



DHMS PTSA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 08, 2022 at 7 pm
Virtual meeting

MINUTES

I. **Welcome and Call to Order**

- Khaleen Monaro (DHMS PTSA President) opened the meeting at 7 pm.
- There were 10 attendees present, including 3 students and 5 members of the Executive Board (Christa Mansur, VP Programs; Dena Porter, VP Communications; Amy Erwin, Treasurer; Angela Huskey, Secretary; Ellen Smith, DHMS Principal).
- There was a motion to call the meeting to order, which was seconded.

II. **Review and/or Amend Draft Agenda**

- Khal presented the meeting agenda and asked for any amendments.
- There were no requests or suggestions for changes to the agenda.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made, which was seconded.

III. **Approval of October 11, 2022 PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

- Khal shared the minutes virtually and walked through the October minutes.
- No requests or suggestions for revisions or amendments was made.
- There was a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded.

IV. **Treasurer's Report** (*Amy Erwin*)

- Amy presented the year-to-date financials.
 - Total income for the year is \$18,811.78.
 - Total expenses for the year are \$4,962.82.
 - The majority of expenses in October were newsletter fees, PTA dues, and the Back-to-School party.

V. **Engagement Activities**

- Halloween Candy Drive Report
 - The candy drive was intended to be a "fun raiser", and in addition raised \$800 in funds for the PTSA (including a \$500 donation from Target).
 - Feedback from parents and students was positive. The Halloween candy store is now live. A link for purchasing candy was provided in the October 10 Phoenix Post and will be in future October Phoenix Posts.
- Halloween Costume Contest and Awards
 - Ellen reported that the costume contest was a great event for the students and the staff. There were many great costumes and friendly competition. The teachers really enjoyed seeing all the creativity, and the event made the day a lot of fun.



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- The school held costume competitions within each TA and then the winner from the TA competed against others in the school; costumes were voted on by staff and parents. The winners were a scary clown (6th grade), a mad scientist (7th grade), and a ping pong table (8th grade).
- Khal encouraged anyone with other ideas to help make school fun to send them to the PTSA so the PTSA could try to make them happen.
- Reflections Update (*Christa Mansur and Jean Choi*)
 - Christa and Jean reported that 18 students submitted materials for the Reflections contest. DHMS has entries in four categories that are being advanced to the county-level competition.
 - There was a discussion about displaying the submissions for the school to see and to encourage others to prepare submissions for next year. Ellen noted that there are many display cases that could be used to display the submissions.
 - Jean is working on preparing certificates for the participants.
- Spirit Wear Sales
 - There were 75 orders through the latest spirit wear sale. The spirit wear purchases will be delivered next week.
- November Appreciation Activities
 - There is a gift card drive for families in need.
 - This week is school psychologist week and next week is support staff week. The PTSA is planning to celebrate these important people at DHMS with some gifts of appreciation this week and/or next.
- Classroom Grants
 - There were 17 submissions, which are being reviewed by Susan Kelly and her classroom grants volunteers. Decisions on grant awards will be made this week.

VI. Any Other Business

- Ellen noted that there are many clubs and after-school activities in which the students can participate. Information about the clubs can be found through the weekly message that Ms. Dabney sends to students through Canvas, in the morning announcements, and on the DHMS website.



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- Amy asked about the movie night, and Ellen said that she would share information about that and other school events.
- Next Tuesday (November 15) is DHMS Dines Out at Pupatella (on Wilson).

VII. Adjournment

- There was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

The next PTSA general membership meeting will be held virtually in conjunction with the Principal Chat on December 13, 2022.