

## Stevens PTA Meeting Minutes *October 6, 2010 6:30-8:30pm Stevens Library*

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Linn Haralson called the meeting to order at 6:35pm, and introduced herself and PTA co-chairs Ellen Skugstad and Craig Mitchell.

### **Approval of minutes from May 26, 2010 PTA Meeting**

Linn introduced the minutes from the last meeting. Michelle Martine made a motion to approve, Dave Shelton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Renewal of Edd Key's Contract**

Motion to change Edd Key's Contract from a 1-year contract to a 3-year contract. This reflects both parties have a long-term view for the vocal music program at Stevens. Rebecca Clements added a 30-day termination clause exists for both parties and compensation is also revisited each year. Kris Wilk made a motion to approve the 3-year contract, Alexa Ingram-Cauchy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports & Volunteer Recruits**

Rebecca Clements introduced herself and then introduced the following program/event leads:

- **Misha Jammal**, *Auction 2011 Co-chair*  
The Auction is our #1 moneymaker and we need volunteers! The date is April 30, 2011. A sheet will be sent out with kid-mail before the end of October with information about how you can help. Misha introduced Marcia Hood and Alexa Ingram-Cauchy, who along with Katie Ohtake will be heading up procurement. Misha also noted that she has found a new caterer – a chef, formerly of Barking Frog, who will donate his labor.
- **Sarah Brace & Dave Shelton**, *Sustainability Committee*.  
The Stevens Green Team tries to reduce the school's carbon footprint and they really need your help! Students are encouraged to join as well as grownups. They hope to do a waste audit later on this fall. The Team meets once a month for 45 minutes – the next meeting is Friday, Oct. 15 at 8:45am in the Library. They are open to other meeting times if that is more convenient for the group.
- **Jill Rosen**, *Art Committee*  
We still need art parents for classrooms in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades! The art parent helps as needed with art in the classroom and pulls together a student-art project for the Auction. Please contact Jill for more info.
- **Rebecca Clements**, *PTA Classroom Reps & Potlucks*  
Grade-level Potlucks are almost done and have been successful. We still need PTA Reps for Ms Keithly's and Ms Ames' classrooms.
- **Barb Chin (standing in for Libby Hill)**, *Fall Social*  
The Fall Social is on October 22, 6:30-8:30pm. Steve Rosen will once again be our emcee! Please block that time on your calendar, and bring something for the group to nibble on – either fresh fruit or a savory appetizer (no desserts to avoid a pre-bedtime sugar rush).

- **Michelle Martine**, *Reflections Art Program*  
Stevens is involved with this national program each year, students are encouraged to enter visual art, poetry or prose. This year's theme is "Together We Can." Michelle needs help with hanging and judging the art – please contact her if you are interested.
- **Picture Day** is Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Mary Beth needs volunteers.
- **Stevens T-shirts** are available to purchase at the end of the meeting - \$12 for kids, \$18 for adults. See Barb Chin to buy or for more info.

### **Fundraising Report**

Barak Gaster, Fundraising Co-chair, gave an overview of how we raise money. Our big fundraisers are:

- the Annual Fund, run by Chris Clements. This is when we simply ask for donations, the goal is \$100K. Chris needs volunteers to help write thank-you letters to donors, please contact him if you would like to help.
- the Auction, held each spring.
- An underutilized moneymaker is the Amazon.com School Rewards program. If you go through the Stevens Portal – by clicking on the link on the PTA website – 6% of your purchase is donated to the school by Amazon.com. (AmazonFresh does not participate, but Endless.com does). We made about \$4K through this program last year.

Barak wrapped up by saying that fundraising is in a solid position as we begin the academic year.

### **Historian-in-Residence, MaryAnne Christy**

Linn introduced MaryAnne, who began teaching history and social studies at Stevens 11 years ago. MaryAnne presented a proposal for expanding her role at Stevens to create a richer history/social studies experience for students plus assist teachers in meeting new standards set by the state this year. The instructional time is made available by classroom teachers with whom MaryAnne will co-teach – Kevin Peterson noted that this is the essence of an in-residence program by bringing the passion and competence of an expert into the classroom. The classroom teacher is present and responsible for all safety/behavior issues with students. Kris Wilk made a motion to triple Mary Anne's hours. Barak Gaster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Principal's Report, Kelley Archer

Kelley clarified that her "interim" designation can be seen as a year-long interview process. Toward the end of the academic year a review process will establish if the position becomes permanent. The school community will have input.

Kelley provided a brief bio – she taught gen-ed in California in a bilingual English/Spanish program. Last year she earned her leadership certificate at the Danforth School at UW and interned at Stevens for 3 months under Jenniffer Reinig. "Change is opportunity" is one of her mottos. She will begin interviewing for the .5 math instructor immediately.

Kelley hopes to create more opportunities for parents to get to know her throughout the year.

### Spanish Cultural Program Update

Over the summer, our Spanish/math teacher, Diana Einmo, took the vacant full-time math position, as mathematics is her training and main interest. Since finding a combined Spanish/math teacher would be unlikely, the .5 math position will be filled separately. The staff voted 2:1 to not fill the remaining .5 Spanish position. Both the teachers and PTA remain committed to language exposure and instruction. The PTA has proposed forming a committee to explore options to bring language exposure and instruction to Stevens - likely before or after school hours – with a pilot program in place by January. Signup sheets were available to those interested. Rebecca moved that we form a Foreign Language Committee. Christopher Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

David Kaill gave the financial report.

### Legislative News

Linn encouraged everyone to vote in the November 2nd election.

### Teacher Report

Chris Wilkie noted the following:

MAP tests will be completed this week.

APP forms are due October 14 – please don't give them to your child's teacher the day before they are due!

Curriculum night was a success, thanks to all who came.

Please read Stevens Speak to stay informed.

This question was asked: "Who is the SEA (Seattle Education Association, the teachers' union) reps for Stevens? They are Summer Haskell and Brooke Freeburg.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm by Linn Haralson.

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#### Supporting handouts:

- Stevens PTA Meeting Agenda
- Stevens PTA Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2010
- Proposal for expansion of social studies program by MaryAnne Christy, Stevens Historian-in-Residence
- Stevens PTA Budget
- Stevens PTA Balance sheet
- Stevens PTA Profit/Loss Statement
- School Levy information packet

#### In Attendance:

Craig Mitchell	Ellen Skugstad
Linn Haralson	Kelley Archer
Barbara Chin	Rebecca Clements
David Kaill	Kevin Peterson
Barak Gaster	Misha Jammal
Seth Strumph	Marcia Hood
Maria Acton	Kelly Canaday
Michelle Osborne	Sally Hulsman
Michelle Martine	Christopher Johnson
Danielle Morrow	Kim Gould
Shelley Lawson	Patty Taagen
Alexa Ingram-Cauchy	Stefania Crisci
Nancy Hartunian	Margaret Sullivan
Jennifer Durrie	Mary Anne Christy
Suzanne Lear	<i>Illegible</i> – Jaffy W Wunk?
Kris Wilk	Thérese Joyce
Susan Chua	Hugh Saffel
Wendy Saffel	Michelle Weller
Heidi Johncheck	Phebe O'Neill
David Shelton	Emily Harmon
Nancy Allen	Maja Hadlock
Kate Spitzer	Warittha Fuanyaiom (sp?)
Clifford Meyer	Jill Rosen
Francie Bluming	Joy Southworth
Sage McCotter	Linda Casey
Andrea Radosevich	Catherine Costello
Janelle Hitch ( <i>Leschi PTA</i> )	