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General Membership Minutes
June 2, 2020, 7:00 PM

Location

Held online, via Zoom

In Attendance

- James Todd
- Cindy Goulding
- Ashley Epstein
- Swarnima Ashwinkumar
- Alison Brandon
- Anil Bhagwat
- Christina Willmann
- Drew Williams
- Jeff Degallier
- Julie Lynd
- Joyce Leon
- Neeta Check
- Peggy Joanou
- Rose Mayeda
- Smita Thota
- Sophia H
- Stacy Hatch
- Steve Hitch
- Sujatha Patra
- Suruchi Malatpure
- Tracey Guathier
- Patricia Narvaez (listed in the Zoom list as 621-259-265)

	James Todd (Me)	 
	Cindy Goulding (Host)	  
	Ashley Epstein	 
	Swarnima Aswinkumar	 
	Alison Brandon	 
	Anil Bhagwat	 
	Christina Willmann	 
	Drew Williams	 
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	Joyce Leon	 
	Neeta Check	 
	Peggy J	 
	Rose Mayeda (she/her)	 
	Smita Thota	 
	Sophia H	 
	Stacy Hatch	 
	Steve Hitch	 
	Sujatha Patra	 
	Suruchi Malatpure	 
	Tracey Gauthier	 
	621-259-265	

Call to Order

Ashley Epstein called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Approval of Minutes

The previous meeting minutes from Oct 1, 2019 were accepted by the General Membership meeting as presented.

Kristen Muscott – Presentation on Nourishing Networks

- For the last four years, boxes of food have been provided to families during school breaks (Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring)
- This was interrupted in the spring due to the Covid crisis.
- Since then a GoFundMe has raised money to continue to serve food to families during this crisis.
- Serving 141 families up and down Education Hill. 68 of them are RMS families. Most is provided via delivery.
- There are about thirty volunteers from RMS who are delivering food. Thanks!
- This Thursday, June 4th, is the last distribution day.
- Each day costs about \$6,000 to \$6,500 dollars. Each box costs between \$52 and \$65 to put together.
- The boxes are significant; fresh fruit, vegetables, rice, pasta, etc.
- We are just about out of money, and people will be thanked!
- A new campaign, the Redmond Food Box program, is expected to start this summer, with two distribution days during the summer.
- There are expected to be families in need this summer.
- This program was run under the auspices of a church
- This is distinct from the Homelink program; deliveries are made to anyone in need

7:22 Volunteer Awards – Stacy Hatch

- Stacy was pleased to award Kristen Muscott (above) with the **Golden Acorn Award** for 2020!
 - o Her work supporting RMS families, described above, has been wonderful for RMS.
- Stacy was pleased to award Tracey Gauthier with the **Golden Acorn Award** for 2020!
 - o Her work on staff support, emergency packs, nomination committee, pantry packs, and more are recognized for their service to RMS!
- Both recipients will get a pin, and a certificate showing a donation in their name to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Program!
- The **Outstanding Educator Award** is awarded to **all educators at RMS** for their dedication and support to RMS students and families during the dramatic switch to remote learning during the Covid crisis.
- Lastly, the Golden Grizzly is to **all of our volunteers!** Stacy's background picture was the list of all volunteers who contributed two hours or more, in the shape of a heart.

Switch to Ashley Epstein speaking

- Announcement of a **Golden Acorn Award** for years of service to the school is for our own **Stacy Hatch!**

7:35 President's Report: Ashley Epstein

- Update to the standing rules to allow for electronic voting, using language from the WA State PTA.
 - o New section (e) allows for meetings to happen online.
 - o New section (f) allows for voting to happen over email, as prescribed by the WA State PTA rules for email voting.

- Question was asked about why email?
- Answer: This is for having a "hard copy" of a vote in case there is a dispute.
- Suruchi made **motion #24** "I move to adopt the standing rules as presented."
 - Seconded by Stacy.
 - Voting was done via the Chat function in the Zoom program. Those in favor type "Yes", those against type "No".
 - The Yes votes have it. Motion carries.

