Doug Hastings explained what field day was and said that last year the second grade teachers organized the event. They are not willing to do it again this year. Doug said he would organize it if no one volunteered. There are about 25 game stations in which the kids earn raffle tickets. The day ends with the raffle drawing of 10 prizes. Doug will need about \$50 for supplies and raffle prizes.

Ecycle: The middle school is organizing an electronic recycling program (on April 19th, which is also Earth Day) at the middle school parking lot. It is for recycling items such as computers monitors, cpu's, cell phones, televisions, etc.). The cost is 40¢ per pound per item. A flier with details will be send home with the students. Five (burly) volunteers are needed to unload equipment and 5 volunteers are needed to write donation receipts. The recycler will physically remove the hard drive from your cpu and return it to you for an extra fee.

Seattle Mariners Baseball Family Day: The middle school's PSTA will be hosting family day at the Mariners v. Oakland A's game. The game will begin at 1:10 p.m. on April 27, 2008. Tickets are normally \$20-22 but will be sold for \$17 by the PSTA. For each ticket sold, \$6 gets kicked back to the PSTA. The seats are located in section 337, on the third base line.

Nomination/Election of Nominating Committee: Tamara Begley, Tricia Stratton and Jana Grasser were elected by voice to the Nominating Committee.

Awards: Dot has appointed the following 1) Outstanding Educator committee consists of John Cole, Cheryl Earley and Carol Labbe. This committee is responsible for selecting one or more outstanding educator(s) at GW this year; and 2) Golden Acorn committee is Cassie Davidson, Darcy Lamb and Patty Grenquist. This committee is responsible to selecting one (or more) outstanding volunteer(s) at GW. Awards cost \$65 each.

Buy One Get One Book Fair (BOGO): Dot reported that Nancy Langston (Donna Burnside's sister) will be chairing the BOGO book fair from June 9-13 at GW.

Next general meeting: The next general PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Any items to be included on the agenda for the March meeting should be e-mailed to Sharon Prosser at ptanews@mindspring.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.