

Shuksan PTSA

General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2016

Members in Attendance: Amy Zender, Robin Mills, Angie Strand, Sophia Strand, Joe Fisher, Kylie Fleming, Sharon King, Wendy Isenhardt, Lori Wolf, Tina Allsop and Amy Carder.

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from October: Kylie Fleming moved to approve, Wendy Isenhardt second. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Robin Mills

- Fred Meyer Rewards increasing.
- More checks coming in from the Middle School Fundraiser.

Turkey Trot: Amy Zender

- Vouchers instead of turkeys.
- Fred Meyer matched our \$90 which gave us 9 vouchers.
- Ribbons for top 10 boys and girls in each grade.
- Cider being served instead of hot chocolate.
- Amy Carder has a few other raffle items for the assembly.

Special Guest: Sophia Strand-8th Grade Shuksan Student, ASB co-president

Sophia spoke about the many clubs and groups that are available at Shuksan. She gave a brief description of each club, who leads the club and when the club meets. Wendy Isenhardt asked Sophia what the biggest challenge is to getting kids to join clubs, Sophia answered with how early most of the clubs meet, students would rather sleep in. Here are some highlights:

- BEATS, most popular/biggest
- ASB, very popular this year. They meet most Fridays at 8am in Mrs. Meese's room. More involved with leadership and spirit days.

- Mentor Program
- Choir Club
- Prevention Crew
- Social Action Club
- Art Club
- LGBTQ
- Debate Club, just starting up-mentioned by Ali Steffan

Special Guests: Ali Steffan, Site coordinator for Communities in Schools. Chelsea, assistant with Communities in Schools. Josalyn, a Shuksan student who has benefited from the work Ali and Chelsea are doing. Josalyn spoke about how she is supported both with school issues and home issues. Ali and Chelsea spoke about the nonprofit organization, Communities in Schools. They work within the BEATS program to offer support to students to be successful in all aspects of their lives. They offer individual check-ins, lunch groups, media literacy programs, field trips, open gym, basic needs resources. One of the main focuses of their presentation was *Winter Wishes*. *Winter Wishes* is a program offered to BEATS students during this December in which a student can anonymously write a wish or need for another student or themselves. The slips of paper say:

I've noticed that ___needs___. Or, I've noticed that ___wants___.

This is a student led program that encourages students to support one another. There is a go fund me page where donations can be made to help pay for the wishes:
gofundme.com/winterwishes-sms.

Principal Speak: Amy Carder

Amy Carder asked for feedback on the ways in which she and the school can communicate with parents and students to make sure we are informed and know how we can be involved.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 24th at 7p.m. in the Shuksan Library!

