

**Doss PTA General Meeting**  
**Thursday May 12th, 2016 at 12:00pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The General Meeting of the Leona Doss Elementary PTA was called to order on Thursday, March 10th, 2016, at 12:09pm in the Doss Library by President, Julie Choyce. A quorum was established. Members of the Executive Board present at the meeting were: President, Julie Choyce; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jen Despina; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Kimberly Richards; Secretary, Robin Chapman; Treasurer, Kim Jowers; Assistant Treasurer, Sarah Baker.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:** Robin Chapman presented the minutes from the March 10th, 2016 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Julie Choyce

- Thank you to the Board and Committee Chairs for all of your help this year. Julie welcomed the new Exec Board for 2016/17: Jen Despina (President), Karen Lundquist (1<sup>st</sup> VP), Kimberly Richards (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Carolyn Bartelli (Secretary), Sarah Baker (Treasurer), Holly Rios (PIE), Julie Deploma (Assist Treasurer), Shannon Meroney (Parliamentarian)
- The Financial Reconciliation Committee is appointed by the President to ensure PTA funds are being managed and utilized appropriately. Julie Choyce appointed the following members as the 2016 Financial Reconciliation Committee: Amy Hajdu, Rebecca Leightman, Kristen McDavid. There was a Motion to approve these Members. Current Executive Board voted and approved these nominees.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Kristin Ashy presented about her position on the FABPAC (Facilities and Bond Planning and Advisory Committee). This is a District-wide committee with a 3-4 year commitment. Kristin is volunteering for the DISTRICT (thus, there is representation from the entire District on the Committee). They are working on a Bond for next year's immediate needs. Unlike past Bonds, the committee is looking at this differently and trying to assess future facility needs for the entire District and incorporate into future Bonds. They want to ensure there is good voter education throughout the entire city. The Committee is addressing the entire District's needs (vs past Bonds that addressed needs for a specific area.) The FABPAC knows we need a new elementary school in this area. However, if this happens, our boundaries will change. Our hope is that even with a boundary change, students would remain within the Anderson vertical team. There is also a focus by the Committee on the physical needs at Murchison
- Sports-a-rama – Shannon Meroney, Chair
  - 5/20 (rain date 5/26). Need volunteers for early am and afternoon shifts.
  - Next Friday's assembly will be "opening ceremonies" to create excitement about it.
  - Healthier popsicles and snacks this year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kim Jowers

- Kim Jowers shared March and April Actuals. Some income items included t-shirts, homeroom parties, No Hassle Fundraiser, PIE Donations, Spring Party, Yearbook income.
- Expenses due to Spring Party costs, yearbook product costs, educational and classroom support, classroom supplies, RAD, Continuing Education, Technology enrichment, PTA Operations, Cultural Heritage, Doss Son event, Bright Green Futures/Whole Kids grant, PIE, Pre-school club, tax return.
- Kim reported that the Executive Board met to discuss the preliminary budget for the Fall (this budget will get us through the summer.) Next budget changes will occur in Oct. Significant items/changes are from PIE Sponsorship changes, No Hassle (figured \$75/student), Spirit items, Accelerated Math, Equipment, Cultural Heritage, Staff Appreciation. Many items

remained the same. Kim moved for the Membership to vote on Amended Budget. Membership voted and the Preliminary Budget for 2016-17 was approved as presented.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Janna Griffin

- 889 Students: We never reached 900.
- 45 Refugees: 8 will probably move over the summer and we will get new families next year.
- Working on class placement for next year.
- Continue to have stability in our staff: NO teachers are leaving!
- Special Areas allocation has changed slightly and they may have to travel to other campuses.
- Janna applied for a Grant to create a Mental Health Services clinic at our school to help serve our students.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:**

- Jen Despins Recognized out-going Executive Board Members and thanked them for their service.
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jennifer Despins reported that the Executive Board met today before the General Meeting and last month.
  - Last month the Executive Board discussed the new Spirit Store that we will launch in the Fall.
  - New PIE Changes: Moving to a year round program and new sponsorship levels for the Fall.
    - More recognition for all of our Sponsors all year long.
    - Event Chairs can focus on the Event vs sponsorship
    - Will be a transition year as we implement changes.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

- Kimberly reported with have 666 Members (5 more members than last year) and we earned a Spring Honor Roll award.

**PIE:**

- Holly Rios announced that tomorrow is our PIE Recognition at Parent Principal Coffee. She will recognize our PIE Partners and many will be present.
- Janna Griffin explained that we are changing how we are recognizing PIE Partners. Each class/teacher will adopt a Partner and write a thank-you notes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Sandra Ely promoted the Gallery Greats showcase next week including a trailer with a local artist's work.

The Meeting was adjourned by President, Julie Choyce at 1:15 pm.

Secretary:

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Robin L. Chapman