

Liberty High PTSA

Supporting our Kids and Community

January 24, 2017; 7:00pm General Membership Meeting

- **Call to order** at 7:03pm by Shelly Russell. Location: Liberty High School career center. Notice was given to all members; quorum was present.
- **Minutes** were reviewed from the 10/4/16 general membership meeting and will be filed as presented.
- **Treasurer Report** - Shelly Russell presented the treasurer's report. Highlights included the total from fundraising, directory printing expense, and large grant was presented to the school - that was a CNC cutting machine that will support the metal shop, robotics. Report is included. The financial review committee will meet to review the financial accounts. A report will be submitted at the next general meeting.
- **Election of Nominating Committee:** Nominating committee: Michelle Riley moved to elect Susan Reeder, Libbie Fitzgerald, Kaelen Aramaki for the Election nominating committee. The motion was seconded and approved.
- **President's Report** -
 - Several events are available for students and parents. Handouts with additional information are included:
 - Influence the Choice video contest
 - State of Mind
 - Issaquah PTSA council - will be sending out a Community Values Survey to evaluate the priorities and concerns of the community that will be used by the Issaquah school district during Teacher union contract update and negotiations. Information can be found on the PTSA website and in the eNews.
- **Committee Reports :**
 - **Communications** - Dawn Peschek reported eNews updates are sent every two weeks; contact her with any information that you would like included.
 - **ISF**- "Nourish Every Mind" luncheon is 5/11, breakfast following (Wednesday) 5/17. Contact Libbie Fitzgerald if you want to be part of the PTA table. Recommended donation is \$150 for the event, but all donations are accepted.
 - **Membership** - Jennie Wildermuth reported PTSA is at 661 members, exceeding the membership goal of increasing membership by 5% over last year.
 - **Outreach** - Kim Weiss reported: A survey asked students what are the biggest needs in the school and the outreach program adjusted their plan to include the top items. They are looking for donations to support, information is available on the PTSA website. Another Shop & Swap was held on Friday, January 27th from 6-8pm featuring Winter Clothing and the remaining Liberty spiritwear.

- **Reflections** - 3 Liberty students artwork moved forward from district judging to State. State PTA finalists will be notified in March.
- **Parent Education:**
 - Jessica Leahy - the Gift of Failure - Teaching parents to let go, so students can succeed. This event will be like a book club forum. PTSA does have a book that can be borrowed.
 - Screenagers Movie showing at Liberty - had about 300 people that attended.
 - In Plain Site - Parent Education about substance abuse - how to look for concerns and how to productively engage in a conversation with teenagers. March 28, 6:30-8:30pm in Liberty HS Commons. Sponsored by Healthy Youth Initiative.
- **Senior Events** -
 - 2020 - Fundraising dinner date(s) TBD
 - 2019 - Ecycle date(s) TBD
 - 2018 - Brown Bear Car Wash ticket sales TBD
 - 2017 - Dinner auction raised \$20,500 that will support Grad night, Baccalaureate and senior breakfast. Grad night tickets are on sale. Information is available on the senior class website which can be accessed from the PTSA website.
- **Principals Report:** Sean Martin just finished 1st semester, and have had some difficult times. Lost 3 members from the school community - 1 staff member and 2 students. Bringing in resources to assist in dealing with the loss. A focus area this year has been on how to decrease students deficiency in credits for graduation - identifying multiple methods to assist students in credit recovery and how to reduce frequency. Sean is working with Jason Morse, principal at Maywood, on how to prepare for the growth the schools are seeing. Typically, we are growing about 100 a year, and Maywood is actually bigger than Liberty with one less grade. Outreach program has been a great resource this year for the students that are in need.
- **New Business:**
 - Staff appreciation lunch - held Seahawks themed lunch
 - Beautification committee - planted some plants around the school
 - Community Service Recognition for Graduating Seniors - to recognize community service efforts during high school years. Will be starting with Class of 2017. Will be looking for volunteers to lead the committee next year.
 - Additional upcoming events are noted on the agenda (included).
 - Newcastle Elementary school is doing auction and looking for a Liberty student or class that could create a video for the event.
- **Adjourn** - 7:49pm

Submitted by:

Jeanette Croppi, Secretary

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