



General Membership Meeting

Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6

04/09/2020 9:45 a.m.

Zoom Online Meeting

Call to Order

Erin Eaton called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. 37 people signed in. 21 of 24 schools were represented. Proper meeting notice was given. **Quorum Present.**

Consent Agenda—Erin Eaton

The Consent Agenda included the following documents:

- March 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- March 2020 Financial Report

Erin Eaton asked for corrections or comments. Corrections will be made to the minutes.

MOTION 1 Nicole Morgan moved to accept the consent agenda. The motion received a second, was voted on, and carried.

Business

Secretary Sara Carmichael requested that all present on the call record their attendance using Zoom’s chat feature.

Treasurer Laila Collins encouraged local PTAs/PTSAs to work on a budget for 2020-2021. She acknowledged the difficulties in determining budgets, but an interim budget must be approved by the end of this year. The budgets can be revised in the fall when they will be voted on again.

Vice Presidents—Leslie Kahler, Joana Figueiredo, Noreen Awan, Nicole Morgan

No reports.

Committee Reports

Standing Committees

Art Laurelle Graves—No report.

FACE Alicia Spinner—No report.

Membership Valerie Yanni—Valerie Yanni suggested presidents check in with their membership chairs to make sure money has been transferred to state. Regarding upcoming membership drives, Erin Eaton noted that Betsy Grant presented information on website platforms at the March GMM meeting. Individual boards need to discuss and have consensus on what to do with their websites. Erin asked that presidents communicate their board decisions to her and she will compile the results.

Outreach Darci Hanley & Tracie Jones—No report.

ParentWiser Heidi Fuhs—Heidi Fuhs introduced Hannah Coblenz, who will be representing ParentWiser next year at Council. Heidi noted that the film documentary originally scheduled for March 25 is now postponed until next fall, as is the live speaker event regarding life skills. The Parenting through the Pandemic webinar is expected to happen during the week of April 20. A recording of the webinar will be made available for viewing on the ParentWiser.org website.

STAR/Special Education Lisa Coston—No report.

Webmaster/Directory Cindy Kelm—No report.

Ad Hoc Committees

Influence the Choice Katie Moeller—Katie Moeller announced that the deadline for the video contest has been extended to April 17. Community funders will still donate to prizes (\$75-\$1000). Also, Jerry Blackburn updated the Influence the Choice website (influencethechoice.org) to include information about parenting during the coronavirus pandemic.

Issaquah Schools Foundation—Carolyn Kennedy noted that she is working on a document that summarizes if and how PTAs/PTSAs in Issaquah do grant funding. She will share the collective data with the district, noting that it is important as ever to work collaboratively. Food for the Break received great funding. There will be a push for a summer lunch program and possible a school supplies collection effort. The Foundation's Nourish Every Mind event is going virtual. A series of short videos will stream during the week of May 18.

Reflections Leah Gibson & Kristen Allen-Bentsen—No report.

VIS Dawn Peschek—Dawn Peschek has posted information on the council website for VIS. It is important to keep VIS in budget planning, even in on non-levy years.

Misc Business

ZOOM Meetings Can Zoom be used for PTA/PTSA board and general meetings? Erin explained that Zoom can be used as a meeting platform because it is a good facsimile to an in-person meeting. Zoom offers different levels of features at different costs. Erin's account accommodates up to 100 participants.

Nominating Committee Noreen Awan provided a status of the committee's efforts. If anyone is interested in a position, contact Noreen, Carla Geraci, or Freya Thoreson.

Year End Activities Kristen Allen-Bentsen noted that the end-of-year luncheon will probably not happen. She also asked presidents to email the names of their Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate honorees to her (kallenbentsen@hotmail.com) by the end of April. In lieu of the usual District Golden Acorn reception, she will publish the names.

Seniors Laila Collins is hoping to find out how each high school is handling senior events. Heidi Fuhs and Sara Carmichael are the IHS contacts. Stacie Lacina will provide the Skyline information.

Auctions Various presidents noted that their planned auctions have been postponed, cancelled, or moving to an online format.

Laptops A concern was expressed about how laptops, purchased for a school by the PTA, are being distributed and whether the school for which they were purchased will get them back. Erin Eaton noted that, when a PTA purchases laptops, they should be gifted to the school/district (where they are included in the maintenance plan). They are, at that point, not the property or responsibility of PTA. Contact the principal to find out the status of the laptops.

Yearbooks Various presidents shared plans for distributing yearbooks.

Echo Glen Nicole Morgan will contact Echo Glen to find out their status regarding staff appreciation.

Teacher Appreciation Various presidents shared plans for handling Teacher and Staff Appreciation.

Meeting adjourned: 10:41 a.m.

Submitted by:

Sara Carmichael

Secretary, Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6