

Sherman PTSA General Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: April 16, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: In-Person @ the Library; Virtual on Zoom, Link at ShermanPTSA.com

Meeting member notification: Posted on website, weekly email, school bulletin board, social media and around the building.

Quorum: 10

Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

Housekeeping:

- Attendees: In-Person and Zoom
- Approval of March 2025 Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Member
 - Seconded by Member
 - All approved.

Standing Order & Upcoming Business

Treasurer's Report

- 2025 March Financial Review
- Bank Balances (Checking- \$89,527.08, Savings-\$35,015.05)
- This does not include the Auction, which raised apx \$40k
- Filed 23-24 990
- Looking for folks interested in being on the Finance Committee to review expenses and proposed budget for the next year. 1 member expressed interest.
- PBL- Two teachers have spent their funds with most still having balances. Clarified PBL use- Supplies, ongoing professional development, experiences that enrich the students learning, equipment to support. Discussed the spirit is to be focused on STEAM.
- Email to Staff requested receipts to be submitted by June 6th, sent from Sheramanelementaryptsa@gmail.com may have gone to junk for some staff. Staff will update teachers to look for it.
- Each class gets \$400
- For continuing education and professional services PTSA would like to pre-approve so PTSA knows if a W9 is needed and to support the newer process of using funds for professional development.

Membership

- 98

2025-2026 Nominating Committee

- Time of year to start the three step process, all Board Members have expressed interest in returning to their current positions. Open VP role. The previous year's VP moved part way through the year, hence the opening.
- Parent and previous board member has expressed she will be on the committee and is looking for additional committee members.
- Process:
 - Develop Nominating Committee
 - At May Meeting Nominating Committee brings nominations
 - At June Meeting Nominations are voted on.

Inclusion and Belonging

- Developed survey template to support feedback loops on events.
- Discussed equity lens and how to embed in PSTA decision making and culture. Have a living document that can grow with the work of the PTSA.
- Discussed hope that part of the Nominating Committee could also support recruitment for standing committees like Inclusion and Belonging and Finance.

Theatre Updates

- Tickets are on sale, thus far with new vendor sales has been going well.
- Can get a physical ticket
- With spring break being later, this has pushed the schedule back a bit. Costumes will be purchased this week, set pieces will be built at Sherman, in years past this was done at Foss, but due to the new location this is changing.
- Will get access to Silas on Monday- This will be a big lift. Will have to move all set pieces and get all set pieces from Foss.
- Volunteer Asks have only gone out to Theater Parents, would other folks be interested in helping?
- When caregivers paid theater fees, they signed up for volunteer spots, this year they only got information on the volunteer opportunities they clicked when paying. This was meant to encourage folks to volunteer, but has also meant that folks are not seeing other opportunities. Discussed sending out to all parents.

Yearbook

- The yearbook has a big focus 2-5, shared cameras with lower grades to get representation in there.
- Have discussed with staff to ensure that students who do not want pictures in the yearbook are not.
- Will be having a lunch pizza party June 9th.
- Would like to hand them out and have them signed so folks have time for them to be signed.
- Discussed printing- in years past the yearbooks have been sent to the district printer, this year they are being printed by a company in California, discussed printing budget (\$600).
- Will be keeping price of yearbooks to purchase close to/same as previous years and as in years past everyone will get one.

Bike Bus

- May 7th, 9am at Puget Park, take off at 9:10am
- Submitted route for folks to see
- People can join in as it goes
- Will be following a safety process of an adult rotating from front to back at intersections to ensure students are safely able to move through.
- Will have music.
- Reached out to officers who supported walk to school to see if are available to support.

Principal Updates

- Not present at the meeting.

Counselor's Corner

- The middle school transition is approaching. Counselors from local middle schools are coming to speak with students, answer questions and help with registration. Students will also be invited to tour middle schools.
- Historically going to the middle schools the wrench has been no transportation- working on this.
- Student Newspaper finished, being reviewed by the Principal. Students are excited and proud of their work.
- Doing a Goal Setting around career lesson with students (May-June)

STEAM Updates

- Postponed March Steam Assembly will be happening Wednesday April 30th at 2pm.
- MIGHT have some of the students from the play perform parts of the play.
- The STEAM budget is supporting Teachers, starting May 22nd, to take half days to do team planning around PBL, the funds will support subs.
- Testing is upon us! Students in upper grades will be doing a lot of testing this spring

Past Event Debrief

- Auction 3/22
 - Raise the paddle (2024 & 2025)- over spring break installed sound baffling materials. First Graders are doing noise tests, there is a LITTLE change, collecting more data to be able to report

back. Kids will be putting together graphs to show before and after. Kids seem to really enjoy them! Discussed if we should do this again in future years to add to it.

- Raise the paddle this year was for the performing arts (brought in around \$5k for that)

Upcoming Events

- Jr. Daffodil Parade 4/26- Sherman has not done this in a while. Everyone wear rainbow or tie-dye, there will be bubbles, banners and Stripes. Meet at Mason Middle school field.
- Theatre 5/2-5/4
- Book Fair 5/13-5/15 needs volunteers including a door monitor to let folks in, cashier, set up and take down.
- Breakfast & Books (formerly Grandparents breakfast) 5/14
- TPS Night at the Rainiers 5/29
- Tiger Trot 5/30
- Night of- Library, Glass, Science- 6/6

Volunteer Opportunities

- Book Fair: 5/13-5/15
- Staff Appreciation Week: 5/5-5/9- A lot of great opportunities to volunteer behind the scenes. Lots of opportunities to support and thank the teachers. Will be getting Teacher sheets for students specific teachers.
- Tiger Trot: 5/30
- Carnival: 6/13

Questions! Comments! Feedback!

- Discussed how amount going to teachers is landed upon-the Finance Committee helps set the proposed budget, Board brings forward proposed budget to the PTSA for vote and approval.
- Discussed that highly capable letter look different this year. Discussed SAIL, Cluster and SIG- this is when a student is on the cusp and there is more information being gathered to assess. Students have been tested in three batches.

Adjournment 7:30pm