

Audubon PTSA

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 29, 2016

1. **Call to Order**

Denise Ferguson, President, called the meeting to order at 11:42 am. A quorum was present; sign in sheets are attached to hard copy file. Proper meeting notice was provided.

2. **Approval of past Minutes**

Meeting minutes from the February 18, 2016 General Membership meeting were reviewed. Beth Benincasa moved to approve, Hadra Schrimsher seconded. **Motion Approved.**

3. **Approval of the proposed 2016-2017 Budget**

Marie North presented the proposed 2016-2017 budget along with a brief history of our financials over the past five years. While the PTSA expanded many programs and added some too in that time, our revenues over the last two years have been steadily declining. The PTSA had been able to continue funding our programs during that time by using up some of the 'cushion' we had built up over previous years. Now, the proposal was to start trimming our budget in some areas (EZ Grant funds, classroom enrichment funds, IXL, running club, etc.) A parent wanted to know if membership dollars paid for all of our programs and was surprised to find out that our local PTSA gets a very small percentage of each membership. Donations are what fund our programs each year. Gitit Banai motioned for the membership to approve the 2016-2017 budget as presented; Hadra Schrimsher seconded. A show of hands confirmed it was unanimously **Approved.**

4. **Amendments to the Standing Rules**

Marie North presented the proposed amendments to Sections 2F, 5B, 5C, 5H, 6D, 6D1, 6D2, 6D2d and Addendum A points 3, 4 & 5 of the PTSA's standing rules. The amendment to Addendum A, point 5 allows for the use of Paypal card readers to accept payments to our PTSA while the amendments to the other sections listed above, allows for co-treasurers at our PTSA. This means that all our board positions may now be held jointly. Denise Ferguson stressed that co-treasurers (like all our current co-positions) are equally accountable and responsible for the office they hold jointly. Shannon Stevens motioned for the membership to approve the amendments as presented; Gitit Banai seconded. A show of hands confirmed it was unanimously **Approved.**

5. **Adjournment**

After a brief reminder that the next Coffee with Kimo takes place May 5, 2016 Denise Ferguson, adjourned the meeting at 11:57 am.