

Renaissance School PTSA Board Meeting
April 18, 2023 7:00PM-9:00PM
Conducted virtually via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Wei Feng (Co-President)
Sumitha Reddy (Co-President)
Megan Selitrennikoff (Co-VP)
Kate Thibodeau (Co-VP)
Mitchell Almaguer-Bay (Secretary)
Sabrina Miller (Volunteer Coordinator)

Meeting called to order. Quorum present.

Sumitha moved to accept Minutes as drafted (posted by Mitchell on Teams in shared files and temporarily on RSPTSA website), seconded by Megan. Approved by quorum without dissent.

Finance

Irina unable to attend, but monthly Treasurer's report had been distributed ahead of time. The question of funding sufficiency was discussed. Shirley (RSAR office manager) had advocated for increasing the family contribution from \$200. After discussion of increases to amounts ranging from \$225 to \$300, Sabrina moved that we increase the family contribution to \$250, seconded by Sumitha, passed unanimously.

Reports/Updates

Wei gave an update, reporting that Benevity said there was no issue with RSAR matching accounting.

Martha unable to attend, so no Lead Teacher report.

Megan gave an update, noting that a new 6th grader parent had joined, and there were two additional member donations. Mitchell reminded that any new members joining before June 30 were paying for 2022-2023 membership, and would need to rejoin after the new fiscal year. Should avoid collecting membership contributions until then unless understood would need to pay again in the fall. Megan also noted the issues with managing info between Our School Pages (RSAR PTSA website host) and MemberPlanet (the app used by LWPTSA and WSPTA for managing member dues), limitations to both, especially MP. Our School Pages costs \$120 annually; could consider other web hosting sites. No one offered to research, so by default no plan to change.

Board agreed we have a communications problem, partly of internal coordination, partly due to changing tech use preferences. No one option between broadcast email, Facebook, website, and ParentSquare is clearly most effective. PSq allows user to specify notification settings, and often has a delay or lag of up to a day even when notifications are set to be immediate. Emails can be overlooked, ignored, incompletely read, or wind up in junk mail. The website may be viewed only sporadically, and RSPTSA has been inconsistent with posting key info to both website and Facebook, although improving on both, thanks to efforts by Naomi, Kate, Megan, and others.

Board discussed the question of operating as a PTO (not affiliated with national and local PTA organizations) versus PTA (including PTSA). Created committee to explore and make recommendation composed of Kate, Sabrina, and Mitchell.

Kate updated Events, noting the upcoming Board Game Night (April 21, 6:30-9:00pm), Chipotle Sammamish fundraiser (May 2, 4:00-8:00pm), donations received of Target and Costco gift cards i/a/o \$50 each. Follow-up on storage: no confirmation from Todd Apple.

Other Business

Volunteer Needs report by Sabrina, including upcoming field trip, and many roles in supporting the upcoming performances of murder-mystery plays, May 3-6.

Megan reported that the Nominating Committee work was underway, with letters going out to current board members in elected positions and an announcement and request for nominations via ParentSquare/email.

Meeting adjourned.