

**Snoqualmie Valley PTSA Council 2.18**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**March 29, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., District Building**

Proper notice was given to all members and a quorum was present. For a list of the attendees, see the Sign-In Sheet that follows these minutes.

**I. Welcome & Introductions:** Cathy Renner and Ahn Lee Horn, Co-Presidents: Cathy Renner called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**II. Review & Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2010 General Mtg.:** There were two changes noted and made to the draft minutes from the January 25, 2010 General Meeting. Lorraine Thurston made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Deborah Doy seconded the motion. The draft minutes were approved with the two amendments.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Laurie Edwards, Treasurer, reported that there was no financial activity this month. The Treasurer's Books were on hand and available for review.

**IV. Public Comment:** Lorraine Thurston thanked everyone for coming to the Parent Ed Seminars that CVES sponsored.

**V. President's Report:** Cathy Renner and Ahn Lee Horn

-**Standing Rules Training:** This will take place on April 14, 2010 in the District Office Board Room from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Incoming and current presidents and secretaries should attend. However, all current and incoming board members are welcome to attend. RSVPs are appreciated to allow Council to know how many copies of the training materials should be made.

-Local unit officers should bring a copy of their local unit's Standing Rules. Cathy Renner said that she has reviewed some local unit standing rules and noticed that there are some common and simple mistakes being made.

-**WSPTA Convention:** April 30 – May 2 SeaTac Doubletree Hotel

-Registration Fees have increased this year

- \$150.00 if postmarked on or before April 5, or \$190.00 after then.

- Two people can share a single registration for a \$15.00 transfer fee.

- There are also a limited number of volunteer positions on WSPTA website so you can go for free.

- PTA and the Law will be an extra \$20 but the program will be updated and offered in the fall so members may want to wait to take the training then.

- Voting delegate cards can only be used if the delegate registers, pays, and attends convention.

**VI. Nominating Committee Report:** Betsy Evensen, Geoff Doy, Beth Burrows: The Nominating Committee was successful in getting people from all three areas of the valley

to serve as officers on the Council for next year. The Committee presented the following slate of candidates:

Slate for 2010/2011 Exec. Officers  
Co-Presidents: Ahn Lee Horn & Geoff Doy  
Co-Vice Presidents: Sue Korol & Lori Hollasch  
Secretary: Cheryl Duncan  
Treasurer: Laurie Edwards

There were no nominations from the floor. As there were no further nominations, Cheryl Duncan, secretary, read Section 6 of the WSPTA By-Laws aloud. Liz Piekarczyk made a motion that the entire slate be elected. Carol Masters seconded the motion and there was a unanimous vote in favor the motion. Cathy Renner thanked the Nominating Committee for all of their hard work.

**VII. Golden Acorn:** Betsy Evensen

-Golden Acorn nominations should be submitted to Betsy Evensen by April 15, 2010. The nomination form is on the Council website and has been forwarded to all of the local unit presidents. Betsy noted that it is an honor to be recognized at the district level.

-The Committee will award up to 3 Golden Acorns this year for extraordinary volunteer service to the PTSA and the Snoqualmie Valley Community. The awards will be made at Council's next General Meeting on May 24, 2010.

-The Golden Acorn Committee consists of Liz Piekarczyk, Betsy Evensen, Geoff Doy, and Carolyn Simpson.

**VIII. Vice President's Report:** Liz Piekarczyk

Liz announced that Council is planning to hold a Recognition Reception for local PTA Award Recipients on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The location will be announced later. PTSA Presidents and principals will be there. Local units should let Council know when their awards are given out so the awardees can be invited to the reception. The reception will include all award winners, including Golden Acorn, 100% Trained Award, Shining Stars and Outstanding Educator winners.

**IX. Committee Reports**

-Membership: Lori Cobb, Chair, was not present so Cathy Renner presented the following information on behalf of Lori:

\*WSPTA membership dues are increasing by 25¢ next year, so local units should adjust their Standing Rules and next year's budget to take this change into account, if necessary.

\*Snoqualmie Elementary earned the Gold Level Award. Congratulations!

-Legislative: Rebecca Russell, Chair, was not present so Cathy Renner presented the following information on behalf of Rebecca:

\*The Governor signed several bills today regarding education. The budget impasse in Olympia continues and the House and Senate can't agree. The Governor raised the possibility of imposing an across the board cut to balance budget, as required by law.

**X. Superintendent's Report:** Joel Aune, SVSD Superintendent, provided the following information on the 2010-2011 SVSD Budget:

-**Legislative Update:** The Legislature has been in special session since March 15. There is still no agreement on the budget, but the Legislature did vote to lift the levy lid for school districts today. As a result, every school district in the entire state has a 4% increase in the levy lid. This will give the SVSD the chance to collect more money in M&O Levy funds.

-**Highlights of Governor's Budget Reductions:** There is expected to be a loss of revenue of \$1.8 million to the SVSD budget based on the Governor's proposed budget, out the SVSD's present \$50 million budget. This reduction is on top of last year's 3.2% budget reduction. There may also be changes in the K-4 staff ratio, and the elimination of funds for Highly Capable programs and I-728 Student Achievement. There will also no longer be a Learning Improvement Day funded for teachers.

-**Budget Timeline and Work Plan:** Thanks to the levy lid increase and regular staff attrition, Mr. Aune is fairly confident that the district will not find it necessary to lay off any teachers this year. Therefore, the budget plan will not be unveiled until later in May. Most of the budget work will be done in May and June. The district will continue to monitor and evaluate the budget impasse in Olympia.

**XI. Adjournment and Door Prizes:** Door prizes were awarded to Steven Hanks and Lyn Seidel. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.