

**Royal Oak Middle School PTSA
General Meeting MINUTES
Monday, March 18th, 2013**

Present at the meeting were: Cindy Murphy, Diane Dovico, Clyde Esbri, Marty Cardamone, Jodi Tillander, Cindy Stanley, MaryAnne VanHaitsma, Zoe Marcus, Lisa Liu.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10PM by President MaryAnne VanHaitsma.

President's Report (MaryAnne VanHaitsma):

- Need a better way to get volunteers. Create a volunteer database at the beginning of the school year, using info gathered on PTSA membership forms? Use Signupgenius? Will work on.
- Membership form for 2013-2014 will be updated with a "donation" line.
- Founders' Day went well. ROMS PTSA received the Silver membership award for 96% membership.
- Mr. Foreman is the ROMS Relay for Life chair.
- Student Council is sponsoring a carnation sale (orders due by March 21st) as a fundraiser for the Welcome Inn.
- March 20th is the Oakland ISD "State of the Schools" event.
- Dream Home Expo is March 23rd.
- ROHS play is "Stage Door" and runs March 22nd through 24th.
- RO Children's Choir concert on March 24th at Berkley HS.
- Project Healthy Schools has finished the classroom portion. Ran from January 30th through March 4th; students will be doing follow-up information.
- Parking volunteers for Arts-Beats-and-Eats? Will use Signupgenius to see if there is enough interest.
- Slate of officers for 2013-2014 will be presented at the April meeting.
- Several parent education programs/events coming up; check website for details.
- Several educational/cultural arts programs have been paid for by the PTSA:
 - Birds of prey for 7th grade for \$366.51
 - Maureen Esther for 6th grade for \$500
 - First Emperor of China for 7th grade \$900
 - 6th grade camp donation of \$1000
- Teen Nights will be on April 19th and May 10th.
- Directory distribution has been completed.
- Next meeting is April 15th.

Secretary's Report (Cindy Murphy): Need to approve minutes of the November and December meetings; no quorum, so postponed to April. Note: No quorum at the January meeting, either, so no minutes from that meeting (only 4 people present).

No Treasurer's Report this month.

Principal's Report (Zoe Marcus):

- MEAP results are in, and ROMS's scores went up.
- ACT Explore (8th grade math) also went up.
- MYP program is moving into the 9th grade at ROHS next year, then into the 10th grade in 2014-2015.
- All students have been scheduled online.
- Washington DC trip is coming up soon.
- Gator ball (Student Council fundraiser) was a huge success, raising \$1000 for the American Cancer Society.
- Pauline Schulz has been named the RO Middle School Teacher of the Year.
- Anti bullying program is going well; is being presented in LEAP classes.
- 5th to 6th grade transition activities are continuing. The ROMS bulldog visited all of the elementary schools. Michael Betman will be next year's 6th grade counselor. 5th grade parent meeting in May.
- All City Band is March 19th; All City Orchestra is March 20th.
- Dream Home Expo is March 23rd.

Board Liaison's Report (Marty Cardamone):

- ROHS principal search is going on. Nine candidates interviewed in first round. Second round of interviews with smaller candidate pool soon. New principal will be named at the April 11th board meeting.
- ROSD stands to lose \$200,000 in state aid in 2013-2014.
- EAA bill has passed the House committee; watered down from original.
- Various guns-in-schools bills in committees; nothing "serious" yet.

- Administrative offices will move to Churchill if current Board Office is sold. Lincoln property has been sold. Whittier lots are sold. Twain sale is up in the air.
- Sinking funds will be available on July 1st. New entrances will be constructed at Oakland, OakRidge and ROHS this summer; new bleachers at ROHS. Property fund work will be done at OakRidge this summer, too.

Guest Speaker from Royal Oak Community Coalition (Diane Dovico):

- “Spring Break 2013” coupons available for Spring break discounts at various local businesses. (Available online on the ROHS PTSA website.)
- Also “Fun Under 20” discounts/activities at local venues.
- Three part series being offered at the RO Public Library on Teen Mental Health and Substance Abuse issues on April 25th, May 2nd, and May 9th. Series is free, but registration is required.
- Holistic Health and Wellness Fair on April 20th at ROHS from 10AM-3PM. Free; donations welcome.

