

Rieke PTA Meeting
January 12, 2012

Meeting Attendance (28)

Jamie Repasky, Jen Martin, Anne Eddy, Dick Hausken, Melissa Sanders, Shannon Pullen, Andrea Porter, Katie Unflat, Curtis Roth, Natisha Doherty, Ruth White, Erica Wells, Charli Nesbitt, Tania Geiger, Jeni Sellers, Jennifer Merrill, Robin Way, Annette Dietz, Susan Jewell, Skye Leybold, Kelly Laboe, Patti Mapes, Katie Sengstake, Nellie McCarthy, Scott Eddy, Sharon Scheurer, Sharon Meieran, Mrs. C.

- 1) Membership Update
Ruth White reported we currently have 176 members; down from last year 212. Our goal is 233 (57 to go!) It cost only \$15 for an individual to join. Membership is important so that we can have strong representation for advocating at local, state and national levels for our children.
- 2) Unit in Good Standing status
Ruth White reported we have completed all our activities, except the financial audit, to be a Unit in Good Standing. Ruth asked for volunteers to be part of the audit team.
- 3) Finance and Budget Report
Ruth gave a financial update. She reported income of \$8,900 YTD (\$27,000 budgeted). A lot of our fundraising efforts happen in the spring such as the art fair, carnival and book fair. Income/fundraising is tracking as expected. YTD expenses are \$15,200 (\$22,080 budgeted). September P/L <\$6,300>. More information can be found in the meeting PowerPoint which is posted to the PTA web page.
- 4) Auction Report
Kelly Laboe reported this auction was the largest grossing year in Rieke history. Income to date is \$75,772, which is up from \$60,376 last year. Income is still coming in. There are open slot parties valued at \$20,000, although Kelly estimated additional income of \$3,000 - \$6,000 is more likely. The auction team is looking for someone to take on the auction for next year. Contact Skye Leybold, Charli Nesbitt or Kelley Laboe with any questions.
- 5) Chinook book update
Jen Martin reported she took a softer approach to selling Chinook books as it was very time consuming last year. This year, using only the Rieke Rapper as marketing, we sold 29 books and 10 icards with \$350 in profits. Jen logged 10 hours of work. Last year was more time consuming but brought in \$680 in profits. This required having parent volunteers at tables before and after school. Jen is looking for someone to take on Chinook book sales next year.

- i. 4 digital cameras with SD cards: \$400
- ii. Cables and cords for sound system: \$100
- iii. 8 CD players with noise block headphones: \$500
- iv. 2 lab computers (TBD): \$2,000

c. Emergency Procedures

Andrea reviewed the emergency procedures used when there was a robbery at Subway. The police contacted her and she used the intercom system to alert teachers that the school was in a lock-out status. The VOIPS intercom system overrides phones and directs teachers what to do. They have all been trained in these emergency procedures:

- i. Lock-in – gunman in the building – need to lock people in.
- ii. Lock-out – keep people out so school can go on inside; principal unlocks doors
- iii. Andrea passed out list of Non-Emergency and Emergency Procedures as well as Drills at Rieke.
- iv. John Romero is our Portland Police school resource officer. He has a key to all the rooms as does Andrea Porter, Rachell Spink, and Marabel, the head custodian.

d. Statewide Match/Gap Committee Results

- i. New Math curriculum skills are taught in clusters to mastery and then subject is left and a new skill is introduced. The new math curriculum goes deeper with a few concepts instead of doing a lot of things only briefly.
- ii. There will be a lot of empty boxes on the upcoming report cards because of the new math curriculum because the students have not yet worked on those subjects.

11) New Business

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Membership Update

Sharon provided an update on membership status and value of PTA. Currently we have 180 members. Goal of 233 (53 to go!).

