

**Shuksan PTSA  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2016  
Shuksan Library 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Many in Attendance - A great big group - 30 plus!**

**Call to Order:** 7:03 p.m.

Introductions by Angie Zender, Vice President of PTSA Board, Rebecca Pratt, President, Robin Mills, Treasurer, Ann Lackland, Secretary and Members-At-Large.

Guests included Aly Stefan, AmeriCorps member, BEatS Coordinator, Sean Flikke, Mrs. Meese ASB Advisor/Leadership, Cathy Dooley and Kim Lund from the Bellingham Foundation.

**Bellingham Foundation Presentation - Cathy Dooley and Kim Lund**

- Video shown made at Shuksan via work of BEATS staff.
- Money is divided equally by middle schools.
- If donating online, share names with PTSA everyday to get credit.
- The short time frame was set by PTSA to get done, there was a sense of urgency.
- It is a 501C3 non-profit - The Bellingham Public Schools Foundation (tax deductible)
- If donate online, can acknowledge and create receipt, take checks too.
- Concern about undue burden of fundraisers piling up - shift weeks vs all at the same time.

**Budget Report - Treasurer, Robin Mills**

- New Winter Ball?
- Can earn dollars via Fred Meyer, not Haggen
- Enchilada Fundraisers
- Will revisit budget after Fall Fundraising

**Principal's Report - Amy Carder**

- PTSA at Shuksan was given a general overview and how it differs at the middle school level. Students take leadership roles and do more. The PTSA role is fundraising, supporting with time, volunteer hours, ideas, expertise, funds, materials.
- No pay to play anymore - that has increased the need for jerseys and got them!—>

### **Shuksan Leadership and ASB - Mrs. Meese**

- Mrs. Meese explained how PTSA was instrumental in helping send students to leadership camp and showed a clip of the happenings and student comments about the camp.
- Contact Sophia Strand and Spencer Kaiser who are Co-Presidents together. Students meet Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. - just show up, anyone can join, room 211.
- They will vote on camp in February. The camp is from August 5-8th.

### **BEatS - Sean Flikke**

- It is a before/after school program to engage disengaged kids and parents, to create a physically and emotionally safe place.
- It was created from the Federal 21st Century Grant and the program is in year 3 of 5 and hope there is sustainability.
- There were not many middle schools that were given this grant.
- Homework support time is well attended.
- Staff listen to kids and the kids get to choose their activities.
- The morning is calmer, checking planners and the afternoon is more enrichment.

### **Shuksan Autumn Mayhem Craft Fair - October 15, 2016**

- There is a Sign Up Genius. There will be a bake sale - need donations.
- There are vendors - students as well.

### **PAC Announcements**

- Opening of new Happy Valley from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on October 20.
- Work on the Bus Levy - will be on November ballot - be sure to vote!

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:30 p.m.