

## **Shoreline Special Needs PTSA General Membership Meeting**

Sept. 21, 2015

**Attendance:** See sign-in sheet

**Location:** Alumni Room, Shoreline Center, Shoreline, WA

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

**Welcoming remarks:** President Amy Schley:

- The chapter had 83 members this past year; this year's goal is at least 100 members.
- Those in attendance were asked to write topic suggestions on index cards provided to help the board planning this year's activities.
- Introductions included this year's board members and district leaders present.
- A revised set of standing rules were passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kirsten Bannister distributed a spreadsheet showing income and expenses for July-August 2015. Chapter assets at end of August were \$453.42.

**Ways and Means Report:** Niki Beck provided a fundraising update and referenced a handout outlining opportunities now open to the chapter since obtaining 501c3 status. We want to avoid impacting building PTAs by not competing with their fundraising efforts.

- People can designate the chapter as a recipient for AmazonSmile donations (.5% of purchases).
- Last year's evening at Chuck E. Cheese in Lynnwood will be repeated this fall, with a date being finalized soon. The business donated all proceeds from the evening to our chapter.
- We are working out a plan to collect items for Value Village, which will donate a sum to the chapter based on the weight of items.
- Suggestions are needed for local restaurants families like to coordinate a restaurant fundraiser (e.g., Red Robin, Jerseys and the Lake Forest Bar and Grill have been identified as possibilities so far).

**Members At Large Report:**

- Stacie Auger (former chapter secretary) shared that she recently attended a superintendent coffee hour. She learned that the district is operating at full capacity and closing boundary exceptions. She also met Curtis Campbell, the district's new public information officer, who moved here from Yakima. We will be working with him on more district communications.
- Cathi Cunningham (former chapter treasurer) shared that she plans to explore grant opportunities to support family outreach the chapter wants to do.

**Guest Presentation:** Rose Spidell, Education Ombuds with the Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO), provided an overview of the OEO's services and key information all families involved in IEP and 504 plans should know.

The office has seven staff and handled 1,300 calls with questions and requests for support last year. The office can be reached at 1-800-297-2597 and [www.oeo.wa.gov](http://www.oeo.wa.gov).

The presentation handout is available on the chapter website and in hard copy for those who missed the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Jennifer Phillips, chapter secretary