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Sharon reported we have completed all our activities to be a Unit in Good Standing. See attached Powerpoint for further information.
- 2) Finance and Budget Report
Sharon gave a financial update. To date, we have raised \$8,919 (\$27,000 budgeted). There are recent additional donations that have not been recorded as of the time of this meeting. A lot of our fundraising efforts happen in the spring: art fair, book fair, RAT Race, restaurant nights. We are tracking well but we need continued parent support and participation. YTD expenses are \$15,966 (\$22,080 budgeted). YTD P/L -<\$7,047>. Please see attached PowerPoint for further information.
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Rieke PTA Meeting
March 14, 2012

Meeting Attendance (17)

Sharon Scheurer, Becky Horvat, Kim Meyers, Katie Unflat, Dick Hausken, Curtis Roth, Nellie McCarthy, Ruth White, Kelly Laboe, Amber Burket, Anne Eddy, Scott Eddy, Shannon Pullen, Andrea Porter, Sharon Meieran, Tania Giger, Jamie Repasky

1. Membership
Ruth reported we have 181 members.
2. Unit in Good Standing status
Ruth reported we have completed all our activities to be a Unit in Good Standing.
3. Finance and Budget Report
 - a. There are 10 slot parties still raising money for the auction.
 - b. There is \$32,000 in the Rise Up for Rieke account.
 - c. RAT Race money has already been accounted for and allocated.
4. Science Fair Report
Kim Meyers and Katie Unflat reported on the Science Fair. There were 55 official entries, which is 25% fewer entries than last year. The losses were mainly from 2nd and 3rd grade. Possibly related to Battle of the Books occurring around the same time. There were 15 volunteer judges. Reptile Man Richard Titeche presented four 15 minute shows in the library at a cost of \$190. Lots of hands on experiments run by parent volunteers.

The total budget for the science fair is \$350 every year.

Ribbons \$50

Materials for science demonstrations \$50

Color copies for achievement forms \$25

Main attraction \$225

Katie and Kim wanted ideas for main attractions. This current budget limits the choices for main attractions. A speaker from OMSI would cost \$400 - \$500.

Recommendation for 2013: increase budget to \$500 to fund one-hour Mad Science or OMSI school assembly

Suggestion: Offer Rieke Family funds for families who might need funds to purchase presentation boards or help after school. Invite Lewis and Clark professor who is expert on spiders to present.

Question to the Rieke community: Should we have the Science Fair in April like we did last year?

5. Art Fair
Shannon gave an overview of the art fair, which is on Sunday, May 6th from 10 AM – 4 PM. This year we are really excited to increase awareness of the art fair

Secretary. Changed meeting language to meet “regularly” so that we can have more flexibility in how often we meet and at what days and times we meet.

8. Parent Education Series: Mark your calendar! Join us in the Rieke library on Wednesday, February 29th at 6:30 PM to hear Kathy Massarie speak on Compassionate Communication. Kathy Massarie is also speaking May 7th at Robert Gray Middle School on “Courage to Be the Change You Want to See.”
Next Up: Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30 PM; Amy Ruono with PPS, “Transitioning to Middle School” at the Rieke Library. All of these speaking engagements are free. 30 people in attendance. Very engaging.

9. Green Team – Jamie Repasky reported

a. Styrofoam Drive.

- i. In 2011 Rieke, Bridlemile, Hayhurst collected 60 cubic yards over two days. Each school earned \$120 per green team.
- ii. In 2012 Rieke and Maplewood collected 40 cubic hard in 3 hours. Each school earned \$579 per green team.

a. Monthly Green Team Meetings

- i. Winter/Spring 2011
 - 1. Once a month meetings
- i. Fall 2011 – science enrichment
 - 1. 6 week after school class
- i. Winter/Spring 2012 Late Start Lounge
- i. Next fall – brown bag lunch/recess meetings? Once per month, kids would sign up.

a. Rieke/Wilson Arboretum

- i. Portland Parks & Recreation
- i. In-class presentation by Wilson High school students
- i. Each tree will be ‘adopted’ by a class
- i. Planting on March 16th

a. Future Plans

- i. Clean River Education Programs
- i. Music assembly – Kathryn Claire
- i. WeatherGrams on the adopted trees
- i. Waste-free Wednesday – April 25th
- i. Plastic Recycling Drive with Tryon Creek Rangers and Rieke Student Council
 - 1. Tuesday April 24 before and after school
- i. Partner with Wilson for a school garden?

