

Oxford PTA Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2014

- Meeting called to order. Approximately 20 in attendance
- Principal Beth Rhine, PTA Co-Presidents Sabrina Leunig and Laurie Zimmerman Schmitt, Treasurer Zoe Scheffy, and Co-Secretary Kathy Flock present.
- Amy Feldman nominated as new PTA secretary. Motion to elect Amy to office was made and approved.
- Beth reviewed the latest revision of the proposed 2014-2015 budget explaining that it remained a proposed budget due to many moving parts including final approval by the district. The district was not expected to finalize their budget until 6/25 therefore the proposed plan is based on current expectations.
 - Beth reviewed the funding request of the PTA by the SGC as follows:
 - K aid and K-5 aid (will float between grades depending on need)
 - Gardening funds which came as a direct ask from the district that principals ask PTA fund a portion of the gardening curriculum
 - PE teacher increase from 3.2 time to 4.0 time
 - 50% of tech teacher salary
 - Performing workshop for K and 1st
 - Increase in the Art budget
 - Fund a traffic supervisor
 - Square dancing
 - Art and PE equipment
 - Instructional material
 - Zoe Scheffy then reviewed the remainder of the PTA budget beyond what is being requested by the SGC. She also reviewed current year to date actuals explaining that the numbers are not final due to end of year direct ask campaign and that Sabrina and Laurie had agreed to dip into reserves by \$25K.
 - Parents raised skepticism over such a large budget and whether all that is being requested is actually needed and wanted by the community. Beth responded by discussing the SGC survey results which support the priorities of the budget.
 - Anya from the SCG discussed that the current district plan is to increase funding each year by 12% for the next 8 years and that due to this optimistic financial forecast we should be spending down some of our reserves. She reiterated that the SCG survey highlighted more student support which is where the bulk of the budget is going.
- The success of the current year grant writing was discussed followed by a

recommendation to write larger grants in the next school year to help relieve the financial burden. A plea was also made for volunteers to join the grant writing committee.

- Sabrina discussed open volunteer position for the 2014-2015 school year:
 - Food coordinator
 - Scrip coordinator
 - Kinder liaison
 - Harvest Faire co-chair
 - Spell-a-thon support
 - Volunteer coordinator
 - Grant writing committee

- Minutes from April were reviewed by co-secretary Kathy Flock and motioned for approval. Minutes were then approved.

- Treasure's Report presented by Zoe Scheffy. Report approved.

- Meeting Adjourned