**Grant Watts Parent Organization**

**January Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

**7 p.m. | Grant Watts Library**

**Attendees:**

Tia Rushing, Virginia Fenstermaker, Poppy Elsaug, Deanna Erhardt, Ivy Friemuth, Marcee Cousins, Stephanie West, Megan Moon

**Call to Order:**

* Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by president Tia Rushing.

**Guest Speaker:**

* Principle Jen Stearns presented a school update:
	+ They are currently preparing a district calendar with aim of arriving at a 2-year school calendar, and is anticipated to go before the board in March.
	+ Dibbles testing with the winter benchmark will take place in January.
	+ Master schedule for third-graders will accommodate swimming and test knowledge with state testing as well as curriculum (without sacrificing any).
	+ Met with City of Scappoose planner to go over the community garden blueprints on Monday (*PDF separate*). We want to get phase I advancing ahead of the Spring Auction and share the phase II effort thereafter. The city planner does not have revisions to the plan. Additional considerations will be paid to security measures to support the garden. The phase I will be the heart of the community garden area with a compass rose and concrete infrastructure. We will schedule a community meeting upcoming to discuss resources as well as possible responsibility.
	+ Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10): “Greatest Staff on Earth” theme aligned with Spring Auction.

**President’s Report: Tia Rushing**

* Poppy Elshaug: Poppy has accepted a temporary substitute teaching position for the Grant Watts library through March. We will revoke her voting rights related to any spending requests related to the library; however this does not present any conflicts of interest per the bylaws.
* Yearbook: Lacey is preparing the yearbook and would like to receive more photos: grantwattphotos@gmail.com.
* Family Movie Night: We will be presenting Wreck-It-Ralph. There will be raffle baskets that will be drawn randomly per each attending child.
* Talent Show: We have confirmed May 3 as the date and we will be seeking parent volunteers. The committee is being formed presently.
* Financial reviewers: We are seeking volunteers to review finances in January.

**Treasurer’s Report: Deanna Erhardt**

* Deanna Erhardt presented the report, including:
	+ Checking: 12,531.12
	+ Savings $247.97
	+ Money market savings $52,182.80.
* Our remaining contingency funds are available in the amount of $ .

**Spring Auction (April 13): Poppy Elshaug**

* Kickoff meeting: Thursday, January 24, 7 p.m. at Grant Watts library.
	+ We will post meeting to Facebook
* Auction Area Coordinators: We are seeking shadows for next year as many coordinators are in place for this year.
* Support for procurement: We are seeking support for phone calls that are a follow up to initial outreach.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

* Spring Auction, April 13
	+ Procurement
* Heart & Arrows Dance, Feb. 8
	+ Photographer
	+ DJ
	+ Décor

**Open Lead Positions Needed:**

* Annual Spring Auction Shadow: We are seeking a parent volunteer who may be interested in shadowing the event. Please contact Poppy if you are interested.

**Lead Reports:**

* N/A

**School District Updates:**

* Poppy Elshaug presented the December meeting update:
	+ GWPO discussion for gifting for retiring teacher Marcie Wood with a plaque of appreciation
	+ Community comments: Crude oil trains and their impact; controversial Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) book/reading *George*; lack of district parent/community volunteers.
	+ Superintendent search: Was reapproved and is now underway.

**Old Business:**

* N/A

**Special Spending Request Vote:**

* N/A

**Adjournment**

Tia Rushing adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

**Upcoming District Meetings:**

Scappoose School District Board Meeting- Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m. District office

**Upcoming Grant Watts Events:**

* Family Movie Night, Jan. 11
* No School Jan. 21, Jan. 25
* Hearts & Arrows Dance, Feb. 8

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 | 7 p.m.**