Rieke PTA Meeting
April 9, 2012

Meeting Attendance

Dick Hausken, Curtis Roth, Nellie McCarthy, Ruth White, Kelly Laboe, Anne Eddy, Scott Eddy, Shannon Pullen, Andrea Porter, Jamie Repasky, Leah Henderson, Sharon Meieran, Kate, Max, Carla Asplund

1. Membership

Ruth reported we have 181 members. We are down from last year's membership of 212. Our goal was 233. Patty Fale is slated to be the Vice President for Membership and will focus on increasing membership next year.

2. Unit in Good Standing status

Ruth reported we have completed all the requirements to be a Unit in Good Standing.

3. Finance and Budget Report

Ruth presented an overview of the budget that will get voted on at the next meeting.

- a. Historically the PTA's income and expenses have been around \$27,000. We are always a year ahead. In other words, we raise money this year for next and have one year worth of funding in the bank. Our fundraisers include: the Back-to-School Picnic, Art Fair, Spring Carnival, portion of the PTA dues, SCRIP, restaurant nights, and misc. fundraising activities.
- b. The 2011-2012 school year expenses are budgeted at \$24,000. \$14,000 is in salaries for specialists such as technology and music.
- c. We increased the Science Fair budget to \$500 to allow for main attraction options that have been outside the \$350 budget here to date.

4. Officer Slate

The Slating Committee put forward the following nominations for the upcoming PTA Board term starting in May:

- **President** Ruth White
- **Vice President for Membership** (*recruits and tracks membership; backs-up other positions*) Patty Fale
- **Vice President Elect** (*new this year!*) OPEN
- **Co - Treasurer** (*2-year limited term – new term beginning this cycle*) Becky Horvat and Amber Burkett
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- **Volunteer Coordinator** (*solicits and coordinates Rieke community volunteers for certain events*) Jamie Repasky

Erin Barnett, Rieke parent and PPS Communications Manager, reported that PPS has a \$27.5 million gap for 2012-13. She provided a one-page overview of how to understand the PPS 2012-13 budget proposal. There are copies of this document along with a PPS Fact and Figures 2011-2012 document in the lobby or you can access them online at www.pps.net.

Why cuts are necessary?

- State funding levels are not keeping pace with our costs – a problem facing schools across Oregon.
- The poor economy has reduced local option tax collections.
- Federal dollars to schools are also being cut.

To close the gap, the proposed budget would:

- Use \$7.2 million from reserves
- Use \$0.4 million in additional revenue
- Cut \$9.5 million from the central office (34 people in Erin's office have been laid off)
- Cut \$10.4 million from schools (teacher salaries)

Andrea reported:

First and foremost, this budget is simply the proposed budget. We will not know until May after the budget gets approved what the final situation will be. Still in negotiation is the possibility that we could make up the \$10.4 million in staff time by reducing the number of teaching days. PPS will talk with the teachers' union about taking 10 furlough days to save \$10.4 million.

To voice your opinion: www.pps.net for more details or email pubinfo@pps.net or 503-916-3304.

Andrea commented that we could handle a 10 day cut in the school year for one year but not for the long haul. Schools can only go below the 175 minimum student attendance days once every five years. Currently, Rieke is at 177 student attendance days with teachers working 190 days.

If an agreement regarding furlough days is not reached or the district decides to move forward with the proposed budget as it is, then the PPS will cut 110 positions district wide.

At Rieke, we are relying heavily on the .8 FTE being funded by the Rieke Foundation. Given this support, Rieke is still looking at a reduction of 0.29 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) if the proposed budget goes through. Andrea proposes to deal with this cut with a reduction in PE and office support coupled with a minor increase from the Rieke Foundation as follows:

0.10 PE FTE Reduction (half day of teacher time)*

0.13 Office Support (the office has never fully realized this relatively new amt.)*

0.06 Rieke Foundation**

In response to parents asking for populations per class, Andrea provided the following information. Currently:

Kindergarten has 77.

