

September 20th 2018
Sojourner School Community Information Meeting
PTA and Foundation

Attendance: 20

PTA board: Jane Rice, Tracy Waage, Erin O'Neill, Brenda Bonk, Dawnida Holscher

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Foundation Board: Mindy Hillard, Crystal Collinsworth

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Everyone introduced themselves.

Mike, a local guy, came and pitched a fundraising website, People's Choice. Gift certificates to 2 local businesses for a \$25 gift to the school. Many businesses to choose from.

PTA Membership discussed. (PTA)

Why be a pta member? To vote on how PTA spends PTA money. You do not need to be a member to attend meetings or volunteer at the school. Membership is \$10 if you use cash or check. If you register online, the cost is \$12.50.

PTA Membership Form: To join the PTA as a voting member, [complete this form](#). To join online by credit card, <https://www.oregonpta.org/membership>.

Jog-a-Thon (PTA)

Matt is looking for someone to take over Jog-a-Thon. Time commitment is recruitment and then the morning of the Jog-a-Thon.

Kick off to school year. First PTA fundraiser of the year.
Each kid asked to raise \$35, which will add up to \$6,000.
Will go toward Swim Week, Spanish Curriculum, Easels.

Projectors - a walk through is happening soon and projectors should be installed this year. Jog-a-Thon of previous years paid for these.

Looking for Jog-a-Thon volunteers:

<https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/12434e2668b>

Set up will start right after 8am on Thursday September 27th. Signs need to be hung etc.

Jog-a-Thon packets went home this week in take home folders.

Kids wear school colors (blue and purple) and crazy socks.

Auction / Raffle - Foundation

Mindy from the Foundation speaks about the Auction. Foundation was founded to fill a funding gap, pays for part of violin, part of Spanish, and all of Orff. Auction generally makes \$40,000-\$50,000 each year.

The raffle was aimed at non school families (broader community). This year there is no raffle coordinator, if no one steps into this role then the raffle will not occur this year.

They are also looking for Auction Chairs, ie people who have specific major roles in putting on the Auction. Looking to bring in people to train over the next few years so that when these ladies' children graduate they have knowledgeable successors.

They also need regular volunteers for smaller bits of Auction work.

[Fred Meyer card](#) - you can link your Fred Meyer rewards card to the Sojourner Education Foundation and make money for the program with every purchase. Also, you can make your Amazon purchases through Amazon Smile and link it to the Sojourner Education Foundation. These are two easy ways to make money for the program at Sojourner.

Website (<https://sojournerschoolcommunity.com/>) - still being updated.

Ms Peck, Intermediate Teacher spoke. The teachers enjoyed that the Ice Cream Social was at a time of day and a weekday that allowed the teachers to come without having to come back to school and be away from their families.

This year's theme is Dynamic.
Sojourner's 20th anniversary.

Auction theme will be extra special for the 20th anniversary, lower price, \$25. Hope this allows more folks to come.

Fundraising

PTA

Bottle Drop (fill up special blue bags with returnables, and drop them off at a Bottle Drop). Looking for a Bottle Drop coordinator. They would just need to get the bags out. Folks return the bags themselves.

Dine Out

Looking for a new Dine Out Coordinator. They would recruit restaurants to participate, then encourage parents to go to the Dine Out evenings.

Scrip

Looking for a Scrip Coordinator. This person could start later, November or December to get money to go to the school from folk's holiday gift purchases.

Keepsakes - PTA

Lori spoke about Keepsakes. It is quite a bit of work, but the results and what the parents get out of it are great. If someone wanted to take over you take photos of their artwork and then parents can choose to put it on a variety of mediums (keychains, magnets, coffee cups). The most work is coordinating, taking photos of artwork, and then matching children's artwork to the kids' names. There is company that Linwood uses. Wouldn't make as much money, but it would still be fundraiser.

Volunteering - Both Foundation and PTA

Our school is heavily volunteer based.

We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator. This person should be great at reaching out to people. Need to work with a website. Social Media. They should be a good communicator. Allie, the former Volunteer Coordinator is still here for one more year to train her successor. It could also be multiple people. Both boards as well as the office are looking for one person to come to with volunteers, and or volunteer questions.

Enrichment Night - PTA

Last year we did about three Enrichment Nights. We would need a committee. These evenings are not fundraisers, they are just fun times for the families. Lori says this is an easy position. She suggests about three people split it. Mindy suggests that we put three Enrichment Nights out there and ask for volunteers to run each.

Directory -PTA

Last two years Lori did this. Lori has the excel spreadsheet. It would just need be updated a bit. Folks like to get this as quickly as possible. This could also be handled by a team as opposed to an individual.

Green Team - PTA

Free Meet Up Night, Eco School Network Dessert Makeup. Green Team took training for the Eco School Network. They also did a Waste Audit. Also run Pods. We are very close to Eco School Network Certification. Green Team decides themselves what to focus their efforts on. Looking for folks to run a winter Pod.

Levy - Local parent

For more information contact Tara Nelson, tara.nelson@alaskaair.com
PTA and Foundation asked to give donations toward this. Could be tax write off.
Teachers, Admin are not allowed to say to vote for it. Funding and school days are going to be cut. This levy would supplement this. This would essentially be a homeowner tax. There is a meeting on October 4th, 6:30 - 7:15 pm addressing this. It is a joint meeting with Linwood at our school.

Additional dates listed on the Agenda:

Thursday, September 27 is Jog-A-Thon

Thursday, October 4 – We strongly urge and welcome you to come and meet NCSD Superintendent, Matt Utterback. He will be on campus to talk to everyone at both Sojourner and Linwood jointly, about the upcoming Local Levy being voted on in November.

Community meetings in the Library from 6 - 7 pm on the following dates:

October 18, January 17, February 21, April 18, and May 16

March 1 – Annual School Auction (foundation)