

Sumpter Parent club meeting: January 17, 2017

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Jennifer Koenig,--President, Jenny Hannant—VP, Alicia Matson—Treasurer, Rene Tyson—Secretary, Ginger Stover, Jackie Portwood, Melissa Wellard, Brittany Springer, Betheea Gliebe, Noriko Shimosaki, Nicole Francis, Amy Tanikawa, Krista Young, Anne Barr, Michelle Morrow, Tony Penrose, Janet Prats
2. **Approval of December minutes:**
Jenny Hannant made a motion to approve minutes, Brittney Springer seconded , motion passed.
3. **School report:**
Janet Pratts: 554 kids, District news: “Safe and welcoming schools” agenda is being promoted. District will be providing professional development materials for teachers that focus on the needs of all students. Make-up for snow-days: message from the district should come out by the end of the week.
4. **Treasurer’s report:**
 - a. Added a category :Salvation Army Food drive –allocated \$200 for prize money, other than that, not much has changed.
 - b. Alicia spent some time talking to the transportation department for district last year. Last year we went way over budget to pay for busses for field trips. The district is very unpredictable when it comes to charging for busses. For example, we might budget for 2hrs and the district charges us for 6. Because of the discrepancy of what is projected and what we were actually charged, from this time forward, PTC will request written estimates before each bus rental. When we approve funds for field trips we need to be sure to allocate a larger amount for busses or, we can look at having families contribute \$2-3 per student , or give classroom funds based on the number of enrolled students per grade (vs. a flat amount per classroom).

Jennifer Koenig re-capped the purpose of PTC: We give money to classrooms for the teachers to use as needed and to fund field trips. This is our mission statement. We have the money to pay for busses. Our main focus needs to remain on these two items and be careful to not approve numerous unrelated projects.

5. **Funds request:**
 - a. Jennifer Koenig motioned to increase the 4th grade budget to \$2200 and 5th grade to \$2000 in field trip budgets from to pay for fieldtrip busses and admissions that are scheduled for this year. Krista Young seconded. Motion passed.
6. **Offsite auction/dinner: Report by Rene Tyson and Jackie Portwood**
 - a. **Dinner Auction Theme is St. Paddy’s Day: Keep Sumpter in the GREEN on St. Paddy’s day!**
So far, we have collected REALLY FUN ITEMS: 2-night stay at Hyatt Hotel Downtown Portland, photography session, Karate package, Pampering facial/beauty treatments, restaurants, and much more! Keep them coming!

Please Reply to parent club email to let us know what you would like to donate. Our goal is to have most items collected by February 15th. We are continuing to look for more wine donations for the wine pull, vacation homes, sports event tickets, hunting/camping/outdoor gear, sports gear, professional services, etc.

a. Evening Specifics:

Location: Creekside golf Club, Time: 6:00pm. Tickets must be pre-purchased. Price: \$35 each or \$250 for a table of 8. Tickets are available until we reach capacity of 120. Reserve your ticket(s) by emailing: sumpterparentclub@gmail.com or call: 503-999-6759. All who reserve tickets by February 3rd will be entered into a drawing for a free ticket!

b. Guest Auctioneer & MC

You won’t want to miss Professional Auctioneer, Paul Schultz, who travels the country but just happens to be in Salem that night! It’s like hearing a song when you hear him on the mike! Our own talented Corey Jenkins will be our Host/MC again this year!

c. Marketing:

1. Please help to advertise for the event. "Like" the Auction Facebook page and find out what will be auctioned! <https://www.facebook.com/SumpterAuction2017/>
2. Spread the word! There are event flyers, donation request letters and matching funds request letters (complete with advertising benefits for companies who partner with us) available at the front office. They are also attached to this email, if you would like to print them from your home computer. Please consider asking your company to donate to our event.
3. **FACE BOOK LIVE Auction Event:** We are trying something new this year! From 6:30-7:00, during the silent auction portion of our event , Jackie Portwood will host a FACEBOOK LIVE on-line auction exclusively for those who are out of town and for those who cannot attend the dinner. She will be auctioning off several gift cards so that long-distance family members can participate in the fun! Read all about it on the FB auction site.

There was a vote on the ticket price (per bylaws). Jennifer Koenig motioned to approve ticket price, Tony Penrose seconded, motion passed.

7. Other Business

Credit/Debit Card processing:

Rene Tyson brought up the question of whether or not PTC should make arrangements to offer credit/debit card processing at the Auction (and other events sponsored by PTC). There was much discussion about the matter. Those in favor said that statistically people spend more money when they pay with plastic, people like using air miles and many people no longer use checkbooks. PTC can potentially raise more money for the school if we offer this service. They said that we won't lose money due to credit card fees because those who choose to pay with credit card will be asked to add the service fee to their purchase.

Those who had reservations about offering a credit card payment option stated that there are too many unknown factors to be able to make the decision immediately. They stated that there are unknown tax ramifications from using a credit card processing service which may significantly increase our accounting costs. There are also special tax/accounting laws related to our Non-Profit status that we have to be very careful to follow. The other objection is that offering this service encourages our community to go into debt to support our school and some people are opposed to doing so.

The conclusion was that at February's parent club meeting, Tony Penrose, who will be next year's Treasurer, will present findings on tax ramifications and associated accounting costs that come with offering a credit card processing service through PTC. Alicia Matson, this year's Treasurer, will present 3 credit card processing options and we can discuss the pros and cons as well as vote to use a credit processing service or vote to not offer this service. **Please reply to the parent club email or attend next month's meeting if you would like to weigh in on this matter. This decision will have a significant effect on future PTC events and accounting practices.**