No Committee Reports.

No Old Business.

New Business: Proposed Bylaws changes (to be voted on at the April 15th, 2013 meeting):

Motion by Cindy Murphy, seconded by Jodi Tillander, to change from:

Article VII: Officers and Their Election

Section 3.a. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, three (3) vice presidents, two (2) secretaries (recording and corresponding), a historian, two (2) members-at-large, and a treasurer.

to:

Article VII: Officers and Their Election

Section 3.a. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, **two (2) vice presidents, one (1) secretary**, a historian, two (2) members-at-large, and a treasurer.

Reasoning: To streamline the running of the ROMS PTSA, and better reflect officers’ duties as currently performed.

Motion by Cindy Murphy, seconded by Jodi Tillander, to change from:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 3. The recording secretary shall:

- Keep an accurate record of the minutes of all meetings of the association and of the executive board,
- Have a current copy of the bylaws;
- Maintain a membership list;
- Perform other delegated duties as assigned;

Section 4. The corresponding secretary shall:

- Conduct the correspondence delegated to him/her.
- Immediately following the election, send the name and address of the newly elected president to the Michigan PTSA Office.
- Perform other delegated duties as assigned;

to:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 3. The **secretary** shall:

- Keep an accurate record of the minutes of all meetings of the association and of the executive board;
- Have a current copy of the bylaws;
- Maintain a membership list;
- Conduct the correspondence delegated to him/her;
- Immediately following the election, send the name and address of the newly elected president to the Michigan PTA Office;
- Perform other delegated duties as assigned.

Notes: This change is "housekeeping" that will need to be done if the previous proposed change passes. This change will also change the numbering of the current sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Article VIII to sections 4-8 (as sections 3 & 4 have been combined).

Motion by Cindy Murphy, seconded by Jodi Tillander, to change from:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 5. I. Register the signature of the treasurer, the President, and one other officer usually the recording secretary. The name of the other officer shall be recorded by the recording secretary in the minutes of the September meeting. Signatures shall be registered for all financial accounts maintained by the association. Simultaneous with the registration of current fiscal year signatures, the names of previous year's signatories shall be removed unless they are the same.

to:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 4.I. Register the signature of the treasurer, the President and one other officer, usually the **secretary**. The name of the other officer shall be recorded by the **secretary** in the minutes of the September meeting. Signatures shall be registered for all financial accounts maintained by the association. Simultaneous with the registration of current fiscal year signatures, the names of the previous year's signatories shall be removed unless they are the same.

Note: This change is a "housekeeping" change if the previous two changes pass. The numbering of the section changed, due to the combining of sections 3 & 4 previously.

Motion by Cindy Murphy, seconded by Jodi Tillander, to change from:

Article XV: Disbandment

Section 4. Approval of disbandment of a local unit shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and entitled to vote at the meeting, a quorum being present. The recording secretary shall notify their council president, if part of a council, Field Service Representative and the Michigan PTSA Office of the decision.

to:

Article XV: Disbandment

Section 4. Approval of disbandment of a local unit shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and entitled to vote at the meeting, a quorum being present. The **secretary** shall notify their council president, if part of a council, Field Service Representative and the Michigan PTA Office of the decision.

Note: This is a "housekeeping" change if the previous bylaw changes pass.

Motion by Jodi Tillander, seconded by Lisa Liu, to change from:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 2.c. In order of duty service (as presiding president), the three vice presidents are designated as, First vice president, Second vice president, and Third vice president.

to:

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 2.c. In order of duty service (as presiding president), the **two** vice presidents are designated as First Vice President and Second Vice President.

Note: This is also a "housekeeping" change, if the first bylaw change to Article VII, Section 3.a. passes.

Motion by Jodi Tillander, seconded by Cindy Murphy, to change from:

Article X: Meetings

Section 4. Nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any general, annual or special meeting of this association.

to:

Article X. Meetings

Section 4. **Seven (7)** members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any general, annual or special meeting of this association.

Reasoning: This change is proposed to align the necessary quorum number with the new officers' numbers. The number of elected officers will change from 10 down to 8 if the proposed change to Article VII, Section 3.a. passes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06PM.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia M. Murphy, ROMS Recording Secretary