

Lindsay Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

**Welcome and Thank you – Lindsay Taylor**

Lindsay welcomed everyone and extended warm thanks to Emily Lieberman for coordinating the Jump-A-Thon, as well as to Christine Stepherson for leading the Annual Fund effort.

**Approval of Minutes from January 23, 2013 PTA Meeting**

Lindsay introduced the minutes from the last meeting. Linn Haralson moved to approve the minutes. Barak Gaster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements**

**Annual Fund – Sage McCotter**

Sage reported that the Annual Fund goal of \$100,000 was exceeded by approximately \$15,000, with final donations still trickling in. Stevens class challenges helped boost donations and participation in the final weeks, resulting in over 200 donations and record participation by Stevens families. Kudos go to Christine Stepherson for her tireless efforts in meeting our goal. Gratitude is also extended to many parents and kids who distributed brochures to the surrounding neighborhood.

**Auction – Alexa Ingram-Cauchy/Missy Zumwalt**

Alexa announced that auction item procurement just closed and all goals were met. A meeting was held with the auctioneer who is enthusiastic about items. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 1st and Alexa encouraged prompt reservations, as last year the event sold out. Missy described online sneak peek opportunities for raffles and live auction items. Thanks go to Ann Donovan for her tech support in Web design.

**Auction Video – Lindsay Taylor**

Auction video filming by Kara Costa and Olivia Pi-Sunyer will take place on Friday, March 29 at school. All grades will participate and students should wear Stevens T-shirts. We are grateful to Kara and Olivia for once again creating this video, made at no cost to the PTA or school.

**Carnival – Lindsay Taylor**

The carnival is scheduled for Friday 5/31. Parents are encouraged to get it on their calendars, as it falls on an earlier date this year. Volunteers are needed for half-hour increments.

**Outreach Update – Joy Southworth**

Joy distributed a description of volunteer jobs and requested sign-up in half-hour shifts. Joy described opportunities to help meet teacher needs - i.e. PE teachers need help on casual basis, before school, on Work-out Wednesdays and field trips. Parent support can be offered directly to PE teachers daily or via sign-up through Joy. Contact Joy re: volunteer orientations to assist with general office support (Copy Box, etc.)

**Nominating Committee Update – Linn Haralson**

Linn announced that the Nominating Committee is in final stages of assembling a list of nominations to be voted upon for 2013-2014 PTA Board. The list will be published in Stevens Speak prior to the May PTA meeting and election of Board officers. Linn introduced Rusty Hibbert, who has accepted an appointment by the Board as Co-President and will be confirmed along with the rest of the officers in May. Please contact committee members Heather Timm, Sarah Parsons or Linn Haralson regarding nominations.

**Teacher Report – Kevin Peterson**

Mr. Peterson announced that Tuesday, June 11 would be Field Day for students, to be held at Volunteer Park if weather cooperates. Teachers will organize 6-8 activities divided into primary/intermediate levels, with a rotation of a number of activities. Teachers will provide a picnic lunch. Mr. Peterson

also invited parents to register their children for the Top Pot Donut Dash Day at Greenlake on Saturday, April 28. Mr. Peterson and Ms. Britt will coordinate Stevens students at the event. They ask that you drop off your child at 8:30 and pick them up one hour later. For more information, contact them.

**Capacity Task Force Update – Jules Reid**

Discussion was held re: rationale for forming a task force, including possible school boundary changes and the need to be proactive in order to maintain our diverse community. The three topics being addressed are boundaries, portables and the use of the school's auxiliary spaces. The task force reassured those present that no changes would be made to Kids Club and Interlaken pre-school in the 2013-14 school year. School space issues, contracts and budget were further discussed and updates will be made available in Stevens Speak.

**Principal Report: Staffing and Budget – Kelley Archer**

Principal Archer announced that the staff met to discuss the use of PTA funds and voted for one full-time certificated teacher and one half-time certificated teacher with the intention to use these positions to facilitate reading and math blocks at every grade level. Staff answered questions about our ALO designation and multiple-age groupings. Ms. Archer noted the importance of boosting school spirit and designated Spirit Day tomorrow (Thu 3/28), during which students may wear sunglasses for a prepared dance routine. Other spirit events include Green Day on Friday, April 12, "Drop Everything & Read" event for which students may wear PJ's, and Choir 5 performing for Seattle School Board. Book-It Theatre presentation will be May 15th.

**2013-14 PTA Budget – Ken Schubert**

Ken reviewed the proposed 2013-2014 Budget noting that the Jump-A-Thon and Annual Fund were both resounding successes, and that we maintain healthy budgetary reserves. He thanked those that volunteered for the Budget Committee. Barak Gaster moved to approve the budget. Cole Saxton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Community Presentation – Denise Lalande-Phipps**

Denise outlined services available through the neighborhood clinic, MOSAIC, and distributed informational brochures.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM*

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Supporting Handouts:

- Stevens PTA Meeting Agenda
- Stevens PTA Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2013
- Stevens PTA Profit/Loss Budget vs. Actual Sept 2012 – Aug 2013

In Attendance:

Sage McCotter	Sarah Clayton
Lindsay Taylor	Chris Wilkie
Joy Southworth	Hector Velez
Kelley Archer	Andy Jassy
Letitia Colston	Elana Jassy
Linda Casey	Kevin Peterson
Cole Saxton	Heidi Johnecheck
Mahamoud Gaayte	Denise Lalande-Phipps
Emily Lieberman	Ann Donovan
Missy Zumwalt	Amy Mcrory
Sarah Parsons	Amy Hale
Sachi Webb	Amy Bosch
Elizabeth Magg	Katie Riggs
Rusty Hibbert	Nancy Allan
Ken Schubert	Anna Davidson
Linn Haralson	Janice Albrecht

Cliff Meyer  
Alexa Ingram-Cauchy  
Sara Dickerman  
Barak Gaster  
Nancy Hartunian  
Jules Reid

**Dates to note:**

Apr 12 - Earth Day celebration  
Apr 27 – Stevens Auction  
May 7 – Group Picture Day  
May 8 to 10 – 5th Grade Camp  
May 15 – Young Authors and Book-it Theatre  
May 31 – Carnival  
Jun 11 - Field Day

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