



## **DHMS PTSA General Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7pm  
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

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#### **I. DHMS PTSA General Meeting Welcome and Call to Order**

- Khaleen Monaro (DHMS PTSA President) called the General Membership Meeting to order at 7.05pm. 10 PTSA members were present.
- The draft agenda for the evening's meeting, including discussion concerning next year's picture vendor, was approved.

#### **II. Approval of March Meeting Minutes**

- There was a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 14, 2023 general membership meeting, which was seconded.

#### **III. Treasurer's Report**

- The March 2023 Treasurer's Report is available online. Amy Erwin (DHMS Treasurer) reported the following highlights for February 2023:
  - The DHMS PTSA received \$513 income in March (includes \$10 for new member, \$315 for Phoenix Fund), for a total year-to-date (YTD) income of \$28,546.
  - Expenses in January were \$133 (primarily for classroom grants).
  - The DHMS PTSA cash balance (less outstanding checks) is \$42,384.

#### **IV. Membership Report**

- One new member signed up in March.

#### **V. Regular business**

- PTSA leadership open enrollment
  - Three people have volunteered for the open nominating committee spots
  - Heather McIntire also volunteered to work on spirit wear and community events.
  - The PTSA will be sending out another push for volunteers with a sign-up genius to ask for people to serve in the officer's positions and will be collecting names for committees.
  - There will need to be a push for volunteers throughout the summer months.
- Approval of Nominating committee
  - Nominees are Elizabeth Jones, Heather McIntire, Olga Kasyan
  - There was a motion to approve the nominees for the nominating committee. The motion was seconded, and those present voted in favor of approving each volunteer.
- Eric Johnson presented a grant opportunity for the DHMS PTSA from the nonprofit organization Farm to Table (FTT).



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- FTT represents many farmers markets, including the one that uses the DHMS site on Saturdays during the summer months.
- FTT is interested in providing funds to schools where their farmers markets are located from some of the revenue that comes from the participating growers. The grant funds could be used toward something the schools might want to do, and FTT is interesting in working with the PTAs to identify activities to invest in.
- Examples of some ideas might include a breakfast program or afterschool meal prep; after school cooking club; indoor vertical hydroponic farming setup that can be used for a breakfast or afterschool program.
- The general membership in attendance thought this might be a great opportunity for the students; maybe the students could sell some things at the markets or there could be an activity that helps kids to consider where fresh food comes from.
- Heather expressed interest in spearheading whatever project the PTSA/DHMS might be interested in taking on and helping with the grant application.
- Eric Johnson said that the next step would be for FTT to draft up a proposal for the grant program with the FTT Outreach Committee and then get back in touch with schools/PTAs.
- Khal will circle back with Heather on this.
- Picture Day vendor recommendations
  - Jennifer Meder (Picture Day committee chair) presented her research on local picture day vendors and recommendations for next year. Based on her research, she recommended that DHMS PTSA contract with Victor O'Neill Studios, rather than JostensPIX, which was used this year. (She had also talked to people about Lifetouch as well, but the feedback about them wasn't as good as the others.). Some factors that contributed to the recommendation were that Victor O'Neill is local and readily available on picture day, they send assistants to help with picture day, and they offer 40% commission for the PTSA (as compared to 10% for JostensPIX).
  - There was a question about what the price differential was between products offered by Victor O'Neill versus JostensPIX. Jennifer said that she would look into this issue.
  - It was decided to move forward with the Victor O'Neill contract since the dates are booking up for the fall. There was a vote in support of that decision.

#### VI. Any other business?

- Ellen reopened the discussion from the last meeting about the possibility of holding spring field day event. In her conversations with DHMS teachers, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers thought it might be fun to hold the activities during the school day on June 13 (the day that



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the 8<sup>th</sup> graders are at King's Dominion). The event would have home rooms competing against each other and separate sessions for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

- There will be a need for parent volunteers.
- Christa Mansur (DHMS VP Programs) will check with Adrienne Bosco, who organized last year's field day) and circle back.
- There is currently \$300 budgeted for this event. If we can use the supplies from last year, there may not be much need to buy much this year.
- There will be a 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade dance in May, likely called the "Sneaker ball".

#### **VII. Adjournment**

- There was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7.55pm.