

Kent Area PTA Council 9.7
General Membership Meeting
November 28, 2011
KSD Admin Center, Board Room
12033 SE 256th St, Kent WA

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Agda Burchard. Proper notice was given and quorum was present.

Pledge of allegiance led by Agda Burchard.

Minutes from October 2011 general membership meeting were approved as submitted.

Financial Report – report attached. Taxes have been filed (e-card), insurance has been paid and the certificate has been received. KAC will file a raffle license application. Bank balance is \$33,671.39 Recent activity: collection of membership dues and corresponding payment to state, Cinderella project and clothing bank income and payments.

Superintendent's Report – discussed jog-a-thons; district policy and procedure attached. Discussion concerning local unit issues, with a variety of communications from different district staff. Dr. Vargas asked units to email him with specific questions. More clarification will be provided at the January meeting. Today: Wear Red for Public Ed. Nation Education Week last week – lots of great things going on in our schools. Governor's supplemental budget has been issued to address a 23% shortfall. Not looking like there will be mid-year cuts. Still worried about LEA, shortening of the school year, elimination of board bonuses, revision of attendance policy, and reduction of health benefits. Dr. Vargas continues to meet with community leaders to find ways to fill gaps.

Benefits of Being Part of Council, State and National PTA—Kari Wilkinson and Maureen Monson: presentation attached.

PTA Health Fairs and Passport Health Liaisons—Colleen McMeen: presentation of dietary and exercise levels over the last few decades, linking obesity and low student achievement. Pitched the idea for Health Liaisons in local units, and in hosting Family Health Nights.

President's Report – no membership meeting in December. January – district presentation about potential school closure, Leadership academy info, and local unit award applications. KAC standing rules and policy and procedures presented; recent changes due to changes in WSPTA bylaws. Committee report described. WSPTA announcements: emerging minority leaders conference 3/17 in Renton; Nat'l PTA Family Engagement deadline 12/16; leadership satisfaction survey.

Committee Reports

Clothing Bank – work party 11/30 at 5:30. Still in need of winter clothes, school supplies, and monetary donations.

Founders Day and Scholarship Baskets—3/23 at Kentridge, Hawaiian Luau theme. Basket themes have been emailed to local units. Baskets raise money for senior scholarships.

Legislative – school board election results: Debbie Straus, Russ Hanscomb, Karen DeBruler. Hanscomb will serve his seat. Bill Boyce won his race for Kent City Council, so his seat will be vacant in January. Application process will begin to fill his seat. Attended KEA event which hosted Pat Sullivan and Joe Fain. Urged parents to get involved at local level; outreach to voters who are not parents and discuss budget issues. 11/9 school board meeting approved an analysis of school closures. Timeline discussed; impression is that 3 elementary schools would need to be closed to save 1% in district budget. More information will be presented in January. Leg Alert today: quick way to make a difference. Special session started today. Legislators want to hear from constituents which choices are preferred.

Membership – 2957 members. Membership campaign is an ongoing, year round endeavor. Membership cards should be delivered at first general membership meeting.

Newsletter – submit articles by the 15th of each month to newsletter@kacpta.org

Presidents and Principals Luncheon – 12/12 11:30-1:30, email invitations sent out.

Reflections – entries due on Saturday, 12/3 at Agda's house. 1/7 art display at Kentridge. 1/26 ceremony by invitation only.

Spring conference 3/10 in Federal Way.

Spirit drawing

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Juliet Perry
KAC Secretary