

**TRAILSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PTA MEETING
Thursday, September 25, 2014**

I Welcome and Introductions – 7:00 pm

Donna Colombo (Donna C) commenced the meeting with a welcome and introduction of officers, including Greg Ogorek, our new VP:

Donna Colombo – President

Kathryn Horner – 1st VP

Greg Ogorek- 2nd VP

Donna Shomo – Treasurer

Faith McGarrity – Secretary

Patricia O’Connell and Brian Hanselman – Vice Principals

Denise Hagood – Staff Representative to PTA (librarian)

Sonja Withrow – Staff Representative (7th G. Social Studies)

Ann Withington – Staff Representative (Spectrum)

II Presentation of Charter (Donna Colombo)

Donna C presented the Charter Membership certificate to Patricia O’Connell and Brian Hanselman suggested it be hung somewhere in the school.

III Treasurer’s Report (Donna Shomo)

A. Audit Report – Donna S. advised the general membership that an audit was conducted, there were no issues, and the audit has been provided to the Virginia State PTA pursuant to the bylaws.

B. Presentation of Proposed Budget – Donna S. presented the Proposed budget to the Membership. (See attached). As of June 30, 2014, the newly chartered Trailside Middle School PTA had approximately \$12,000 in its checking account balance. These funds came from gifts from our cluster school PTA’s, membership fees, and reflect income from the upcoming Dedication Dinner but do not reflect expected payments for that dinner.

Donna C. suggested that rather than go line by line, if anyone had a question or concern about a budget line item, they speak up.

1. **MEMBERSHIP FEES:** A question was asked regarding membership fees. Donna C. explained that in order to obtain our charter membership last spring, we ran a membership drive to obtain members and funds. The charter membership was for last spring. We are currently accepting membership applications and payments for this Academic year PTA membership.
2. **FSMS VOLLEYBALL** – This is a line item under Income in the Budget. Donna C explained that the PTA is co-sponsoring a staff volleyball game with Farmwell Middle School on January 10, 2015 at Broad Run High School. This is a friendly game that we hope to generate school spirit and modest income from concessions and tickets. We hope this becomes an annual event.

3. SCHOOL STORE – It was explained that there is no school store yet as construction is still not completed in the school and the school still maintains the inventory of spirit wear. Once the school depletes their inventory, the PTA will take over the spirit wear and share 50/50 in the profits. A member asked whether we could have more selection in our spirit wear. We agreed that was likely once we took over the program. It was also mentioned that the Student Leadership Committee will likely run the store with the supervision of some adult volunteers. We will look for those volunteers when the time comes.
4. HOSPITALITY – \$1500 was budgeted for Staff Luncheons. We hoped to have our first Luncheon in October but are still looking for volunteers.
5. PARTIES – Donna C explained that we are still in the process of planning the social events for the various grade levels and that this will be done in coordination with the parent volunteers for those grade levels. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome.
6. STAFF APPRECIATION – A member observed that this figure (\$750) could be higher as the staff deserves more. A motion was made to increase the line item to \$1000. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.
7. ODYSSEY OF THE MIND Josefina Augusto (OOTM Coordinator) made a motion for the PTA to include a \$1000 expenditure in the budget to cover Odyssey of the Mind registration fees, coaches training, and tournament fees. Some discussion ensued. One member made the point that FIRST Lego League was a similar organization that would also benefit from sponsorship from the PTA and that there might be other eligible organizations. Another member suggested that \$1000 seemed to be an excessive amount and that \$500 would be more reasonable. Several members suggested the PTA offer \$100 or \$200, similar to the Reflections program. Another member wanted to know why the Reflections program was already included in the Budget as an expenditure. Donna C. explained that Reflections is a national PTA sponsored program. Ultimately Lorna Davis made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting to give the Executive Board time to research which clubs might be eligible for sponsorship and to encourage any comment from membership. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed. Faith McGarrity suggested that if a member had a specific comment regarding this issue, they were free to submit it to the PTA via trailsidesecretary@gmail.com.
The amended 2014/2015 budget was approved.

IV Events Update

Donna C. advised the membership of the upcoming PTA Dedication Dinner on Sunday 9/28/14 which was going to be catered by Rubino's. Kathryn Horner reported the list of raffle donors for the Dedication dinner: Elite Fitness, Potomac River Running, Mindframe Education, Wegman's Fuddruckers, Firehouse Subs, BurgerFi, Cupcakes Actually SBHS PTO, TMS (spirit wear)

V Committees Update – Donna C. explained there are standing committees and special Committees. The Standing Committees run all year long. The Special Committees are for special events or program.

A. Standing Committees

1. **Membership** – currently membership stands at 229 members with 53 staff.
2. **Reflections** – a nationally sponsored PTA creative arts program – self funded.
3. **Leap – Loudoun Educational Alliance of Parents** \$20 dues for 2 reps.
4. **MSAAC**
5. **SEAC**
6. **Grant Committee** – Latrice Ware is the chair of the committee.
7. **School Store** – Will be called the Wolf Den. We are still looking for a chair for this committee.

B. Special Committees

1. **Spirit Restaurant Nights** – Bob Wright and Shrandia Arietta are co-chairing this committee. The next restaurant night is 10/15 at Firehouse Subs and Meadows Custard at Loudoun One.
2. **Staff Appreciation** – still need a chair for this committee
3. **Staff Luncheons** – we hope to have 3 luncheons and a cookie exchange. We still need a chair for this committee.
4. **Volleyball Staff Game**
5. **Dedication Dinner**
6. **Spirit Wear**
7. **School Supply Coordinator** – Ruth Brunelli and Louise Logue offered to chair this committee.

VI Clubs Update – Briefly, the flyers were to go out this week with the after school club offerings.

VII Principal's Report – Ms. OConnell reported on the success of the first few weeks of school

VIII Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20

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