

**OHLONE PTA
GENERAL ASSOCIATION MEETING
MAY 6TH, 2011 8:20AM**

President Jane Dick called the meeting to order at 8:25am.

The minutes from the PTA General Association Meeting of March 15th were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Heike Enders presented the treasurer report, with the transactions and cash flow through April 2011. The Ohlone PTA Auction was a big success, and a true demonstration of the generosity present in the Ohlone community. The Auction's total net income is ~\$55,000 (\$35,000 were initially budgeted). Escrip income was a little lower than budgeted for the period. The Paxti's restaurant fundraiser was a great success, with proceeds above \$500, which we should be receiving soon. There was a payout for morning performances of the school play (evening performances were handled by The Children's Theater). Heike kindly requests that all outstanding checks be cashed asap. The treasurer's report was approved as distributed.

Principal Bill Overton presented a construction update for the new building – construction should be all done by mid 2012, the school campus will be closed during the summer, the parking lot will be updated, the classrooms will be updated, among other things smart boards will be installed in each one of the permanent classrooms; teachers will be trained by the district to use and incorporate the smart boards into their teaching. The teachers will gain access back to the campus by August 11th. After completion of construction, all portables will be removed from the campus. There will be a K/1-wing and a 2/3 wing, and the 4/5 classrooms will be located in the new building, which also includes the Special Day Class, Resource & Reading Rooms, and a nice meeting space. The school district's budget for the 2011-2012 year was reduced by 11%, staff contracts are being renegotiated to compensate for the income loss, benefits for aides and teachers may be impacted. There will be no change in class sizes for the school next year, each room will have 22 students. Enrollment numbers are rising in the district, and new classroom space is being created at the Fairmeadow campus. The Board of Education meetings are open to the public and those who are seeking more information on the school budget are encouraged to attend the meetings.

The PTA nominating committee (comprised of Suzie Idzik, Janet Gibson, Rachel Cleary, Jane Smith and David Yen) have turned in their nominations for the PTA Executive Board positions: Jennifer Sampson for President, Suzie Idzik for Executive Vice President, Lillian Hom for VP of Ways and Means, Jane Dick for VP of Communications, Beth Heron for VP of Enrichment, Prerana Vaidya for VP of Community Building, Raji Ramamurthi for Treasurer, Nathalie Tan for Auditor,

Sonya Hanna for Secretary, Ken Dias for Historian, Ganka Hadjipetrova for Parliamentarian (appointed). There were no nominations from the floor. The Executive Board Committee was voted as presented. A long list of volunteers willing to help with chair positions was also produced by the nominating committee. A few of the positions yet to be filled are: ice skating party coordinator, back to school packet organizer, Arrow coordinator. A survey will be sent out to the whole community about the Arrow and other communication channels (eNews, website, facebook, ect). Laura Landolfi will be volunteer coordinator, please contact her if you are available to help out.

Lillian Hom, Suzie Shark and Sonya Hanna will be Harvest Festival co-chairs. The harvest Festival will take place on September 24th, a month earlier than usual. The Harvest Festival Committee is looking for a few more volunteers.

Farish Haydel gave a brief update on the 5th grader promotion party. Farish Haydel and Leslie Matloff are organizing the party. The party format will be similar to the last two years' promotion party, taking place at the Greenmeadow pool. This year we will be renting district buses for transportation. The party at Greenmeadow Park will feature fortunetellers, picnic, pool, karaoke and Ping-Pong table. Parents can pick up the students at the end of the party. The contract for the party needs to be approved, the costs of \$340 for 75 kids include use of the pool and lifeguards. All 5th graders will be getting class t-shirts for the ice cream sale at the Spring Fling fundraiser and a packet with permission slips and info for the party in a few weeks. The 2011 class gift will be a mural on the wall directly to the right outside of the office, by the school entrance. The 5th graders will vote next week on drawings for the mural, and the students will still get to see it before the end of the year. The contract for the Greenmeadow Pool and Park party was approved as distributed.

Two budget amendments were proposed at the last Executive Board meeting: 1) an additional \$400 for the Ohlone Indian simulation in the 2/3 cluster; 2) an additional \$200 to cover the costs for the district bus rental for the 5th grade promotion party. The amendments were approved as proposed.

President Jane Dick is writing an article with highlights of the year for the Arrow, summarizing all PTA efforts to improve the school community's life this year in the areas of community building, fundraising and support of the school. Among all efforts supported by PTA are: school communications (all communications in the school are organized by PTA), the yearbook, the teachers' grant at beginning of year, supplies and materials for school, eScrip and restaurant fundraising, the event hosting parents of incoming kindergartners, the help out during prospective parent tours. The Ohlone Auction surpassed everyone's expectations in fundraising and community building, with over 260 participants. Jane thanked everyone for their hard work. Bill highlighted that parent involvement is a key ingredient to most events in the school.

The 5th grader pages for the Yearbook are almost done. There will be one more opportunity to order a yearbook before the end of the year.

Please go to lost and found and search for items that you may have lost. Clothes and items not claimed by the last week of school will be picked up by the Ecumenical Hunger Program.

The Children's Theater will incorporate some of our students onto their float for the May Fete Parade. The Ohlone float will be complementary to that.

Jindong Cai will be conducting the Family Orchestra on May 14th at 10am. Please come and play, music sheets are available at request.

Bingo Night will have a Michael Jackson theme this year, please fill out the form and drop a check off at the office.

We will have a new caterer for Spring Fling offering Italian style sandwiches and salad. 10% of the proceeds will be donated to PTA.

There will be a thank-you Parent Coffee after drop off on June 2nd.

The Board of Education (BOE) will be voting on the new calendar for the school year this coming Tuesday. Next year's calendar will remain unchanged, but any changes approved will affect the 2012/2013 school year and all subsequent ones. The district's recommendations are to schedule high school finals before the winter break. The BOE meets every other Tuesday at 6pm, all are welcome to attend the meetings.

The Core Values Committee will be leading a parent discussion on the topic "Bringing Core Values Home". The goal is to offer help with the parent/teacher partnership, and not come up with answers but questions.

Back to School Night will take place on September 6th, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.