7:41 Treasurer's Report – Steve Hitch

- Facts presented:
 - The mid-year financial review document was shared and shown.
 - There were a few minor findings, which were rectified.
 - Available at https://1drv.ms/u/s!Al39zDVF8Sj6qhdxdzavxB_U3Tph?e=FEYB6O.
 - The end-year financial review will happen.
 - We did file our taxes last year in November 2019.
 - We do have current insurance through AIM, which expired Dec 1, 2020.
 - We did corporate and charities renewals with the state; the first in January, the second in February.
- The Treasurer Report for 2019-2020 was shared and shown, with the differences between budgeted and actual.
 - Donations were lower than expected (Income was short by about \$15,000), but expenses were also lower than expected since we did not have the expected expenses in Spring 2020 due to the change to remote learning.
 - The money left over in the Clubs accounts will, by default, roll over into next year's budget.
 - 6th grade drama is negative. This is due to money being spent on the vendor for drama, but the production was cancelled due to Covid. Refunds did happen, however since the vendor already spent some money, we are looking to get a credit from the vendor for *next year's* drama.
 - There was a call for questions from Ashley; there were no questions.
- The proposed budget was shared.
 - Items in red were removed from the budget.
 - Expected donations for next year's budget is \$14,000 instead of \$20,000.
 - The School Pool line item is removed because the ownership of this program is transferring to the school ASB program instead of the PTSA.
 - The bottom line shows that we will spend \$24,000 more next year than we will take in. This makes sense because we are carrying money over, and the goal of PTSA is to spend money to help RMS, not keep it.
 - We are in a strong financial position for next school year.
 - Steve made **motion #25** to adopt the budget as presented.
 - Seconded by Suruchi.
 - Stacy noted that there will be another budget presented to the membership early next school year.
 - Voting was done via the Chat function in the Zoom program. Those in favor type "Yes", those against type "No".
 - The Yes votes have it. Motion carries.

7:59 Teacher's Report – Julie Lynd

- Reports from the teachers:

- 6th grade science is using Flipgrid
- Geometry teachers have started an online system called Desmos
- A Poetry and Chinese section were used in Social Studies
- *Long list of various activities*

8:08 PM FACE - Parent Education Chair, Swarnima Aswinkumar and Patricia Narvaez

- A flyer was shared: The 10 commandments of Parenting. This is noted in last week's Bear Tracks.

8:12 Elections – Ashley Epstein

- The Secretary read aloud Article 5, section 6, regarding elections.
- Tracey Gauthier showed the list of nominated individuals:
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RMS PTSA Nominating Committee Report

May 17th, 2020

The 2020 RMS PTSA Nominating Committee hereby places the following names in nomination:

For the office of President: OPEN

For the office of Vice President of Volunteers: OPEN

For the office of Vice President of Communications: Neeta Check

For the office of Co-Vice President of FACE: Patricia Narvaez

For the office of Co-Vice President of FACE: Rie Takagi-Stewart

For the office of Treasurer: Peggy Ioanou

For the office of Secretary: Cindy Goulding

The Nominating Committee has confirmed that all nominees have been a member of RMS PTSA for at least 15 days prior to the election, and meet other requirements as stated in the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws*.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Brandon

Nominating Committee Member Name

Anil Bhagwat

Nominating Committee Member Name

Tracey Gauthier

Nominating Committee Member Name

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- Any further nominations for Secretary?
 - o No. Nominations closed.
- Any further nominations for VP of Communications?
 - o No. Nominations closed.
- Any further nominations for the first co-VP of FACE?
 - o No. Nominations closed.
- Any further nominations for the second co-VP of FACE?
 - o No. Nominations closed.
- Any further nominations for the Treasurer?
 - o No. Nominations closed.

- Any further nominations for the VP of Volunteers?
 - o No. Nominations closed.
 - o Note: This candidate, Smita Sunil, should be appointed by the new board on July 1, and then can be formally voted in at the first membership meeting. This is due to their status as a member.
 - o This position is still **technically** open.
- Any nominations for the open position of President?
 - o Ashley described the duties of the President.
 - o No nominations were made.
 - o With no President named, the incoming board will have to appoint someone, although that person will not be able to sign checks since they were not elected.
- Alison Brandon made **motion #26** to approve the slate of officers as presented.
 - o Seconded
 - o Motion passed.
- Neeta Check made **motion #27** to remove the outgoing officers at Chase Bank and to replace them after July 1 with these incoming officers from next year's board as check signers:
 - Cindy Goulding (Secretary)
 - Peggy Joanou (Treasurer)
 - Patricia Narvaez (co VP of Face)
 - o Seconded
 - o Motion passes.

8:55 New Business:

- None.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.