



TMS PTA Meeting Minutes September 4, 2019

Attendees: Bridget Beichler (Principal), Ariana Gillette (President), Bob Wright (VP), Amy Noble (VP), Laurie Guzman (Treasurer), Gwen Meehan (Secretary), Unie Nystrom, Jessica Venema, Carmen Topper, Angelica Alverado, Anne Jackson, Kimberly Mendoza, Beth Gloe, Christine Robbins, John Flamesh, Sofya Larrabee, Angele Leurs, Courtney Swierczek, Liz Phlegar, Daniel Eagan, Jeannine Rotzler, Rebecca Makowski, Jennifer Andos, Cheryl Herke, Angie Case, Christine O'Brian, Kimberly Coon, Becca Welt, Cynthia Hall-Palmer, Tanya Brennan, Angie Toney, Lisa Gray, and Julie Harris.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Acting President Ariana Gillette.

Election of President

- Having a membership quorum met, Acting President Ariana Gillette's bio was presented, and the general membership elected her PTA President via voice vote.
- Newly elected President welcomed everyone to the first general PTA meeting of the school year.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Laurie Guzman discussed the audit which was done over the summer and announced that there were no issues found during the audit process.
- Copies of the budget were handed out and Laurie went over income and expenses, stating that the musical and membership dues are the two biggest fundraisers.
 - Someone asked if the profit is greater than projected in the budget then where does the money go. Laurie answered that a gift is typically given to the school in that case. Mrs. Beichler shared that the \$6000 gift from last school year is helping to fund a STEAM classroom in the school.
 - Another member asked why the projected National PTA dues are half of last year. Former secretary/treasurer Kimberly Mendoza explained that the number of members last year were higher than projected this year because there was a family membership that required two members listed with the National PTA. This year our family membership will only have one member listed.
- Having a membership quorum met, Laurie motioned for a vote to approve the 2019-20 budget as presented, Gwen Meehan seconded, and it was unanimously approved by the membership.

Committee Reports

- Staff breakfast – the staff breakfast was held on Aug 21 for almost 150 staff members. Breakfast burritos, fruit, and other food was provided. Mrs. Beichler said it was a great event especially because her staff loves to eat.

- Musical committee – Amy shared that the musical is Beauty and the Beast Jr and that the student interest meeting is October 23 and the parent interest meeting is October 29. The new musical directors are Catina Anderson and Emilie Fletcher. The musical committee will be at the next PTA meeting on October 7 to talk more details about the event.
- Membership – Currently we have 73 staff and 192 family PTA members.
- Spirit Nights – Julie Harris gave an update on Spirit Nights. Our next Spirit Night will be September 17 at the George Washington Chick Fil A. The Chick Fil A cow will be in front of the school when the kids are dismissed that day. October’s Spirit Night is October 24 at Burger Fi. Other Spirit Nights being planned are at Meadows, Firehouse Subs, and Atomic Trampoline. Julie welcomes any suggestions or school family connections to places to host Spirit Night.

New Business

- Changes in the bylaws
 - Bylaws are updated every 5 years. The National and State PTAs make changes to the bylaws annually which automatically become part of our local bylaws. The only change to our local bylaws is a reduction of general meetings from seven to four. The bylaws will be presented for vote at the October 7 meeting after the general membership has 30 days to review.
- Committee vacancies
 - Amy reviewed the list of volunteer opportunities. We still need leads for: Membership, Smile Squad, Hospitality, Staff Appreciation Week, 6th/7th/8th grade dances.

Principal’s Presentation

- Field trips
 - 6th grade will have a team building field trip at Algonkian Park in Sterling.
 - 7th grade will be going to the DC National Zoo.
 - 8th grade will have a team building field trip at Evergreen Sports in Leesburg.
- 6th grade will have an assembly with Same Sky Productions on September 25th.
- This year’s theme is diversity and embracing uniqueness.
 - 27 parents have signed up (so far) for the global networking team at TMS. They will be evaluating equitable practices, embracing diversity, and planning how we can continue to create an inclusive environment that celebrates all students and families.
- Our school is one of three schools using a new security system where visitors to be granted access through two sets of doors instead of just one.
- Fitness Fridays is a new activity at TMS. The gym will be open at 7:30 for family fitness activities before school.
- The first principal’s coffee will be held September 26 from 10-11:30.
- We’re starting a new book club for parents. They will meet 4 times per book. An email will go out with details later.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.