

ATTENDEES:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Charlene Shanahan</li> <li>● Christina Pizana</li> <li>● Hong Vo</li> <li>● Rebeca Brito</li> <li>● Rose Vo Novion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Paula Montgomery (Principal)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Aisha Reuler</li> <li>● Beth Sharlin (Fundraising)</li> <li>● Christi Schwend (Asst Treasurer)</li> <li>● Christina Ellis (President)</li> <li>● Jane Demel (Treasurer)</li> <li>● Richard Newman (Secretary)*</li> <li>● Sheilah Nath (Vice President)</li> </ul>
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*\*Recorder of these minutes.*

OPEN: Christina E. opened the meeting at 7:10p (delayed slightly due to technical challenges).

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Read aloud by Christina E.

MINUTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING ON 22-OCT-2022:

- Sheilah moved to approved, Aisha seconded.
- Board voted to approve, all in favor, no objections.

MEETING CONDUCT PRESENTATION

- Christina Pizana, SCPTSA District 2 Director, led the board through an ice breaker and presented best practices for running meetings, with an emphasis on cultural sensitivity.
- Among other considerations, Christina reviewed 4 key elements of effective meetings, including Spirit, Setting, Learning in public, & Intersectionality.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

- Richard read a recent email from Laura regarding membership.

ANNUAL GIVE FUNDRAISER:

- Beth relayed that Nov-14 was the last day of the annual fundraiser.
- Of \$83k goal, \$50k raised to date (i.e. \$25k shortfall).
- The Board was reminded that, historically, JAMS PTSA has only had a single fundraiser per year.
- Board discussed possible reasons for lower fundraising this year, potential need to trim the budget accordingly, and possible strategies for raising more funds throughout the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Jane walked attendees through PTSA's finances.
- The budget currently assumes an income of \$85k, projects expenses of \$129k; the Board has \$131k in cash on hand.
- The Board agreed the budget will need to be examined at an upcoming meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS LINE ITEMS:

- The Board discussed potential for a new budget line item to allocate some money toward communications (i.e. website and MailChimp costs).
- \$500 to Wordpress for the website is due every 3 years (note: it can be challenging to budget appropriately because the expense is not actually paid every year, and budgets cannot carry over funds for spending in future years).
- \$25/month for Mailchimp (i.e. \$300 annually).
- Board decided to hold off voting on the proposed line item changes until an upcoming Board meeting.

**DONATION:**

- Board agreed to postpone discussion or decision about a potential donation the SPS Special Education PTSA.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- JAMS 8<sup>th</sup> grader overnight trip: Camp Orkila no longer has an opening on the calendar to accommodate JAMS; Board discussed the need to explore other options.
- Recent shooting at Ingraham HS: The impact on the school, community, and district remains ongoing.
- Food drive: The North Helpline is in desperate need for food, fewer grocery donations have been occurring this year.
- ASB Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament: Scheduled to occur soon.
- Student-led conferences: Set to occur the day between semesters (i.e. Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>).
- Open positions: JAMS is still recruiting another SpEd teacher along w/3 SpEd Instructional Assistants and a social worker.
- Mental health screening: A handful of students are aiming to attend the January Board meeting to discuss anxiety afflicting many students and how the Board could help.

**BLT:**

- Charlene relayed need for representation from parent of a 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grader at the meetings (for continuity after current parent reps of 8<sup>th</sup> grades move on after this year).
- Meetings occur on Wednesdays at 7:30p but are done by 8:30p.

**DECEMBER MEETING:**

- Since both Christina & Sheilah will be away on 12-Dec, the board agreed to shift the meeting date one week earlier to 05-Dec.

**FRIENDS OF JANE ADDAMS MUSIC (FOJAM):**

- Hong, President of Friends of Jane Addams Music, informed Board members about the non-profit and its objectives.
- FOJAM is a nonprofit consisting of 6 members who strive to ensure all JAMS students have full access to JAMS musical programs regardless of family income (e.g. instruments, supplies, transportation, etc.).

ADJOURN: 8:25p.