1st grade has 67.

2nd grade has 72.

3rd grade has 62.

4th grade has 76.

5th grade has 64.

8. Brainstorm

There was a discussion about the lack of anyone coming forward to take over the auction. Parents suggested we should consider alternatives to the auction. We will explore the possibility of a visioning exercise. We would like to get the Rieke parent community together to have a frank, candid and creative discussion about how we want to move forward as a community to solve these issues. The discussion could include financial/fundraising issues, parent priorities and how to strengthen our Rieke community as a whole. Andrea suggested we get the most participation at the Back-School Picnic and Curriculum Night. Ruth suggested doing something in the spring as well – while people are fired up to do something. Shannon Pullen is looking into the opportunity of having a trained consultant from the Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO) facilitate a community discussion.

Jamie, Ruth, Kelly, and Shannon will help organize a 30 minute interactive presentation for the incoming Kindergarten parents on Wednesday, May 21st. Please contact Shannon Pullen at shannonpullen@yahoo.com or 503-348-0979 if you would like to participate.

9. New Business

Next PTA meeting is on Monday, May 14th at 6:30 PM. We will vote on next year's PTA budget at this meeting.

**Rieke PTA Meeting
May 14, 2012**

Meeting Attendance (17)

Nicole Olszewski, Becky Horvat, Arah Gould, Nelli McCarthy, Dick Hausken, Leslie Bradley, Clay Slocum, Wendy Slocum, Jennifer Merrill, Katie Unflat, Anne Eddy, Amber Burket, Melissa Sanders, Curtis Roth, Ruth White, Shannon Pullen, Jamie Repasky

1. Unit in Good Standing Status

Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2012. As of July 1, we will begin again to complete all the necessary items to gain Unit in Good Standing Status for next year.

2. Finance and Budget Report

Ruth reviewed the proposed budget for next year July 2012 – June 2013:

- a. Total projected income is budgeted at \$27,000. Our fundraisers include: the Back-to-School Picnic, Art Fair, Spring Carnival, portion of the PTA dues, SCRIP, restaurant nights, and misc. fundraising activities.
- b. Total projected expenses are budgeted at \$25,095. \$13,000 is in salaries for specialists such as technology and music.
- c. The Science Fair budget was increased from \$350 to \$500 to increase main attraction options.
- d. \$200 in seed money was allocated for Student Council to buy shirts to run a small “store” to sell Rieke Wear.
- e. \$200 was allocated to the Sock Hop -- previously a parent donated the equipment
- f. \$100 was allocated for the Survey Monkey fee
- g. \$200 was allocated to Rieke Sign Supplies
- h. \$200 was allocated to Email Management Tool – we need to be in compliance with email campaign guidelines
- i. \$400 was allocated to Tofino Fee – we agreed to split the credit card fee with Foundation

VOTE: Melissa moved to approve the budget as presented. Dick seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

3. Survey Results

Ruth reviewed the survey. To review the full survey results, please go to Rieke's website.

- a. 81 people completed the survey, representing all grade levels.
- b. 67% are PTA members, 47% never attend meetings
- c. Early results show mixed feeling regarding the items funded by the PTA; clearest support for library books and directory

- h. All funds will not be restored.
- i. There is a possibility with these changes that Rieke will get an additional .5 FTE (to be put toward reducing class size in the morning). There are still a lot of decisions in process, and we will not know how staffing will end up until late in the year. One scenario involves three second grade classrooms in the morning that will funnel into two classes in the afternoon

6. Lunch Waste Audit

Jamie Repasky reported this year the student council wanted to do the audit as a competition between the two lunch hours. They learned the older kids make more garbage than the younger kids: 60 lbs. of food waste as compared to 48 lbs. of food waste. The majority of the waste comes from hot lunch. Andrea talks with students about only taking what they need. They have started a "no thank you" table but food still gets thrown away, especially milk since by law they have to take milk when they get hot lunch.

7. New Business

Next PTA meeting is on Wednesday, September 14th at 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM.

