

**Ohlone Elementary School PTA
General Association Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2011, 7:00 pm
Multi-Purpose Room**

Attendees (quorum established):

Jennifer Sampson	Beth Heron	Berenice Lai	Deb Whitman
Maria Abilock	Zahra Kassam	Renee Alloy	Heike Enders
Maria Marriott	Jane Hayes-Aishin	Debra Johnson	Sonya Hanna
Grace Mah	Kathy Howe	Ken Dias	Erhyu Yuan
Oscar Bonilla	Deepa Lalla	Prerana Vaidya	Evan Lurie
Lillian Hom	Stephanie Compton	Manas Mandal	Piper Joseph
Jane Dick	Laura Wingard	Aoife Maynard	

President Jennifer Sampson called meeting to order at 7:06pm.

The minutes from September have been posted on the website and on the bulletin board outside the MP room. These minutes will be voted on at the next general meeting.

Jennifer reported that the open auditor position has been filled. Irum Musharraf has been appointed auditor for the 2011 – 12 school year.

Stephanie Compton presented the Books Inc. contract for the upcoming fundraiser (see attached contract). There will not be a fall book fair this year as Keplers no longer holds book fairs. The book fair team has combined efforts with the restaurant fundraiser team and will hold a fundraiser at Books Inc. on the same evenings (Dec. 6th and 8th) as a restaurant fundraiser at Hobbee's in Town & Country Shopping Center. 20% of purchases at Books Inc will be donated to Ohlone. The Spring book fair will be at Ohlone with Banana Seed. Deepa Lalla moved to approve the contract with Books Inc. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Lillian mentioned that Cheeky Monkey will give 10% of purchases back to Ohlone from November 28th through Dec 9th. Shoppers must mention Ohlone at the time of purchase.

Jennifer presented the Ohlone PTA event calendar. The schedule of upcoming events must be approved by PTA general membership in order to activate our insurance. Evan Lurie made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Deb Whitman presented the Finance Report. Checks #1490 – 1500 and 2726-2752 were presented. Grace Mah made a motion to ratify the checks presented in the transaction report. . It was seconded and the motion passed.

Lillian presented the numbers from the One Check form. Ohlone has 582 kids enrolled which represent 420 families. The PTA membership stands at 537 members that represent 391 families. The Library donations were \$7952 and the Farm donations were \$15,587. Almost 200 t-shirts and 451 yearbooks were ordered. Only 20 families did not return a one-check form.

Deb presented a list of funds to be released by the membership for spending between the October and January general meetings. Jane Dick made a motion to release budgeted funds to pay for upcoming events as presented. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Laura Wingard made a request that everyone sign up for Escrip and shop online using the Escrip portal "At the Online Mall". A percentage of funds will be given to Ohlone. Even if you are not a member of Escrip, you can shop through the Escrip portal.

Jennifer presented a possible student assembly with Spencer West if he is available. Cost would be up to \$3000. Stephanie Compton made a motion that we approve up to \$3000 to have 3 assemblies with Spencer West. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Jennifer informed us that the PTA will grant up to \$500 to the PE teachers for equipment.

Deb Whitman made a motion to release the \$3000 for Spencer West and \$500 for the PE equipment. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Maria Marriott, the special education liaison for Ohlone, reported improved connection between students that receive special ed services and the general student population. Abilities Awareness week is next week – Oct 24th – 28th. Volunteers will be going into each classroom conducting activities to demonstrate challenges that some children face. She is still looking for volunteers.

Maria Abilock, Traffic Safety committee, reported that they will be promoting alternate transportation. She then reviewed traffic do's and don'ts.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

A parent education presentation followed regarding meeting the individual needs of students.