

Greywolf PTA 1.4.40
General Meeting Minutes
11 October 2012

Guest Speaker: Albert Friess from Sequim Education Foundation. Mr. Friess explained that the general purpose of the Sequim Education Foundation is to inspire children to learn and to excel. Some of the ways SEF does this: giving grants to teachers for specific projects, purchasing shoes for children in need, funding busses and drivers for field trips, offering competitions w/monetary rewards, issuing scholarships and funding undergrad projects/camps. Mr. Friess explained that the SEF is willing and wanting to help the PTA and the school by funding these types of things, but does not know what we need unless we ask.

Meeting called to order: President, Lori Coleman at 6:22 pm, Library

In attendance/ Introductions: Erin Green, Mandy Gaskill, John Cole, Dede Bessey, Asta Bonheyo, Donna Hudson, Maribeth Stewart, Pat Quinet, Caitlin Sundin, Patty Sullivan, Beth Robbins, Andrew Zappa, JoElle Munger, Jennifer Hert, Darcy Lamb, Lori Coleman.

Volunteers: Lori expressed appreciation for the volunteers for Running Club and Picture Day. It was also mentioned that we need to contact two more volunteers for picture retakes.

Vote for Secretary position: Darcy Lamb motioned to elect Dede Bessey as secretary for 2012-2013, seconded by Mandy Gaskill. Approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of minutes from September's PTA meeting: Motion to approve Andrew Zeppa, seconded by Pat Quinet. Approved by unanimous vote.

Membership report:

Lori reported for Leah Vaara that as of tonight we are at 57 members. Members include almost 100% of the Greywolf teachers, explained the importance of teacher's role in the PTA
Membership cards are available to all who have paid their membership fee, cards can be activated online and provide shopping discounts.

Treasurer report:

Lori reported for Jennifer Economy that there was a request for a grant for \$485.00 from the Drama Club to purchase the rights to "Annie." John Cole motioned to give the \$485.00 from unallocated funds, seconded by Darcy Lamn. Approved by unanimous vote.

Fundraising report:

Jog-a-thon

Erin Green and Mandy Gaskill reported that the Jog-a-thon pledge sheets will go out Monday. We have procured sponsors for t-shirts for the kids. Every child, whether they participate or not, will receive a t-shirt.
Volunteer forms will also go out soon. There will be two shifts, and volunteers will be needed to hand out shirts, man water stations and snack stations, and be a cheering section.

There are three major categories of sponsorship available, we need to know who is sponsoring ahead of time so that their name can go on the banner. Children will still get credit for sponsors they get signed up. There is an email address for the Jog-a-thon; HYPERLINK "<mailto:GreywolfPTAjogathon@gmail.com>" GreywolfPTAjogathon@gmail.com

There will also be competitions and prizes prior to the Jog-a-thon; word searches ,coloring sheets, and a drawing, with three winners from each grade level.

El Cazador has agreed to provide reward certificates for free meals.

El Cazador has also offered to host a takeover, with a percentage of sales going to the school. This can be a monthly fundraiser if the first one goes well. Date TBA.

Finally, El Cazador will give 10% off your bill anytime, if you are wearing Greywolf gear/attire.

Holiday Bazaar

Mandy Gaskill reported that the bazaar will be on Sat, Nov 17, 9 am- 4 pm and Sun, Nov 18, 10 am- 3pm, in conjunction with the book fair.

We have a lot of new vendors, however there are still 15 spots available in the gym, with unlimited spots in hallways.

We have heavier advertising this year, with ads in the newspaper starting next week.

Still need volunteers, only PTA members can handle PTA money.

Easy Money

Mandy Gaskill reported that we will start easy money contests after winter break. Students can compete to bring in the most Boxtops for Education and/or Labels for Education.

QFC can provide certificates for extra Boxtops. Mandy will contact QFC.

Lori mentioned the possibility of doing a fundraiser at Safeway. When the "Additional 10% back to schools" prints on the bottom of receipts, we can sit outside door an clip that part off of customer's receipts. Those codes can be entered then from a laptop.

Book Fair

Maribeth Stewart reported that the book fair runs the week of Nov 12 - Nov 18 in the library.

We are cutting back on the toys/accessories this year and getting more books, especially "special value" books.

We have had benefactors for kids who can not afford books. Last year every single student went home with a new book.

Last year we had a \$5000 profit in Scholastic dollars. This was spent on books for the library, furniture and decor for the library and on books for the reading specialist.

This year we want to try to give each teacher \$100 Scholastic dollars to buy books for their classrooms, in addition to more books for the library.

It was explained that book fair profits can be received by the school in two ways. If we choose a cash payment, we get 25% of the sales. If we choose Scholastic dollars, we get 50% of the sales.

Greywolf has been the #1 selling book fair in the area.

We have the option of doing a spring book fair as well. This would be a "buy one get one free" sale. The school would not receive any profit, but the kids would get a better value for their money. Might be a good way to promote summer reading.

Scholastic also gives an extra \$100 for hosting a reading event. This includes the district reading night.

Running Club Update:

JoElle Munger reported that there has been good turn out. Prizes last week were left over water bottles. Next week's prizes are pedometers and jump ropes, following week will be LED shoelaces. Will come up with bigger prizes for top two lap runners from each grade level. Winners were notified in their classes instead of over intercom. Will be announced over intercom next time. Donna Hudson said printing the names of the weekly winners in the Sequim Gazette would be appropriate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

Next meeting Nov 8th at 6pm. Free childcare provided.