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2 PM Meeting Attendance (25)

Patrick Sterbe, Valentine Sterbe, Arah Gould, Nicole Olszewski, Dick Hausken, Jamie Repasky, Lisa Nelson, Patty Fale, Jenn MacDonald, Patti Mapes, Jeni Sellers, Stephanie Wieber, Katie Sengstake, Lori Brigg, Mika Suzuki, Emily deCarlo, Amber Burket, Becky Horvat, Victoria Cowey, Laura Connell, Sharon Scheurer, Anne Eddy, Kelly Laboe, Ruth White, Andrea Porter

6:30 PM Meeting Attendance (22)

Leslie Bradley, Renee O'Connor, Jamie Repasky, Marcel Wehr, Curtis Roth, Patti Mapes, Anne Eddy, Kelly Laboe, Nicole Turner, Grant Turner, Dana Grigsby, Jason Grigsby, Katie Unflat, Dick Hausken, Joann Ng, Katie Roberts, Nellie McCarthy, Sharon Meieran, Ted Cerwonka, Lisa Nelson, Ruth White, Andrea Porter

1) PTA President's Report by Ruth White

Ruth presented an introduction to and overview of the PTA. She provided a summary of fundraising efforts, including PTA, Rieke Foundation, Rise Up For Rieke and RAT Race. (See PowerPoint posted on Rieke PTA webpage for further detail.)

2) Foundation Report by Anne Eddy and Kelly Laboe.

Anne introduced the Rieke Foundation and explained that it is a separate non-profit organization. Parents can raise money to impact staffing through the foundation; after the first \$10,000 one-third of every dollar goes to an equity grant which is then distributed to underserved schools. Sending money to the foundation is the only way we can increase staffing. Anne reviewed foundation funds from 2011-2012 and how they were spent. \$75,300 went to Andrea for staffing. Kelly emphasized that the Rieke foundation is the only organization that can pay for a teacher. At this time there is no auction planned but there are some parents getting together to discuss options. They are considering doing something more simplified, perhaps in the spring. Last year's auction team has retired after many years of service. Kelly provided her email address for any volunteers who are interested in helping with the effort.

3) Volunteer Reports

Four volunteers spoke about their volunteer experience.

Lisa Nelson shared her experience with service club. The service club invites all Rieke students and families to come together and learn about service hands on. Some events are at school and some are in the community. No long-term commitment is required. RSVP

Andrea let parents know that they are welcome at First Friday assemblies. These assemblies take place right at drop off. At the first assembly this year, we were awarded an ECO schools green flag. Rieke is the first school in Oregon to receive it. Andrea clarified that the Rapper now owned by the PTA. School news will come up once per month with a school newsletter. It will be sent around the 15th of each month. The Rapper is sent each Tuesday from the PTA. The school newsletter will also sent through email.

Leadership applications for the Rieke student council are due by end of day today. The leadership roles are for 4th and 5th graders. Students who apply will do a speech in front of school and then there is a vote. Leadership team members may attend some PTA meetings. The student council will manage the Rieke gear sales, including t-shirts. There will be a student council representative for each grade 1 – 5 and an Eco action representative.

We are one of 10 schools that made the final cut in the Live955.com website. We are competing for money for outside play equipment and maybe a water dispenser in the school cafeteria.

The district paid for the wall that now separates the library and technology lab. We are in the queue to get a bathroom in the cafeteria.

Lunch is longer this year - it is 30 minutes. However, this change meant shortening the every day guaranteed recess. Lunch recess is now 15 minutes, instead of 20. Teachers are working in other recesses/breaks in the morning and afternoon.

Katie Sengstake asked about a bank coming to the school. Andrea said that when she gets emails she pitches it to 5th grade. However, it's hard to fit in an additional items with all that needs to get done.

