



**Louisa Boren STEM K-8 PTA Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, February 8, 2024 – 6:30-8 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Christy Markham, Tom Every, Erin Mich, Ryan Bennett, Kate Moore, Margo Bergman, Roman Honeycutt, Lauren Browhan, Jane Altemose, Laura Crystal, Hannah Tracy

**1. Call to Order – Christy Markham**

- a. Land Acknowledgment: The Louisa Boren STEM K8 PTA acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish Duwamish people, including the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe

**2. Approval of meeting minutes**

- a. Tom Every moved to approve, Kate Moore seconded
- b. Minutes approved unanimously

**3. Treasurer’s Report – Tom Every**

- a. Mission/Values: Enhance STEM Learning, Support PBL, Enrichment, School/Staff Support, Create a safe space, student/family/community building
- b. Budget actuals: Income to date \$33.051 K, Expenses \$20.456 K. Budget for the year is \$111K, so need to raise more funds
- c. Direct Give is currently at \$20,428.79, increased from ~\$15K when Direct Give closed
  - i. Goal \$25K
- d. Giving Tree total \$3383.64—this is a pass-through, closed at the end of Jan.
- e. Movie Night fundraiser raised \$620.72 for Robotics Club in Jan. and \$598.61 for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Islandwood Trip in Feb.
- f. The school is in the budgeting process right now, which will help us figure out how to plug in
- g. Our budgeting process will start end of April/early May
  - i. Will need to put together a budget committee—need active members of the PTA to join—not a huge lift
    1. Volunteers so far: Margo Bergman, Laura Crystal

**4. Community & Fundraising Events – Christy Markham and Erin Mich**

- a. Game Night—Erin Mich
  - i. Wed. Feb. 28, 5:30-7:30 in school cafeteria, co-hosted by Meeples
  - ii. 10-12 game ranging from K-8

- iii. Will be concession stand, including tamales made by a parent (gluten-free and vegan)
  - 1. Money will support the PTA
- iv. Sign-up genius went out for volunteers to help with the event
  - 1. Especially need snack and beverage donation
- v. Can bring your own games from home, too
- b. Pi Night planned for 3/14, time TBD (possibly dinner time)
  - i. Math Rock Girls
  - ii. Mary Ann Lambert reaching out to other orgs to hopefully join us
  - iii. Reaching out to math teachers to run activities
  - iv. Everyone will get a stamped passport, stamps for doing each activity, full passport gets you pie and pizza
    - 1. The rest of the pie and pizza will be up for sale as a PTA fundraiser
  - v. Still need to confirm it with the building—no conflicts that we can tell
  - vi. Conflicts with our PTA meeting, so we can either reschedule or make Pi Night our PTA meeting
  - vii. Possibly open it up to the larger community
    - 1. In the past, we haven't had large numbers of non-STEM folks come to STEM events
  - viii. Margo Bergman has volunteered to help plan/execute
- c. Move-A-Thon
  - i. Mary Ann Lambert is running it again (thank you, Mary Ann!)
  - ii. Parents please send out your kids' website beyond our community—family, friends, social media, co-workers
  - iii. No candy for prizes
- d. Looking to run 1-2 more fundraisers this year—need ideas and people to take the lead, with PTA support
  - i. April is currently open

## 5. Open Positions

- a. Fundraising chair, Advocacy chair, LGBTQ chair, SPED chair

## ~~6. Open Enrollment — Paula Clement~~

- a. **Paula wasn't present**

## 7. STEM Garden Club –

- a. Gathering needs from staff and project list to prioritize. Garden beds for classroom use are top priority. Other potential projects include Sensory Garden, tree planting near playground fence, and more
- b. Garden Club will organize two work parties in March to clean up beds and grounds, as time allows. Katie will email interested parties with Doodle to choose dates.

## ~~8. BST Update — Aeryn Gray~~

**i. Aeryn wasn't present**

9. Ms. Betts is new librarian, replacing Ms. B—she wanted to be here tonight, but she wanted to say hi and she's excited to be our new librarian
10. This month's staff appreciation will be Feb. 14. Asking volunteers to donate snacks and treats.
11. Race and Equity Update—Hannah Tracy
  - a. Instead of BLM Week of Action, the school is doing a month of action, which will include a door-decorating contest and gallery walk
  - b. Currently planning NAAPID (National African American Parent Involvement Day) brunch for 2/12
    - i. Will be catered by Simply Soulful
  - c. Kate Moore passed out BLM stickers and buttons on Monday this week and has more to hand out
12. We will need to form a nominating committee in March that will begin meeting in April
  - a. Must consist of exactly three PTA members who are not running for office
- ~~13. Principal Check In—Ben Ostrom~~
  - ~~a. Meeting was adjourned before Ben could join us (he was at enrollment open house)~~
14. Adjourned by Christy Markham at 7:15 pm (roughly—I didn't mark the exact time)