

Richmond PTA General Meeting Minutes

Richmond Elementary - 6:30pm

Motion to approve PTA General Meeting Minutes from 2/15/2017 - Greg Byrd

Second - Ben Carr

Motion approved

Sabina Haque

- proposed an art residency for next year with a focus on music, dance and performance
- funding would come from Run-for-Richmond
- professional artists work with students and collaborate with teachers including Sparrow Sensei
- residency would take into consideration needs of school, time available, working w/ curriculum
- residencies are typically 4 one hour sessions plus performance
- residency could lead into Spring Festival performance
- Right Brain Initiative is an organization that works with the public schools
- cost for entire residency is usually under \$2,000
- next step is for PTA membership to approve the drafting of a letter to Principal Allen to recommend art residency.

Motion to draft art residency recommendation letter to Principal Allen - Greg Byrd

Second - Jamie Uyeda

All in favor

Motion approved

Financial

- Financial reports are posted on PTA website
- Angelena completed audit and found no discrepancies
- Richmond PTA is in Good Standing

Motion to approve audit - Greg Byrd

Second - Jamie Uyeda

All in favor

Motion approved

Motion to approve Emergency Prep Committee to fundraise - Tricia Waineo

Second - Greg Byrd

All in favor

Motion approved

- Budget report draft includes creation of Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Read-a-Thon and Run for Richmond have been switched between PTA and Foundation

Move to approve budget - Katie Allen

Second Saori Clark

All in favor

Budget approved

PTA Executive Board Elections

Nominees:

Co-Presidents: Robyn Draheim and Jenna Wines
Vice President: Ben Carr
Secretary: Joan Cromwell
Treasurer: Angelena Garlock-Balzar
Assistant Treasurer: Lisa Schroeder

Motion to approve PTA Executive Board - Greg Byrd

Second - Jamie Uyeda

Approved

Committee Updates

Special Events

-Spring Festival - Jamie and Saori did a wonderful job! And Andrea Obana did a great job with the performance!

Advocacy

-There will be more activity in Fall, not much this year.

Membership

-Tara stepping down and Jen Hopkins will be co-chairing.

Cultural Committee

-They were two Japanese meals this year and they were very successful. They were so successful that the menu was also used at Benson. Planning on doing two more next year.
-provided new tatami mats in Cultural Center

Super Green

-Composting going well. Richmond has been invited to speak to other schools regarding composting. Having parent involvement as been very important.
-Path and field look great!

Rich Coffee

-Soccer goals for field are coming tomorrow; this was the main purchase for the year.
-Kirsten Yamakawa will be co-chair next year.
-Ice coffee and Thai ice tea are being sold on playground Tuesdays and Fridays.
-contributed to Saving The Elms
-will contribute money to Emergency Prep Committee

Bulldog Gear

-Have new insulated water bottles and will sell Tuesdays and Fridays

New Business

PTA is gifting Run for Richmond to Foundation and in return Foundation is gifting the Read-a-Thon to PTA.

- timing for Run for Richmond is better in Fall, field in better shape
- Read-a-Thon not weather dependent
- PTA can accept money electronically
- will put together joint letter to explain
- Amy will still head up Run for Richmond and will still need PTA to recruit volunteers
- Read-a-Thon will continue to be done in house
- prizes are earned by class
- Read-a-Thon will fund science, technology and art

Public Comment

Thank you Robyn and Jenna for all your hard work!!! Gifts and flowers were presented to them from PTA Board, by Katie Allen.

Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting

- October 2016 PTA General Meeting on Emergency Preparedness had the largest attendance of any PTA meeting in memory.
- objective is to prepare for a Cascadia subduction event
- connecting with Parents for Preparedness
- preparedness topics include securing non-structural hazards, moving heavy objects to floor, clearing exits, on-site storage (food, water, tarps, etc...), replacing expired supplies
- planning to buy water storage barrels to make into a fundraiser
- Connected with Sunnyside School, they have been active in prepping, hazard mitigation, and reunification drills. Would like to partner with them and involve neighborhood.
- planning an event for next Sept. which will include speakers from Multnomah County and PCC, water barrel fundraiser, and age appropriate presentation for students
- goal to do a reunification drill by end of 2017-2018 school year
- goal to help families prepare for emergencies at home and work, not just at school

Miscellaneous Business

- next PTA Board meeting in August, date TBD
- First event next year will be Ice Cream Social - ONK, PTA, and Foundation will all be involved. Rich Coffee come? Parent groups and after school activities will be the focus. Will invite all organizations who currently have after school activities on-site or pick up at Richmond.
- Field Day is 6/7/17. There will be a sign up by office and electronic sign up? 30-40 volunteers needed in the afternoon
- Planning a volunteer appreciation event in the last two weeks of school, 4-6pm? location Sckavone's? For all PTA, Foundation and ONK volunteers

Meeting Adjourned 7:44pm