Ruth White reminded the attendees that the next PTA meeting is set for October 10th at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rieke Elementary School PTA Meeting October 10, 2012

Present (35):

Stephanie Wieber, Joe DeCarlo, Nellie McCarthy, Amber Burket, Jeni Sellers, Kim Gould, Carla Asplund, Clay Bradley, Curtis Roth, Naomi Cohen, Cheri Castaneda, Anne Eddy, Kelly Laboe, Renee o'Conneor, Jason Grigsby, Dana Grigsby, Renee Limon, Cindy Strecker, Andrea Porter, Patty Fale, Mary Weinberg, Thomas Whalen, Ben Baldwin, Annette Dietz, Ashleigh de Villeis, Nicole Turner, Shannon Pullen, Ruth White, Jamie Repasky, Erin Barnett, Jeff, Sydney

Ruth Adkins – Portland Public School Board

Mary Chutnam – School Bond Campaign Manager

Jack MacNichol – School and Arts Together

Membership Update

We currently have 151 members; goal of 200. (49 to go!)

We are a unit in good standing.

Financial Update

Audit

The annual audit was completed on August 22, 2012 by Anne Eddy. No financial management issues were reported.

MOTION: Kelly Leboe moved that we approve the audit as presented by Ruth White. Erin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Ruth presented the 2012/2013 budget. We project income of \$27,000 and expenses of \$26,095 for this school year. As of October all expenses are on track.

Ruth reported that the PTA has \$21,303 in cash for expenses. This balance does not include the Rise up for Rieke funds of \$2,722.

Ruth explained that the PTA board has looked into utilizing a credit card to reduce the number of reimbursements. The board has voted on and approved the use of a credit card which will be managed by the co-treasurers.

Fundraising Report

Ruth presented the following update on funds raised to date:

- Back To School Picnic raised \$281.96
- United Way \$50
- Direct Donation \$3580

The campaign started by trying to figure out how to raise money for an additional teacher and then began to imagine what other things we could add.

Questions and Comments

- Kelly Laboe commented that last year's auction and the Rise Up for Rieke Campaign paid for 90% of a full-time regular teacher and additional PE time.
- Carla commented many of us have been paying \$200 - \$500 for preschool every month.
- Imagine Campaign factored in differences in economics among Rieke families. The campaign does not expect everyone to donate at the same level but at what level each family can afford.
- Erin commented we have a wide range of what people can do and offer to the Rieke Community. People have to plug in where they are comfortable.
- Renee said thanks for trying something new.

PPS School Bond

Ruth Adkins, former Rieke parent and current school board member, presented an overview of the current bond measure.

What will it do for our aging school buildings?

- Fully renovate Franklin, Grant, Roosevelt High schools and rebuild Faubion K - 8
- Improve safety (seismic upgrades, roof replacements) and accessibility in 30 schools across the district
- Update science labs at every middle school

Determinations were based on seismic concerns, age of schools and poverty rates. The bond plans to raise \$482 million over 20 years. It will cost individual homeowners \$1.10/\$1,000 assessed value over 8 years then reduce to \$0.30/\$1,000 assessed value for an additional 12 years.

What can you do?

- Endorse the campaign (Ruth brought signs to pass around)
- Make a donation
- Volunteer to phone bank and/or canvass -- we need to fill thousands of shifts
- Tell your colleagues, friends and neighbors
- Vote yes!

Contact OurPortlandOurSchools.com if you want to get involved or more information. You can like it on Facebook and get info and updates. Information will be in the next Rapper.

Principal's Report

Andrea Porter presented the following updates:

Healthy Initiatives Contest

We potentially won \$2500. Radio station 95.5 FM, in partnership with Little Critters Vitamins, provided a contest called the Healthy Initiative. If we win, Andrea would consider two areas for the money to be used:

- 1) New replacement equipment - can we ditch the dome and put something else there?
Need to investigate.
- 2) Water source in the cafeteria.

New Library Wall

We passed the load studies on the wall. The plan is to finish the wall this Friday and paint next Friday.

We will need help reconnecting the 30 computers on Thursday October 25th.

New Gas Heating

We are on track to get heat on October 15th.

