

Eastlake High School PTSA 2.8.88

General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2020

Call to Order: Co-President, Nikki Balt, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. The meeting was held over Microsoft Teams due to COVID19. Attendance sheet from MS Teams is attached to the hard copy of minutes.

Minutes and Correspondence: The May 20, 2020 General Membership Meeting minutes were approved and moved into record. No correspondence was reported.

Financial Report: Charlotte Olsen reviewed the financial highlights for July and August 2020. She mentioned that we are using a new platform – Money Manager. July report review - Membership paid some dues to the state; received some Corporate Matching mostly from June, received some Pass the hat and Amazon Smile; Paypal Fees; received some Angel Fund. August report review – Membership paid a larger amount of dues – we have not paid any to the state yet and will do that in September; received Community Partner, Corporate Matching, Pass the Hat, Amazon Smile, and Recognition Tiles; Angel Fund is doing well; received large check for from Grad night it was part of last years deals. Leanne Brodzinski (previous Treasurer) ask about the review of the June end of year report and that it is supposed to be reviewed at the 1st GMM. Charlotte will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Mission & Goals: Nikki Balt, Co-President, reviewed the 2020/2021 Mission & Goals. She noted there were no changes since last GMM.

Motion #1 Accept proposed 2020/2021 Mission and Goals as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. See approved Mission and Goals [here](#).

Approval of Standing Rules: Nikki Balt, Co-President, reviewed Standing Rules. There were changes approved at the May 20, 2020 GMM.

Motion #2: Accept standing rules as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. See approved Standing Rules [here](#).

End of Year Financial Review 2019-2020: Charlotte Olsen presented the results of the financial review. – conducted in July 2020 by Charlotte Holm Olsen, Karen Chekan, and Natalie Wells. Found everything in good order. Minor comments - it was difficult to trace the checks because we don't do duplicate checks. So this year Charlotte has created a Check Directory that has dates, check #'s and what the check was for to make it easier for mid-year review in February 2021. Nikki Balt pointed out that we always have non-check signers on this committee that are board members. Although the committee were current Board members, at the time of the review they were not check signers.

Motion #3: Approve the Year-end Financial Review as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Election of New Officers: Nikki Balt presented the 2020/21 board members and committee chairs. View 2020/21 board [here](#). There are still open positions if anyone is interested. During the meeting, Leanne Brodzinski volunteered for the Middle School Liaison – Inglewood.

Motion #4: Approve 2020-2021 Board & Committee Chairs as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. View 2020/21 Board and Chairs [here](#).

As you can see it takes a large group of people to run this PTSA so if you would like to volunteer please join us.

Approval of 2020-2021 Budget: The budget was approved at the last GMM meeting on May 20, 2020. Charlotte Olsen went over the proposed changes due to COVID.

Motion #5: Approve proposed changes to the 2020-2021 budget as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. View approved Budget [here](#).

Fundraising Update: Natalie Wells gave an update on looking ahead. Looking at our numbers as of about a week ago both for Pass the Hat (Fundraiser for year) and Membership. We are behind where we were last year. Our membership chairs are working hard to reach out. People from last year that have not joined the PTSA yet – please do. So far this year we have not spent as much money on printing and that has a downside. At the beginning of the year, we did not reach everyone in the school population with forms, letting them know what we do, and asking them to join. Tell your friends and let us try to get our numbers up so we can do the awesome work we do each year.

Corporate Matching - If you are already a member or donated, remember that many companies do matching of donations. Much of our donations come from corporate matching. If this applies to your company, get your forms in. This year is different, but if you are volunteering for the PTSA, some companies will also match your volunteer hours.

Amazon Smile – On-line shopping has exploded this year. PTSA EHS participates in the Amazon Smile program. Go to smile.amazon.com and choose PTSA EHS as your designated charity. Amazon donates a small portion of purchases to our PTSA. Small numbers add up and can really help us fund our operations.

Holiday Bazaar – Natalie Wells: One of our long-standing traditions (over 25 year). Hosting local artisans that offer all hand-made arts and craft. Over 120 vendors participate and brings in the community to participate and celebrate the holiday spirit. We were hoping to the last minute that something would change, and we would be able to hold some version of this event in person. However, this is not the case, so we are currently planning a virtual Bazaar. You will hear more about this as we make more progress. From a business perspective this is a fundraiser for us – the vendors pay to participate in the

Bazaar. The vast majority of these funds won't be coming in this year. Part of the cuts you have seen in our budget, including cuts in grants have been impacted.

