



CALL TO ORDER:

The General Meeting of the Leona Doss Elementary PTA was called to order on Thursday, September 14th, 2017 at 12:01 pm in the library of Doss Elementary by President Karen Lundquist. Members of the Executive Board present at the meeting were: President, Karen Lundquist; 1st Vice President, Rebecca Young (Marquette Reddam standing in); 2nd Vice President, Holly Cohen; 3rd Vice President, Laurie Roberson; Treasurer, Julie DePalma; Secretary, Lissa Hutchison; Parliamentarian, Marquette Reddam and PIE Chair, Tiffany Galligan, Principal, Janna Griffin

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lissa Hutchison

Minutes of May 11, 2017 General Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Julie DePalma

Presenting May and June, July and August and then those four months combined.

- Started the year off with \$340,594 in cash
 - \$2,620 Homeroom party income
 - PIE donations \$26,642
 - Spring Party income (mostly from last year) \$4,723
 - Downpayment for band and venue done
 - Yearbook income \$9,835 (mostly this year)
- PTA operations, majority was homeroom party and 5th grade graduation
 - \$3,853 landscaping
 - \$2,483 staff appreciation, final luncheon from last year
- Ending cash balance \$277,023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Karen Lundquist

Introduction of Exec board

Meet the Teacher

- Endless volunteers and hours, thank you!
- Signage was a hit and we are keeping some of it throughout the year in the hallways.
- Thank you to the spirit team for all the gear & merchandise.
- Visit from Kona Ice at the event was a success.

Friday Treats

- First friday of every month for the teachers.
- 5th grade did September's first 'treat day.'

Parent Principle speaker

- Julie Cowan was the speaker, with information about the Bond.

Committee Chair Training

- Rebecca Young covered for Karen Lundquist at the Committee Chair training.
- We voted as a PTA team for the bond.
- The next steps are getting people to actually show up and vote.

Walking Wednesday

First one a success from the Hub Team!

No Hassle

- Off and running, more to come

First RAD visit/event

- Mac Barnett to visit kinder & first graders

Dr. K (fun with chemistry) - 'chemistry Kate'

- Visiting 2nd-5th on Wed / Sept. 20
- NBC Nightly News to interview kids and Janna Griffin

Box Tops

- First announcement went out with the blast.

Fall Picture Day

- Class pictures will be first and upfront. The new picture day is Friday, September 29th.
- Kona Ice will be there that afternoon.

Doss Spirit Night

- First one of the year - Oct. 4th @ La Mancha

Parent Principal Coffee

- Oct 6th

Student Holiday and Fall conferences

- Oct 9th

Two new committee chairs

- Eric Oyler / Web Team
- Amy Laibovitz / Blood Drive
- Still looking for Owl Center & Healthy Lifestyles

1ST VP: Marquette Reddam standing in for Rebecca Young

- Quorum was present. No recommendations required a vote of the general membership.

2ND VP'S REPORT: Holly Cohen

PTA membership

- Met our goal so we're on for a popsicle party! We are at around 776 with a few more coming in online, in the box, etc. Our goal was 650 and last year our goal was 777.
- We have 100% of our teachers who have joined the PTA!
- Popsicle party is Sept. 15th, '17

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Janna Griffin

Currently 830 students.

- Less than last year. Lower in kinder but bubbling over in 1st and 4th.

Bond

- Questions? There will be a big push of info from AISD, NWACA, Doss PTA. Get informed!
- If you have questions we are happy to answer them.

Silver Owls

- New committee/group. It's a way to get our retirees in our neighborhood to get involved. Blue vests with owl logo. Lots of places to help and volunteer. We need you! Let us know if you have a neighbor or friend who might be interested. Email Janna Griffin.

Dr. K (fun with chemistry)

- Being filmed next wed for NBC Nightly News.
- We will hold this in the cafeteria. The gold permission slip allows your student to be filmed.
- Dr. K ('chemistry Kate') will do a classroom demonstration with Mrs. Mean's class.
- Janna Griffin will tell us when it will air.

Doss Initiatives

- Bonnie Lang - Doss Librarian leading the way for Green Screen film technology for things like morning news, videos, student direction, etc.

Friday Asssembly

- Working towards getting students to lead this event each week.

Creative Learning Initiative

- Teachers went to a half day training at Hill Elementary. 6 learning strategies teachers can integrate immediately. Working on how we can spend the funds we have gotten.

Marathon Kids has launched!

Leadership Academy

- Launched by Mrs. Engel for 5th graders, students are volunteering and applying now
- Will give students more opportunities to help other students and to train to become leaders.
- Lots of options for student volunteering groups.

Financial Reconciliation Committee Introduced by Karen Lundquist

- Committee includes: Betsy Johnson, Sarah Haegelin, Ellen Fenwick
- Ellen Fenwick to give report - written July 9th, 2017
- Committee reports that beginning balance on July 1, '16 is \$253,522. (corresponding to the reported ending balance from the previous year's financial records and Annual report)
- Random sampling of budget report line items reviewed.

No Hassle - Chairs Liz Bronson and Tracey Blanton presenting

- No Hassle is pure PTA Profit - hoping to raise a lot of money!
- Launched Monday and we have around \$8,000 to date.
- Will be more present on social media. Looking for matches.
- Please spread the word. Hoping that everyone will share on Facebook/Instagram
- Parents, Teachers, Staff can all help, please post and show where this money goes.
- Contest planned for future weeks
- Doss Instagram account just launched / Karen Lundquist to manage
- Very private and not released who gives what donation amount.
- Teachers can recognize what the PTA No Hassle funds do for them. (pictures & videos)

Directory - Jordan Freytag & Andrea Justice chairs, Jordan Freytag presenting

- 356 families have opted in
- An email will go out next week and it will be available online

H'Owl

- H'Owl Scary is the proposed theme
- Planning to begin next week.

PIE REPORT: Tiffany Galligan

- PIE - Partners in Education
- Our proposed budget for 2017-18 was 44,000.
- As of today we are \$44,850 (paid and pledged in cash)
- \$22,879 in kind (paid and pledged)
- \$67,729 total (paid and pledged)

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

QUESTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 pm by Karen Lundquist, President

Secretary: _____



Lissa Hutchison