Change in School Newsletter

The school newsletter will go out next week and will have a new name. Students can enter name suggestions in the newsletter box. Moving forward, Andrea will send out a school newsletter once a month. It will not include advertising or calendar events. It will just include updates about what is happening at school. The weekly Rapper is now owned by the PTA and will be distributed once a week. Other urgent email blast information can go out via the PTA eblast list as needed.

State Report Card

The State Report Card comes out tomorrow and provides ratings on attendance, disciplinary action, how we did on state tests. Rieke did very well again.

Other updates:

- Student Council will be reporting at the next PTA meeting.
- No changes to staffing.
- PPS re-did the sidewalk. There were several accidents and community members complained to the city. The district was given 30 days to fix it.

Mark your calendar!

Next PTA Meeting is:

Wednesday, November 14th

6:30 pm in the Rieke Library

PTA Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Present (19):

Ruth White, Arah Gould, Erin Barnett, Amber Burket, Nicole Turner, Meg Bilanzich, Mary Weinberg, Ashleigh deVilliey, Nicole Olszewski, Sharon Meieran, Dana Grigsby, Curtis Roth, Renee Limon, Stephanie Wieber, Jamie Repasky, Shannon Pullen, Kelly Laboe, Patty Fale, Lynn LaRoche

Membership Update

Currently have 156 members
Goal of 200 (44 to go!)

Unit in Good Standing Report

Rieke PTA has almost completed everything we need to be a unit in good standing. See Ruth's PowerPoint for details.

Finance Report

Budgeted Income \$27,000
Budgeted Expenses \$26,095

Accounts

Rieke PTA \$25,970.33
Rieke Foundation \$650.00
Rise Up For Rieke \$1022.50

Fundraising Report

BTS Picnic	281.96
Book Fair	2011.38
Valley Theater	367.00
United Way	50.00
Direct Donations	3580.00
Total	6192.34

PTA Board Member Nomination

At the last PTA meeting it was announced that Erin Barnett was proposed to be added to the PTA board as VP-President Elect and Stephanie Wieber as Imagine Campaign Representative. Ruth White asked if there was any discussion on these board additions. There was no discussion.

MOTION: Kelly Laboe made a motion to add Erin Barnett as Vice President Elect and Stephanie Wieber as Imagine Campaign Representative to the PTA Board.

Sharon Meieran seconded it. The motion carried.

Rieke Pilot School for "Music Tubs" Program

- Three segment music program
- Will cover a specific music style, genre or era; artists that represent that style; and combining music with life lessons
- Each 'tub' will have the instruction piece, a CD, and activities for several one hour lessons, one each week.
- Parent volunteers will deliver this program to students
- To learn more visit: www.musicworkshopedu.org
- 1 hour a week, once a week
- Completely free
- Volunteers are called Music Maestros
- Contact Jamie Repasky if you are interested in volunteering.
- Starts in January.

Contact Jamie Repasky if you want to volunteer to be a Reading Buddy.

Email Clarification

Ruth announced the email re: Vermont Street project is not an opinion of the PTA.

Auction Report

Kelly Laboe reported there will be a benefit. Less pressure, focus on community building. All funds go directly to the Foundation. Rieke Auction is scheduled for February 8, 2013. 7 PM - 11 PM at Refuge PDX. Buy tickets at reieke.tofinoauctions.com/foundation/give. Limited silent auction. Focus on our children's art -- art installation. Art will be displayed. Admission on a sliding scale - \$10 - \$50. Cocktail seating. Nibbles and drinks. Hosted bar. 116 SE Yamhill

Geography Program: Passport Club

Stephanie Wieber reported:

- Passport Club is a geography program available to all Rieke students 1st through 5th grade.
- By the end of the 5th grade the goal is that kids know all countries and capitals and can identify them.
- Passport Club will be starting at Rieke on November 27th and will take place every lunch for that week.
- Passport Club is volunteer run, we will need 4 adults every lunch period for four days. It is a lot of fun and you will learn just as much as the kids.
- Thanks to Andrea for purchasing this program for our students.
- Launch right after Thanksgiving.

Imagine Campaign

Stephanie Wieber reported: