

Sage McCotter called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Welcome and Thank you – Sage McCotter

Sage welcomed everyone and extended a warm thank you to Amy, Cliff, Craig (Pancake Breakfast) Phebe and Brian (Tree Sale), and Hector Valez for the Mexican Posada for the Latino community.

Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2012 PTA Meeting

Sage introduced the minutes from the last meeting. Barb Chin made a motion to approve the minutes, Sarah Parsons seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Announcements

Annual Fund – Sarah Parsons

Sarah introduced the Annual Fund which stands at \$34,567. This time last year the annual fund stood at \$27,500.

Sarah suggested the best way to contribute to the annual fund was by writing a check. Also, families that contributed to the Annual Fund last year will be receiving a friendly nudge via email from Christine Stepherson. Please also remember to use the Amazon link on StevensPTA.org for 7% of all your purchases to be directly contributed to Stevens as a result of your doing so.

Jumpathon – Lindsay Taylor/ Emily Lieberman

The new date for the Jumpathon is January 31st. It will be held from 12:30 – 3:00 PM and it needs some parent volunteers to help that day. The children have been working very hard practicing at PE so please come show your support along with family and friends to cheer for the kids and pledge on their efforts.

Tree Sale wrap up – Missy Zumwalt

The tree sale was a huge success and raised 2K more than last year for a total revenue of \$24K. A huge thank you to Brian Neville, Phebe O’Neill, and all the volunteers for their efforts.

Pancake Breakfast wrap up – Cliff Meyer

The Pancake Breakfast was a resounding success with record Stevens family participation and although it is traditionally not a fund raising event for Stevens, the school made 1K on the Pancake Breakfast. A huge thank you to Cliff Meyer, Amy Bosch, Mr. Key and all the volunteers on the hugely successful event.

Auction/Auction Procurement – Missy and Alexa

The Stevens auction themed “Hats off to Stevens” is scheduled for April 27th at 415 Westlake Ave North. Procurement is open now and this go around procurement will be available online as well. The best money makers for the event are unique experiences like themed/ multi-cultural cuisine meals, vacations/vacation homes, kid art, and teacher experiences.

Treasurer’s Report – Ken Schubert

Ken referred everyone to the Profit/Loss Budget vs. Actual statement and the Stevens 2012-2013 Budget. Ken is actively recruiting folks to be a part of the Budget Committee to help set the budget for next year. This is approximately a 4 hour/2 meetings worth commitment.

Outreach Update – Joy Southworth

Many hands make light work so please avail the myriad opportunities to volunteer at Stevens. The volunteer orientations are held on the first Monday of the month and give volunteers a tour of the copy room, PTA room, attic and the tasks that teachers and the PTA needs help with.

Parent Education Event – To be held on 02/05/2013 in the Stevens Library and a rep from Savvy Parents Safe kids will be here to talk to parents about safety.

Vote to approve Nominating Committee – Lindsay Taylor

The Nominating Committee was elected and consists of Sarah Parsons, Linn Harrison, Heather Timm, and Amy Bosch. The processes and conversations of the Nominating Committee are confidential. The committee is looking to recruit a new Vice-President asap, a new President, and a Treasurer.

Teacher Report – Kevin Peterson

MAP testing is in progress so please make sure your children arrive well rested and on time to school.

Principal Report on Security and Capacity – Kelley Archer

Ms. Archer explained the new lockdown procedures in place at school in light of the recent Connecticut shootings. In the event Security perceives a threat and announces a lockdown, Ms. Archer will broadcast it on the speakers and all doors to Stevens will be automatically locked. Teachers will lock their classrooms, draw the blinds, and move all children away from the windows. The cafeteria and gym will not be automatically locked and PE kids would shelter in the office.

Ms. Archer announced that some traffic revisions were in place as some hazards had been witnessed by parents, etc. over the holiday break. The school building is also due to be painted. A discussion on capacity ensued with potential consequences of either a portable at Stevens or moving the ELL program to Madrona. Although Ms. Archer did not have a whole lot of information at the moment, it was decided to arrange a meeting between Facilities and Stevens parents including Leah Martin (a Stevens parent architect with extensive knowledge on portables) who is researching a viable solution within Stevens existing campus space.

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Seattle Schools BEX IV Levy discussion – Barbara Kelley (pro levy) and Erik Levy (con levy)

Barbara Kelley represented the pro-levy discussion and Erik Levy represented the con-levy discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Supporting Handouts:

- Stevens PTA Meeting Agenda
- Stevens PTA Meeting Minutes from Nov 14, 2012
- Stevens PTA Profit/Loss Budget vs. Actual Sept 2012 – Aug 2013
- Seattle Public Schools & Schools First Levy Information

In Attendance:

Sage McCotter	Sean Blodgett
Lindsay Taylor	Chris Wilkie
Joy Southworth	Hector Velez
Ritu Rathi	Kelley Archer
Leah Martin	Michelle Martine
Linda Casey	Kevin Peterson
Barbara Chin	Leonard Dain
Mahamoud Gaayte	Larissa Moore
Emily Lieberman	Ann Donovan
Missy Zumwalt	Lisa Chadbourne
Sarah Parsons	Amy Hale
Kristen Cole	Amy Bosch
Anne Tan Piazza	Tina Schwennicke
Katherine Barr	Mary King
Jean Hua	Nancy Allan
Erik Levy	Linn Haralson
Heather Timm	Shari Powell
Anna Davidson	
Wendy Saffel	
Janice Albrecht	

Sean Blodgett
Cliff Meyer
Alexa Ingram-Cauchy
Sara Dickerman
Barak Gaster
Nancy Hatunian
Jules Cohen