

**Present:** Sonja Olson, Ralph Rothacker, Bob Speck, Jessica Rzeszotarski, Liz Henglein, Bob Rafferty, Judy Gibson, Renee Commisso, Lynette Albright, Amy Agan, Helen Roos, Kim North, Christine Molluso, Sue Ciferatta, Betty Hanson

*The meeting in the Stevens Library was called to order at 7:00 pm by Amy Aldrich*

**Welcome and Introduction of Attendees**

**Presidents Report –Amy Aldrich**

**Approval of Minutes**

- April Meeting Minutes were reviewed.
- Motion to approve minutes made, seconded and passed.

**President’s Report – Amy Aldrich**

- There are several **upcoming events** that will wrap up our year:
  - Walk-About -May 12<sup>th</sup>
    - We are in need of volunteers to help scoop and serve ice cream!
  - School Budget Vote – May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - PTA Staff Appreciation Day - May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Stevens Concert at the HS – May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Stevens Variety Show – May 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Transportation Breakfast – June 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Spring Fling – June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Last night was meet the candidates night – The three candidates running are Bob Speck, Will Farmer and Lee-Ann Mertzluft and each candidate was present to give information on themselves as well as answer questions. There are two Board positions up for election this year.
- The red folders are needed from Chairpeople along with budget recommendations for next year.
- The Budget Committee needs to meet in the next month. An email will go out with various times and dates to meet and whichever date gets the most availability we will meet on.

**Principal’s Report – Ralph Rothacker**

- The administration is still working on staffing, scheduling and student placement for next year.
- The anticipated cuts make scheduling in particular very difficult. Some teachers, such as Art, may now be shared between buildings so administration needs to take into account when teachers are available to schedule in specials.
- In response to a question about First Grade classes - the Stevens incoming First Grade will be going to three sections with the class size capped at 23. Any incoming first grader new to the district will most likely end up at Charlton Heights.

## *Officers Reports*

### **Treasurer's Report –Bob Rafferty**

- Account Balances: Checking \$13,963.92 and Savings \$9,313.58
- The budget is in a good position right now – we are ahead of plan by \$500. We still have about \$5,000 worth of expenses to get us through the end of the year, but we also have about that same amount budgeted to come in.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade party has been historically showing expenses exceeding what they are budgeted for. It tends to be an item that's overlooked because it is at the end of the year and the receipts trickle in throughout the summer. So, we need to look at this for next year so that we can budget for it properly if this is the way the 5<sup>th</sup> grade party is to continue.
- Fundraisers throughout the year- The Book Fair brought in \$2,084 in income, Silvergraphics brought in \$3,400 which was \$600 over budget, and the fall fundraiser brought in \$6800. We are still waiting on final numbers from the plant sale for Stevens Goes Green.
- A reminder that the School Spirit Sale is not a fundraiser – it is a break even event.
- Throughout the year we fund about 20 programs with the \$15,000 or so dollars we bring in and we run about 20 programs that are self funding.

## *Teacher's Report –Betty Hanson*

- Mary Jo Soloman was looking for an update on the recycling program she brought forth a couple of months ago. The response is that the budget committee which is due to meet later this month will look into it.
- Retirements this year are Barbara Buckley – an Art Teacher, Rich Yeager on the custodial staff and Nancy Ducharme from the Cafeteria.

## *Committee Reports*

### **Nominating Committee – Sonja Olson**

- We will vote on the nominees for the following positions:
  - President Elect – Renee Commisso
    - All in favor, Amy Aldrich Abstains
  - Secretary – Liz Henglein
    - All in favor, Amy Aldrich Abstains
  - Treasurer – Patrick Hackenberg
    - All in favor, Amy Aldrich Abstains
  - Vice President Homeroom's – Christine Molluso
    - All in favor, Amy Aldrich Abstains
  - PTA Council Rep – Cathy Todd is stepping down and Charlene Spetla has agreed to step in to fill her term.
    - Executive Committee votes in favor of Charlene
  - Building Council – Amy Aldrich has agreed to fill in the vacant position. We do not need to vote on this position.

## **Fundraising – Kim North**

- The Capri Sun Juice Pouch Recycling Program is going to have the final pickup on Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>. We have turned in 2,777 pouches so far with an additional 3,000 or so to be sent in after the final pick up. The total income expected is around \$130.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>School Board Report – Bob Speck</b></i></p>
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- The School Budget Vote is on May 18<sup>th</sup> – all are encouraged to come out and vote!
- This has been a challenging year and there were many people involved in the decisions that have been made. The administration really pulled together to communicate with one another as well as with the community.
- The School Budget Newsletter came out last week and contains a lot of good information.
- The Board will have a retreat in June to establish next years officers and begin planning for next year. The Board continues to focus on doing what is best for the District and staying focused on what is best for the children of the district.
- The Schenectady Gazette will be publishing an article in the near future that covers all of the candidates running for various Board positions throughout the capital district.

**The next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm**

***Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm***

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Submitted by Jessica Rzeszotarski  
Stevens PTA Secretary