**Doss PTA General Meeting**

**Thursday September 10th, 2015 at 12:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The General Meeting of the Leona Doss Elementary PTA was called to order on Thursday, September 10th, 2015, at 12:03 pm in the Doss Library by President, Julie Choyce. A quorum was established. Members of the Executive Board present at the meeting were: Julie Choyce; 1st Vice President, Jen Despins; 2nd Vice President, Kimberly Richards; Secretary, Robin Chapman; Treasurer, Kim Jowers; Assistant Treasurer, Sarah Baker, PIE Chair, Holly Rios; and Parliamentarian, Carolyn Bartelli.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:**  Robin Chapman presented the minutes from the May 14th, 2015 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Kim Jowers presented the May – Aug Financials.

* Most receipts were from Spring Party and majority of expenses were for educational and classroom support.
* We have $256,000 to carry over and are in a good position to fund what we need to this year.
* This report will be filed with the minutes.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

* We are off and running to a busy start to the year.
* Introduction of Executive Board Members
* Living Tree has been populated from AISD and there may be duplications if you have multiple email addresses. We are working through this problem.
* Volunteer packet is complete and should roll out next week. There are still open positions for: Atrium, Doss PTA Property, Green Team, Public Relations (needs Co-Chair), Sister School (needs Co-Chair), Robots to Doss
* PTA Membership Drive is in full force this week.
* Parent Principal Coffee will now be held on the first Friday of each Month
* No Hassle Fundraiser kicks off next week.
* Bike Safety Week – starts next week. Currently working on HUB system to roll out next week. Chairs are Shannon Meroney and Frederika Tausch.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:**

* VP Jennifer Despins reported that the Executive Board met with a quorum before the General Meeting. There were no recommendations which required a vote and items discussed included the General Meeting’s Agenda.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

* Kimberly Richards reported that PTA Membership is off to a strong start and campaign ends 9/11 (you can still join the PTA after the deadline).
* Would love 100% participation from Doss.
* New this year from TX PTA: 1 member from a household must be a PTA Member in order for a student to participate in Reflections contest.
  + Many had concerns with this, feeling that students should be able to participate in the contest regardless of PTA Membership.

**FINANCIAL RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

* Carolyn Bartelli reported for the Financial Reconciliation Committee (consisting of Carolyn Bartelli, Amy Skaggs and Julie Payne) that they met in August and that there were no misrepresentations and impeccable records were kept. Erin Brooks kept true and correct records to the best of the Committee’s knowledge. There was a Motion to adopt the report. It was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

* No Hassle Fundraiser: Karen Lundquist reported that the No Hassle Goal is $65,000 (approximately $75/student). However, each family can make a donation of their choosing.
* Box Tops – Rebecca Young
  + Doss collected $2,300 last year from Box Tops.
  + HEB promotion is next week for 60 and 100 bonus tops.
  + We also collect Labels for Education
  + Box Tops will be collected on the 25th of each month and winners announced at Friday assembly.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Janna Griffin

* Current Enrollment is 871 students (down almost 100 students from last year). The removal of Pre-K really helped and the staff feels the difference. Hill currently has 970 students.
* Leveling is occurring this week at the District level, but Janna does not anticipate any changes at Doss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Julie Payne, PIE Chair
  + Changes to PIE assembly: The school-wide assembly will now be student-focused and we will also recognize our Volunteer of the Year (Dandre Whitehead).
  + We are making changes to increase advertising of our Partners including increased media recognition.
* Debbie Kjallbring shared a story about her son and his reading challenges and wanted to publicly thank the Doss teachers who helped him as well as the community for their support.

The Meeting was adjourned by President, Krista Saeger at 1:02pm.

Secretary:

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