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**Redoubt Elementary School PTA
March 7, 2017 General Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: President Emily Manley – Call to order at 3:48 PM

Members in Attendance: Emily Manley, Jamie Gossman, Stephanie Belger, Jennifer Youngberg, Haylee Howarth, Natalie Howarth, Holly Frederickson, Chrissy Morrison, and Angie Kenner. Quorum is present.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as written.

Secretary's Report: Jamie Gossman – Handout minutes, approved as written. Reminder that Funfest moved to April 21st.

Treasurer's Report: Jamie Gossman - Handout report and YTD budget report. Check numbers are now included on the report.

Stephanie Belger – Handout Carnival Financial Report. Stephanie explained the revenue pie chart and totals. Biggest earner is silent auction at \$3,140 followed by the raffle at \$1,520. The fee paid to Bridges for using their gaming permit was \$108.72, very worth it! Final numbers will be reported at April meeting. Stephanie suggested we moved the date for next year. This year was planned around a busy time and attendance was down.

Announcements & Standing Committee Reports:

1. **President's Report:** Emily Manley – Shared a feel good moment about how the biography books that the PTA purchased for the library in the past have benefited our school, and her family specifically.
2. **Principal's Report:** Bill Withrow
 - The winter carnival was a success, thanks to all the volunteers from the community, RCA, and especially the SoHi baseball team.
 - Forensics was phenomenal, the kids were great, and it helped to bring some kids out of their shell.
 - 6th graders have already registered for Skyview Middle elective classes and will be visiting Skyview in April.
 - Kindergarten registration is on March 27th, 28th, and 29th.
 - March 9th is last day of school before Spring Break, teacher work day is the 10th.
 - Field trip season is here – too many to list.
3. **Box Tops Report:** Jamie Gossman – Mrs. Hayes' class collected the most box tops in February and won a popcorn/movie party. 2nd batch of box tops submitted, totaled \$240. Brings YTD \$900, plus what will be collected by the end of school in May.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Winter Carnival, thank you committee update:** Stephanie Belger –Thank you to all the committee leaders for the amazing leadership. This year was the smoothest, most organized ever. We had many community volunteers, including the SoHi baseball team who we gave a \$100 donation for their time. Stephanie is creating a form for suggestions for next year's carnival. This year we had downsized our business list for donation requests to repeat donors whom we have established a relationship with. Thank you committee: We will be hand-delivering a Certificate of Appreciation to each of our donors. Stephanie is looking for volunteers to help.
2. **Teacher Appreciation:** As discussed last month, the popular idea is to provide coffee and muffins on the morning of the first day back from Spring Break, Monday March 20th.

New Business:

1. **PTA Board/Officer positions open for 2017/2018 school year:** The PTA has discovered this year that all officer positions are a one-year term with a 2-term limit, meaning we must hold an election every year for every position. Emily Manley has nominated herself to run for President for a 2nd term, all nominations are welcome!
2. **Elf Shelf:** Emily Manley is stepping down as head of the Elf Shelf committee, so we are in need of a volunteer(s) to take charge. If no one steps up by mid-April then the PTA will not provide Elf Shelf next year. There is a lot of time and hard work involved, such as ordering products, Fall preparation, scheduling classroom shop times, recruiting volunteers, supervise shopping days, responsibility of money and taking inventory.

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- 3. **Funfest food:** Many requests to transfer leftover carnival concessions to Funfest. Details and amounts are not available yet, so a general motion was made by Jamie Gossman to increase Funfest expense budget to \$1400 [from \$1000] and to purchase remaining carnival concession food. Angie Kenner 2nd. All in favor none opposed. Since Funfest has exceeded the \$1000 budget, this allows Lauri Kapp, as head of Funfest, to work out details of the transfer and to purchase other concessions items needed.
- 4. **Bylaws Revision:** Our PTA is required to renew bylaws by May, want input from members on extending or abolishing term limits. The overall idea in discussion was to extend term limits to 3 years to better accommodate our small group. The Board will be meeting to submit revision to Alaska PTA. When we receive Alaska PTA approval after 4-6 weeks, the revised bylaws will be posted for 30 days and then voted on by the membership.

Note: Mrs. Buckbee came at the end of the meeting and shared with the group how great Reflex Math is and that is has helped improve the multiplication timed tests in the classroom.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM by Emily Manley

Note: The next PTA meeting will be held on April 11, 2017 at 3:45 PM in the staff lounge.
As always complimentary childcare will be provided.