Grants – Natalie Wells: A big job of the PTSA is to take the support you give us in the form of membership and donations and pass it onto students, teachers, and staff to support specific school programs. Some as separate line-items on the budget such as the 9th grade Shakespeare workshop and the traveling history museum. We also have a grant program which is meant to respond to needs that are relevant at the time. We have already talked to the school administration and have launched the grant application process for the fall. By the end of October, we should receive all the grant requests from the school and hoping if we catch up with our fundraising we can fund as many requests as we can. Last year we were fortunate enough between Pass the Hat and Holiday Bazaar to have sufficient funds to run a 2nd set of grant requests in January 2020. Unfortunately, we received COVID and some of those grants did not get used. The unused money was put back in the budget.

Senior Events- Natalie Wells: PTSA plans 2 big senior events – Convocation which is a celebration for families and seniors as they depart EHS. Senior send-off which is a fun all nighter following graduation where all the seniors get on bus and go to all these awesome places that are planned ahead of time. Neither of these events took place last school year. For those with seniors, we just do not know where this will land this year. We do have chairs in place for these events. We are talking to other PTSA's to come up with creative ways to make these happen in case the traditional way cannot happen.

Reflections -Nikki Balt: Arts recognition program that is sponsored by the National PTA. It's held at the local level, winners move on-to the State and National levels. Students can enter different categories – dance choreographer, film production, literature, music composition, photography, visual arts, special artist category for students with disabilities. This year's theme is "I Matter Because...". The themes are voted on by students 2 years before they are used. All entries are turned in virtually. Deadline is Oct. 23, 2020. Then they will go through the judging process. If there is anyone out there who has interest or a career in any of these categories, we could use help with the judging. If interested in being part of the judge panel, please contact the Reflection chair, Martha Javnozoh. More information on the Reflections program can be found [here](#).

Principal Q & A: Principal Chris Bede introduced himself.

Questions.

1. *Compliment:* The year started off good - the on-line learning is much better than last spring.
2. *How do the teachers feel?* The teachers feel overwhelmed. Everything takes longer. The technology is new. But the teachers are working hard to make this work and are doing their best possible job.
3. *Is there any way we can help support the teachers more?* Share compliments with your teachers – will be a nice pick me up. If you send a personal note to a teacher and it is sent to the school, we will find a way to get it to the teacher.
4. *There are a few kids in school how are they doing?* It's a small # - mostly those on IEPs with profound needs. Kids where remote learning is not reasonable or feasible. Served in school 4 days a week. If you talk to Dr. Jon Holmen, the plan is to start phasing in different groups of students. Unfortunately, high school is probably going to be one of the last groups. The priority

is more at-risk kids, and this is really the younger kids – Kindergarten and 1st grade. He does not know the timing of high school. If you think of high schools, every day is a potential super spread event. Kids congregate and disburse multiple times all day long. Dr. Jon Holmen has been really clear on where the #'s need to be for high school to start opening. I am hopeful that this will happen this school year. Maybe after winter break, we can start the 2nd semester in person – this would be a great win. But we must be cautious and make safety a priority. And if you just think of the logistics – right now we have an attestation station where everyone in the school has to go to before entering the school and fills out a form saying that they have taken their temperature in the last couple of hours or there is a thermometer there to take their temperature. There are conversations about when we come back that we would have to take everyone's temperature before they enter the school and thinking about the logistics of doing this and unstructured school time and passing periods and before and after school. These are challenging situations. Hearing a lot about what is going on at Universities right now and he has talked to a few people who have gotten COVID at WAZU. To tell young kids to stay apart from each other is easier said than done. But he is very hopeful to get back to "Chartered waters and precedented times".

5. *Any plans for clubs to start up?* This will come out in the Friday Wolves Weekly. We plan on having the clubs fair virtually on October 2nd. The plan is for EHS clubs to resume virtually. This will give kids a different social connection.

Few changes at EHS – Parking lot is torn up - redoing the entire parking lot in front of school due to traffic issues and safety. Increased storage - got new storage by the football field. Redo front office – add more space and rework space – more safety and better access control.

It's hard to get feedback from the community since everything is remote so if anything is spinning around the community please pass along.

Announcements

- Join the PTSA Donate to Pass the Hat fundraiser
- Donate to Eastlake Angels
- Reflections theme: "I Matter Because..."
- LWPTSA Council Special Education Group Meeting—October 20th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Next Membership Meeting—January 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Natalie Wells adjourned the meeting at 6:54pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Chekan, Secretary