

**John Muir PTA Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2010  
John Muir Elementary Library**

**Called to order 6:10pm**

**8/25 minutes approved unanimously**

**Welcome and guest introductions**

**20 attendees sign in sheet on file with Secretary**

**PTA Goals review conducted – Ellen Eskenazi**

**September/October calendar review – Ellen Eskenazi**

- *September 11 Mount Baker Day in the Park* - John Muir will have a booth with activities for kids and adults
- *September 11 Sierra Club Service Day* - Sierra Club has been a great partner with Muir and invited us to be part of their day of service, anyone who wants to help let Awnie know bus leaves Muir 8:15am and returns by 1:15pm.
- *September 28-30 Book Fair* - not a PTA funding event but we help out the teachers with selling the books proceeds go to Mr. Marsh for the school library
- *September 30 Picture Day and Curriculum Night* - will need volunteers.
- *End of September- October Kick-off for Tops for Education* - Lara is lead for this.
- *Beginning of October Islandwood fundraiser* - for 4th and 5th grade Islandwood trip not a PTA event.

**Principal's Report – Awnie Thompson**

- 412+ students, new teacher Ms. Lam (K Rm. 1), new Somali speaking Educational Assistant and some faculty moves.
- Mr. B. got married and Mr. Tomayo had a new baby over the summer
- Volunteers during lunch needed 11:30-12:30 everyday
- 2 new Mandarin teachers for the Mandarin language program, which is now K-5; Noel's and Liz's families are the hosts.
- New instrumental music teacher Daniel Yarr, the music program is for 4th & 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Suggestions for better ways for PTA to connect with new parents are wanted. "Tissues and tears" for new K parents.

**Treasurers Report – Carol Rava-Treat**

- *2009-10 years end \$22000*
- *\$4000 in a CD*
- *2010-11 Budget* - approved in June is \$26000/\$326000 (without playground/with playground)

- *Budgeted Expenses 2010-11* - approximate \$26000/\$326000 (without playground/with playground)
- *Major fundraisers* - annual fund drive (ask letter), walk-a-thon, day in the park, fall fundraiser, and mid winter fundraiser, last two are smaller amounts.
- *Membership Dues* - bulk of membership dues go to state and national council
- *T-shirt sales* - we did not buy more because we intend to redesign at end of year.
- *PTA Treasurer Training* - went to PTA treasurer training, learned a lot, and will institute new procedures
- *Reimbursement Request* – You will need to complete new reimbursement form with receipt.
- *New Deposit Forms* - Are for use when there is a fundraising event. Forms will stay with cash box.

### **Fundraising Committee Report – Lara Macklin**

- Committee met throughout the summer and will be doing the PTA fundraising plus helping with the match funding for the playground project.
- Day in the park event is to get word out about the playground, the committee wanted to use a neighborhood event in an effort to save money.
- Still trying to coordinate the House party at Jim and Noel's and Parents Night Out with Mr. B.
- The committee is trying to meet once every month.
- The committee is trying not to use PTA funds to do events so looking for alternate funding for these needs.
- Ideas are welcome send email to Lara via website.

### **Playground Report – Jenny Ott**

- *Three Phases Complete* - through construction documents preparation.
- *Largest funding sources* - Parks Opportunity Fund (POF) \$250,000 and Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood Matching Fund Large Project Grant (DoN) \$48,000 plus match
- *DoN* - awarded \$48000 but needs 1:1 match.
- *POF* - has yet to make recommendation
- *Norcliff Foundation* - awarded \$10000 just came in this week.
- *Other Grants* - Will reapply to Lowes, will look into QFC/Kroger, Safeway, Chase Bank, plus other smaller family foundations.
- *Outreach* – Second major part of project will be outreach to the community so we can get their input and involvement.
- *Committee Meeting* - 3rd Monday of each month.

### **Legislative Report – Noel Nightingale**

- *Legislative Information Meeting* - 16 September in Seattle

- *WSPTA Legislative Assembly* - October 8-9 in Sea-Tac will decide on issues to bring to legislature in the 2011 Session. Noel Nightingale unable to attend. Michael Wolfe volunteered to attend.
- Motion to have PTA pay registration fee for legislative assembly for Michael Wolfe to attend. Made by Noel second by Ellen – Vote: unanimous approval

### **Discipline Policy Review Repot – Carol Rava-Treat**

- Not much done over summer.
- *Purpose of review* - Muir's “Be a Star” program may need updating
- *Necessity of Review* – Review of discipline policies is always necessary every few years so as to stay current with best practices
- *Scope of Review* - Does not involve the district overarching policy i.e. suspension/expulsion, more day to day disruptive behavior in the class.
- *Focus of review* - Policy application concerns from classroom to classroom and student to student.
- *Next steps*
  - Meet with principal and head teacher.
  - Meet with teachers to discuss what they think is needed and next steps.

**Call for special topics/meeting type discussion – Ellen Eskenazi and all present.**

**Adjournment 7:58pm**