**Princess Anne Middle School PTA**

**Budget Meeting**

**July 15, 2013**

**12:30 pm**

**Attending:** Janine Sarach, Gerrold Walker, Erin Hagge, Trisha Saunders, Terri Weaver, Barb Stebbins, D. Alex Bergren, Stormie Henley

Mr. Bergren began the meeting by presenting the PTA with an idea for the upcoming school year. Rather than asking the PTA for money to fund various items or projects, we could include an additional budget item under “school enrichment” or “grants”. We would provide the teachers and staff an opportunity to write and apply for funds thru a grant application process. The PTA could then decide whether or not to fund all or part of the request. These could be done on behalf of a class, grade level, club or group. This idea was favorably received and it was decided that we would budget this “grant” fund as a $10,000 line item. Mr. Bergren will work on the application part of it and the PTA will determine if we need a person or committee to take on the role of reviewing the applications once they are submitted. This can be discussed further at our meeting in the fall.

The topic of membership was discussed. It was decided to add an M/F Box (male/female) to the membership form so that the counts can go to Barbara and she can submit this data to the National PTA.

We discussed making sure the information is getting out to parents and staff stating where their PTA dollars go. August 21st is the 6th grade parent night, and the open houses are in September. We want this information included in any packets that have PTA information. This also gives us an opportunity to post 30 days in advance of open houses on List Serve. Also, let it be noted that this is PAMS’s 40th year!

Budget – Each line item under income and expenses was reviewed and discussed for possible adjustments for next year’s budget. Budget was itemized and adjusted accordingly. In addition, we noted that a line item needs to be added for the Lend A Hand Event; Red Ribbon Week and Reflections need to go under “Programs”; a line items needs to be added for Miscellaneous; Newsletter can be omitted and the expenses can be combined with Office Supplies; a line item will be added as either “Grants” or “School Enrichment”. The treasurer will note these changes and present the 2013-2014 budget at a later date.

The topic of scholarships was brought up with the thought that there be a specific “Scholarship Fundraiser/s” for this money. The idea was suggested to sponsor a dance/s with concessions for this purpose. We were all in agreement, and decided to kick off the year with a “Back to School Dance” to be held (after we confirm date with Zed) on September 20th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We may follow up with others, like a “Winter Semi-Formal”, etc.