

Redmond High School PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2020

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Call to order: Co-President Meredith Cain called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Correspondence/Minutes: In the absence of the Secretaries, approval of minutes was tabled until the March General Membership Meeting.

ASB Report, ASB Representative Ruby Galicia

Ruby began by thanking the RHS PTSA for hospitality the night the RHS Leadership Team decorated the school for the holidays.

Upcoming ASB events:

- MLK Assembly, with a lot of student participation opportunities
- Big-Little Dance, Feb 22nd, open to K-5 area students and mentors
- Winter Wishes (TBD)
- ASB and Class Elections

Treasurer Report, Venkat Ganti

The December beginning balance was \$88,473.02; The January ending balance was \$85,502.12. Income was \$9,408.94, the bulk of which was generated from the Holiday Bazaar, Pass the Hat and Matching Funds. Expenses were \$12,379.84, the bulk of which were PTSA grants and RHS Help.

The mid-year financial review will take place by the end of Feb. Three volunteers are required for the review. Volunteers Chanbir Mann and Christine Fei have volunteered, leaving one additional volunteer needed. The Mid-Year Review Committee will be appointed at the February BOD meeting.

Holiday Bazaar, Elizabeth Christian

Overwhelming feedback from vendors and customers was that the Holiday Bazaar was a great success. There were 125 vendors in attendance, offering a broad variety of goods for sale. The Bazaar planning committee met in Dec to discuss ways to increase Bazaar efficiencies and experiences next year. Planning will begin in August for the 2020 Bazaar.

Principal Report, Jill VanderVeer

Principal VanderVeer relayed that \$6,000 in gift card and RHS Help was provided to RHS students and families in need this holiday season. Many thanks were extended to all who donated to these causes!

LWSD has expanded possible Graduation Pathways, which RHS will soon share. For those graduating June 15, 2020, RHS has finalized the graduation gown: It will not include a signifying year on the sleeve. In an effort to be sustainable and mindful of costs to families, these gowns are able to be reused by future classes, as long as the design remains the same.

LWSD supplied electricity to the new turn-style entry west of the stadium. Communication regarding this project was sent to the bordering neighborhood, as well as the RHS community. Overwhelmingly, the response has been positive.

Kimberly Herring, Councilor

2020-2021 class registrations are underway. Beginning registration in January will allow RHS to determine staffing needs as early as possible. Councilors are available to assist students in this process. Registration open enrollment is 1/15-1/24. Registration request can be changed up until 1/24, at which time they will be "locked in." The course catalogue is available in Skyward.

Future Freshman Parent Information sessions will be held 1/8/2020 and 1/22/2020.

President's Report, Meredith Cain and Michelle Obenaus

Grants

RHS PTSA approved the following grants, totaling \$8,200 in December: CTE/VPA Broadcast News Equipment (\$2,500); Credit Retrieval/Independent Study furniture (\$1,000), Business Marketing Street Law Program (\$500); ASB Pack Way incentives (\$400); Special Ed Lego Enrichment (\$400); Library furniture (\$3,100); PE Adaptive equipment (\$300).

Nominating Committee

We need Nominating Committee volunteers. A request for volunteers will be sent out in the weekly PTSA newsletter. The committee will be appointed at the February BOD meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- January 15, Padres Unidos is hosting a Latino Future Freshman parent night
- January 16, RHS PTSA, in conjunction with LWSD, is hosting a parent educational event: Suicide Awareness: How to Help Your Child or Friend Through a Suicidal Episode
- January 17, Senior parent ads are due (optional)
- January 20 – February 10, the FINAL opportunity to buy year books
- January 22, Eastlake High School is presenting Parenting Toolbox for the Teenage Years

Committee Reports

Membership:

RHS PTSA has 473 members. Thank you, members! For those who have not become members yet, it is not too late to join and help your RHS PTSA enhance the learning experience for all students.

Communications:

Our School Pages is going away. Felice Nightengale is working with LWPTSA to determine the best platform satisfy our needs.

Hospitality:

January 29 is the next Staff Appreciation luncheon.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Obenaus
Co-President, for Secretary Christie Denholm