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Minutes from PTSA Board Meeting  
Sligo Middle School

July 15, 2014  
Home of Mary O'Driscoll, president pro tem

Opened meeting at 7 pm.

In attendance:

Mary O'Driscoll, president pro tem  
Abbi Lichtenstein, Vice President  
Liz Crooks, fundraising  
Scott Leonard, treasurer  
Lawrence Friedman, former treasurer, was also in attendance

Mary opened the meeting. She explained that the goal of the meeting was to vote on a calendar for the year and to begin a discussion of the budget, which needs to be approved at the first meeting of the year.

She handed out copies of the school year calendar and explained that the meetings generally take place on the second Tuesday of each month, but that there are a couple of months where this will be a problem this year. The board voted 4-0 to go with that schedule, with the exception of November, when it will be the third Tuesday, and December, when there is no meeting.

Lawrence Friedman discussed the final budget report for the past year as he handed off the books to Scott. The PTSA has \$9,500 in its budget, spending down about \$2,500 from the amount in the budget from the previous year. The major expenses were minigrants (\$3,900) and the bulk of the \$9,000 that was brought in came from the "Sligo Dines Out" events.

Mary said the budget discussion should be high level this meeting. She wants to increase the budgets for end of year promotion events, teacher appreciation and minigrants. The funding this year would come from an effort to secure donations from parents, rather than try to fundraise in competition with the band/orchestra.

Abbi suggested that we also work on getting business members of the PTSA, with \$20 donations. The idea came from a membership workshop she attended this spring. Unclear whether we must get a membership vote first, particularly as we would offer the businesses access to the listserve, Twitter and our web page.

We will be soliciting membership for the year at Mr. Wilson's town meeting July 29.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The board will next meet sometime during the week of July 28, at the school, with Mr. Wilson and Chris Rutledge, former president of the Eastern PTSA, to discuss donation-based fundraising. Mary will check with Mr. Wilson on his availability during that week.

Submitted by Mary Driscoll, president pro tem