**January Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2020**

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

**Attendees:**

Poppy Elshaug, Virginia Fenstermaker, Erin Frugia, Stephenie West, Erica Smith, Megan Moon Meinecke, Mary Ann Triska, Kate Anicker

**I.** **Call to Order:**

* Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m. by president Poppy Elshaug.

**II. President’s Report:**

* Poppy Elshaug shared that she has accepted a full-time teaching position with Grant Watts and will not be able to continue her role as president according to GWPO bylaws. Her resignation will be effective immediately and a new president will need to be voted.

**III.** **Guest Speakers:**

* Mrs. Stearns presented on the following:
  + Grant Watts Giving: was a greater success compared to years past thanks to the collaboration with GWPO and our service project initiative for Auction prep. See the results in the “howler”, just released the first week back. Special thank you to Kate and Ivy for their work to secure donation bags in an effort to ease donation process for kids and communication to families. Will use in future. Second grade was the winning grade for a special recess. Mrs. Stearns looked into a snow machine but determined the cost was not acceptable.
  + Love and Logic: Free workshop for GWE Families, event for parents only but free child care available (donations accepted but not required). Feb. 8, Feb. 20, March 4 and there are raffles for each family attending. Being a workshop, it’s encouraged for families to attend all three dates.
  + Scappoose School District: GWE will be sending home a health curriculum letter from the district in Tuesday folders (Jan. 14) to provide transparency on any lessons that will be taught. Hard copies will be available in the office as well. First letter will be in regards to Health curriculum. Other subjects to follow at a later date.
  + Scappoose Sprouts Learning Garden: It is not moving forward at this time due to equity concerns within the district. Board should consider a discussion with Dr. Porter to reopen this discussion and but GWPO to review the implications of the funds retained from two years ago and still being held in our account for this specific project. Mrs. Stearns is available to join a meeting between GWPO and Dr Porter if/when established.

**IV.** **Vice President’s Report: Erin Frugia**

* Erin Frugia presented on the following:
  + Annual Report 2017-2018 filing: though its late, our organization is in communications with our accountant and the State. We are moving forward to finishing our tax fillings as well as filing the Annual Report all within the coming month.
  + Grant Watts Giving: Thank you to everyone who supported the effort. We will author a letter of gratitude for Bi-Mart for their participation. Side note: in future, Bi-Mart needs 30 days notice for donations (including bags). Status of this project in relationship to our auction procurement process for Disney tickets is still motion.
  + Family Movie Night: January 10- FREE event
    - Thank you to Jason Moos for leading this event and we encourage everyone to bring their reusable water bottles.
  + Hearts & Arrows: Feb. 7
    - Thank you to Kate Anicker for leading
    - Volunteer sign-up forthcoming
    - Ticket sales upcoming
  + Talent Show shadow
    - We are seeking a shadow to support event lead, Ivy Freimuth, and be this events lead the following year; please contact the board with your interest.
    - Consider partnering with music teacher for promoting and seeking talent

**V.** **Treasurer’s Report:**

* Stephenie West presented the following:
  + Account balances as of [1/6/20 7 p.m.]
    - Checking $2032.86
    - Savings $247.97
    - Money Market $52,234.99
    - Certificate $19,343.12 (matures May 2020)
    - Will be depositing Box Tops funds, $809.60, this week! A huge thanks to Erica Smith for her coordination efforts and all who submitted clips and/or scanned their receipts. These efforts have more than doubled last year’s Box Tops contributions.

**VI.** **2020 Auction:**

* Stephenie West presented on the following:
  + Invitations in Tuesday Folders this week
  + Encourage everyone to purchase tickets at www.GWPO.org/Auction, we are still allowing purchase of Friends and Family or Corporate Tables
  + Procurement is now up to 90 donations
  + Next meeting will be Jan. 16, 7 p.m. at Virginia Fenstermaker’s home. Contact board for address.

**VII. Other Business:**

* School Board November meeting highlights, including:
  + There is now a 6-month trial period for the public comment process requiring 10-days advance notice to get on the agenda.
    - Consideration: We need to get on the agenda for Auction 10 days prior to their March meeting

**VIII.** **Special Spending Requests Vote:**

* Contingency budget balance: $3,196.54
* Poppy Elshaug motioned to approve the spending request from Mrs. Cordell for Super Teacher Worksheets (individual) membership in the amount of $24.95. Erica Smith seconded. Motion passed.
* *Per above motions, $3,171.59 remains in the contingency budget.*

**IX. Officer Nominations:**

* Erin Frugia opened the floor for nominations for the role of president:
  + Kate Anicker self-nominated for the position and provided brief background.
  + Summer Hoag was nominated prior to meeting (not present due to work but accepted nomination and submitted statement) for GWPO president and her summary was read aloud.
* Poppy Elshaug motioned to delay the vote, due to low attendance, until the February meeting for further discussion around our candidates and allow GWPO to communicate the vote. Kate Anicker seconded. Motion passed.
* Poppy Elshaug will remain on bank account until February when the new president can be transitioned onto accounts. However, she turned over all access to GWPO accounts given her resignation. This is only to ease the banking process. Erin Frugia to be GWPO acting president in all matters until the vote in February.

**X. Discussion:**

* Stephenie West would like to build a committee to explore the execution of the Community Garden project. She will be emailing members, present at tonight’s meeting, to coordinate an initial plan.
* Next meeting will be February 4th instead of the 5th. Given new Executive Board members, other meetings may need to be changed. We will make these updates to our social media sites and give notice at the February meeting.

**XI.** **Adjournment:**

* Erin Frugia adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.