**Arroyo Elementary School**

**PTA General Meeting**

**February 21, 2017**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Tina Krudwig called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm in the PTA room.

**Review of January Minutes:** Amy Kassardjian – The minutes of the January meeting were presented.

**Financial Report:**Kelly Mills

She reviewed the budget versus actuals for the 2016-2017 school year.

Kelly presented the summary of checks #12299 through #12331 to be ratified from the period of February 2, 2017 to February 15, 2017. Margret Ikeda made a motion to ratify checks as submitted and Jessica Howell seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Holly Friend moved to approve the release of funds for all necessary and budgeted items through March 28, 2017. Margret Ikeda seconded the motion. **Motion carried**.

Jessica Howell moved to approve the transfer of funds from the Money Plus account to checking account though March 28, 2017. Roxann Shadjareh seconded the motion. **Motion carried**.

**Principal Report:** Amy Jones

* Thank you to Natalie Khairallah for a wonderful Valentine's lunch for the teachers.
* Testing is coming up for the 2nd through 5th graders.
* 5th graders will pilot a test for science online. They will use the ipads with keypads.
* 3rd and 4th grade will use the laptop carts for the test.
* There will be no testing on Wednesday or Friday.
* 4 teachers will be attending a CGI conference in June.
* 2 teachers will attend a Steam conference on 2/25.
* 2 robotics teams will be attending nationals.
* The Marker's Space opened last week. Challenges will be in a 3-week cycle.
* Ms. Duff reported on the first challenge: students were given 25 popsicle sticks and 3 feet of tape and were told to construct a bridge across 1 foot of space that could withstand toy cars passing over it.
* The next challenge will involve the dash and dot robot.

**Teacher Report**: None

**President Report:** Tina Krudwig

* Thanked all for attendance and accommodating the change of time for the meeting.

**Executive Board Reports:**

**Parliamentarian:** Jen Labrado

* Creating a nominating committee started in December with advertising to the entire membership.
* The nominating committee's purpose is to identify a slate for the next school year.
* The committee has met 2 times so far to put together the slate that will be presented.
* There will be a vote in March by the membership on the slate.
* To vote at the March 28th meeting, an individual must have been a member for at least 30 days. The meeting was moved to March 28th to accommodate those that wished to become members in time to vote.
* Aileen Townsend presented the slate.

**Spring Fundraiser:** Rebecca Holz

* They have received many new live auction items.
* They are still in need of mystery envelope items.
* The 2 parking spots: one will be a live auction item and the other will be a raffle prize and will be raffled off at a Friday flag.
* Teachers are generously doing an outing, teacher for the day, and a sign up activity for the auction.
* Invitations will be sent out at the end of February.
* March 1st is when the teacher auction items go live.
* The art projects were whole-grade projects this year and there will be mobile bidding available on those items.
* A Go Fund Me Page has been set up and will be announced in the Friday Blast.

**Variety Show:** Cristina Coo

* Tickets are on sale.
* There are 41 acts.
* The person who takes it on next year should recognize the amount of technology involved in the production and preparation starts in September and continues through March.

**Committee Reports:**

**Ripple Kids:** Holly Friend

* The Ripple Kids' Fair will be held on 2 days this year: April 25th and 27th.
* Students can participate in one or both of the days and it will be held after school.
* Last year there were over 30 booths and over $3,000 was raised for charities.
* Students that want to participate are encouraged to start planning now. It can be an individual or a group effort.

**Family Fun Night**: Kristie Johansen

* An illusion show will take place on May 11th at 6 pm. Food will be sold and is yet to be determined.
* Tickets are $8 pre-sale (3 years and older)and $10 at the door. It is not a fundraiser. This is covering the cost of the illusionist only.
* On May 5th there will be an assembly at Friday Flag to inform kids and encourage attendance.

**Fitness Week:** Jenny Oldham

* Fitness week will be March 6-10th from 11:30-1 pm.
* There will be 5 activities per day, which parent volunteers will oversee.
* Volunteers for yoga and dance are needed as well and volunteers for M/W/F.

**Website Coordinator**: Nathan Smith

* The District is changing platforms for the site. It is going toward non-commerce. District personnel are in change of that.
* There will be a PTA link from the main Arroyo website. This PTA site needs development.
* Further discussion needs to take place to flesh out the roles of both Robin Ganahl and Nathan Smith in the development of said site.

**Kindness Campaign:** Tamar Dorna

* The Kindness Week was deemed a success and a lot of positive feedback was received. The same week is going to be planned for next year.

**General Announcements**

Kristie Johansen brought up concerns she has with PTA. Specifically she addressed the fact that she felt that there was a feeling of competitiveness between the major fundraising committees. She also felt that there is a general feeling that people are not comfortable coming forward with concerns. She addressed several concerns with the slating process: the number of Executive Board members on the Committee (3), the fact that the Committee only slates one person per position, and the that the people slated for president and vice president are on the Committee.

Kate Dearstyne reported out that she and Aileen Townsend have been working to form a new committee currently called Diversity but is yet to be officially named. She names several ideas they are in the process of fleshing out. Their meetings are open to all who would like to attend.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Kassardjian, Recording Secretary