

Renaissance School PTSA Board Meeting
March 14, 2023 7:00PM-9:00PM
Conducted virtually via Zoom

Minutes

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

Meeting called to order by Sumitha. Quorum present.

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

Finance

Treasurer Irina gave summary of February Treasurer's Report. Noted that family contribution goal was met. Discussion whether goal was sufficiently high, considering was based on only 60% of families, and given already low enrollment this year. Some discussion of increase to amount requested versus focus on reaching out to families that had not contributed; budget committee to make recommendation.

Noted by Todd and Wei that the district has agreed to pay for storage for the next two years, although details still need to be sorted.

Kate indicated performance budget expense line-item insufficient to cover make-up artist, materials needs (lumber etc. for flats), costume needs, etc. We agreed to request approval for increase at GMM; Kate indicated preference for \$2000, but we agreed to request at least \$1000, actual number to be determined at upcoming budget committee meeting or via email.

The need to fix a method for collecting performance ticket revenue was discussed. Using PayPal through the RSPTSA site (on MySchoolPages) is an option (with side discussion of who would pay processing fees), was well as cash at the door; each have pros/cons. No decision made. Martha to research past ticket sales for estimates. Tickets have been \$5 general admission and \$2 for students.

Budget committee will coordinate proposed revisions via email and shared drive; Mitchell to suggest amounts based on this meeting.

Note board approved Rothwell grant request \$200 for field trip via email.

Reports/Updates

Wei had to depart meeting to care for sick child. Sumitha reported on meeting with Todd Apple, noting storage funding help and that Todd will attend GMM on March 28 (in person at RSAR).

Martha gave report: field trip to Seattle Children's Theater has been cancelled, but 7th grade field trip to Science Museum occurring April 7 remains on. Field trip to UW Meany Hall April 21, all-school, using district buses. School dance at RSAR on March 31, snacks and chaperones needed. Noted that enrollment numbers looking good for 2023-2024, with 6th grade full; 7th and 8th grades still light but close. Target is 32 students per grade. April 28 meeting with (or announcement of?) new 6th grade families. Todd Bohannon will remain on medical leave through August 27, 2023.

Megan gave an update on Membership, noting that the PTSA website doesn't have good membership data, only about 30-35 individuals listed, would have to load from MemberPlanet, but has not investigated doing so. New membership program using PayPal March 28.

Kate updated Events, noting the poor turnout for Movie Night, with board wondering if doing a drop-off event for students rather than family activity makes more sense. Currently planning Games Night, possibly at Redmond Middle School, info forthcoming. Reported that Mod Pizza Fundraiser brought in \$264, great work by Kate! Beautification Day happened, many plants donated, four parents and lots of kids were there to help plant the planters; glass bulbs were moved into courtyard planters.

Other Business

Volunteer Needs report by Sabrina, including chaperones for field trip, and performance-related roles, quiet lunch chaperones. Needs to be posted via Signup Genius.

Planning discussion for GMM included confirming names to put up for nominating committee: Megan Selitrennikoff, Amy Verrall, and Angela Khosa-Marangwanda. Mitchell to provide draft and present changes to Standing Rules. Irina asked Mitchell to present proposed revisions to budget for approval; will finalize proposed revisions by email and shared document.

Martha noted that the new Spiritwear order was delivered and distributed. Interest in additional order. Order was moderate success (in terms on items). Also noted exploring idea for 2023-2024 of teaching class at Eastlake HS.

Megan asked about past RSAR involvement in art displays at City Hall as possible opportunity. Asked about status of volunteer hours; Sabrina reported not being tracked. Reminder should be given about submitting volunteer hours for matching to companies with such a policy, including Microsoft.

Sumitha raised topic of the Explorica NY/Boston trip, with Martha noting two more students needed for minimum signup. Elizabeth Rothwell and Martha Daman both going.

Meeting adjourned by Wei.