

Duniway Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Dec 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Krystin Rose, president, at 7:04 p.m. in the Duniway library.

PTA President, Krystin Rose, welcomed everyone: Attendees introduced themselves.

Committee Chair Updates:

--Duniway Sweatshirts sale are a new PTA fundraiser opportunity that arose at the last minute. All current stock was sold at the Home Tour boutique and more are ordered and will be sold later this week.
--Home tour: Went very well. PTA board sent a card to thank you card to the chairs.

Christine Morita-McVey provided an update on the beautification/school modernization committee: She talked about the committee's goal to re-do the area where trees were removed. They are working on a grant, \$9,500, to finish the peace garden and connect runoff for sewer, hire a professional landscape architect to redesign/de-pave Northwest corner, and add covered bike racks. The committee is seeking the PTA's support for this effort and project. They are also going to seek support and approval from the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association.

Dean Wier provided a Duniway Foundation update: The Fall Annual Fund Campaign is behind its projected goal to date. They plan to do a direct contact campaign to ensure everyone is aware of need and has a chance to contribute. Dining-for-Dollars events have been going well, as well as the Innisbrook fundraiser. This year's Black & White Ball Auction planning is underway and the event will be held in the same venue as the past two years.

Cath Clark, co-treasurer, provided a budget review: Things are going well, but the budget presented does not yet reflect the proceeds of Home Tour/boutique. It appears the Home Tour brought in \$15,000 or more, but final receipts are not in. The boutique brought in \$3,300-\$3,400 profit. The sweatshirt sale has earned about \$800 in profit thus far.

Need a new kindergarten roundup chair – just lost our committee lead! A new member, with a kindergarten child, provided some feedback about the roundup and thought it was a good event.

Members reviewed the November 2011 meeting minutes, but could not take action on them because there was not a quorum of members (nine needed) to vote for approval.

PTA vs. PTO: Christine Morita-McVey spoke that her primary concern is the \$9.50 per person that goes to the national organization – taking this money out of our school – and you must be a member to vote. Her other concern is the face-to-face meetings that PTA requires, but would not be a requirement if we were a PTO. Dean Wier spoke as a real estate agent who belonged to a national organization that recently voted to become a regional organization versus a national one so it could push local concerns. A new member, John, talked about his experience with the Oregon PTA as a field representative for Sen. Merkley. Christina supported his position and emphasized the value for a national voice in education. Nina Levine spoke as a teacher and her appreciation for PTA's national and state advocacy. Krystin emphasized the importance of having this discussion and this provides that forum. Deborah Kaufory suggested we invite an Oregon PTA representative to come to a meeting to discuss what they are working on and how our school benefits. There was continued discussion of various aspects of this issue by those in attendance. Krystin encouraged everyone to think about it and to continue the discussion.

Meeting adjourned by Krystin Rose at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Duniway PTA secretary Christina Austin-Smith.