



## **DHMS PTSA General Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, May 10, 2023 at 7pm

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

### MINUTES

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

- Khaleen Monaro (DHMS President) called the General Membership Meeting to order at 7.04pm. 10 PTSA members were present.
- The draft agenda for the evening's meeting was approved.

#### **II. Approval of April meeting minutes**

- The meeting minutes from the April 11, 2023 DHMS PTSA general membership meeting are available online on the DHMS PTSA website. There was a motion to approve the meeting minutes, which was seconded.

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

- The April 2023 Treasurer's Report is posted online. Amy Erwin (DHMS Treasurer) reported the following highlights for April 2023:
  - The DHMS PTSA received \$2697 income in April (includes \$2680 for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Party), for a total year-to-date (YTD) income of \$31,243.
  - Expenses in April were \$798 (primarily for the classroom grants and library author visits)
  - The DHMS PTSA cash balance is \$44,283.
- Amy noted that reimbursement requests for Staff Appreciation Week should be submitted; not many had been submitted yet.
- Several funds have been collected for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade party, including \$25 in fees and other open donations for party. With the amount budgeted by PTSA, there is a total of \$6845 for the party at this time.
- There was a discussion about the budget needs for the upcoming Phoenix Games. It was decided to forego the idea of having a bouncy house, due to the expense and the potential for injury and to pursue the soccer inflatable that was a big hit last year. Also, games and things from last year can be reused.
- Amanda will continue as Spirit Wear Chair next year. There was a discussion about whether to have any inventory on hand for the block party. Amanda was planning to offer spirit wear online, but there was also a discussion about whether any inventory should be on hand for things like the block party. Some smaller sizes for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders might be a good idea and be an easy way to bring in some money at those events. Amy will set aside a little money for the possibility of purchasing some inventory for discussion this summer.
- There was a question about whether any PTSA money would be needed for Kings Dominion scholarships. Ellen said there was not likely to be much need at this time, but Amy said that there is some money if needed.



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- Amy is working on next year's budget. She suggested establishing a line item(s) to earmark larger amounts of money to support an initiative with Ellen's/DHMS support to target overall community, rather than just smaller items that help individual classrooms, etc. Some suggestions included paying for an Encore stage performance for each grade, civil rights field trip for all grades.
  - There was general support for the idea.
  - There was a suggestion to give the budget item a flexible title like "Student Programs", so that it could be used for whatever program is selected later.
  - Amy will include a line item for a vote on the budget later this year.

#### IV. Membership report

- In March and April, 2 adults and 1 student joined, for a total of 335 members.

#### V. Regular business

- Heather McIntire, Elizabeth Jones, and Olga Kasyan presented the Nominating Committee Report.
  - The following individuals are being nominated for the PTSA executive board for next year.
    - President—Danusha Chandy
    - VP Programs--Alex Voight
    - VP Community—Lindsey Englerth
    - VP Communications—Dena Porter
    - Secretary—Jane Wishneff
    - Treasurer—Amy Erwin
  - The Nominating Committee is still looking for several committee chairs.
  - Information about the nominations and open committee chairs will be sent out to the DHMS community next week.
  - Elections will be at the next general membership meeting on June 13.
  - Khal will circulate the list of openings to feeder elementary schools.
- Farm to Table Grant Proposal
  - Heather McIntire has started drafting the proposal and needs input from Ellen on what DHMS would like to do with the grant (\$5000). The proposal needs to be submitted by May 26.
    - Ellen suggested doing something like the Discovery Elementary School hydroponics wall. She and Heather will discuss.



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- It would be good to get community involvement in order to make this a sustainable project for DHMS and the PTSA. It could be linked with the cooking class or cooking club and help kids learn about nutritional value of foods.
- The grant funds would come through and be managed by the PTSA.
- Amy will include in next year's budget, if DHMS wins the award.

#### **VI. Any other business?**

- Permission slips for the Sneaker Ball are going home with the students on Wednesday, 5/11. Tickets go on sale next week. There may be a request for chaperones.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

- There was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7.40pm.