

Doss PTA General Meeting
Thursday March 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm

OWLS WITH MALLETS: The Doss Owls with Mallets ensemble, comprised of approximately fifteen 4th and 5th grade students, performed beginning at 6pm under the direction of Christina Tannert. They will be performing again, along with the Doss Honor Choir, at their Spring performance in mid-April.

CALL TO ORDER:

The General Meeting of the Leona Doss Elementary PTA was called to order on Thursday, March 12th, 2015, at 6:15 pm in the Doss Library by President, Krista Saeger. A quorum was established. Members of the Executive Board present at the meeting were: President, Krista Saeger; 1st Vice-President, Julie Choyce; 2nd Vice-President, Gina Longoria; Treasurer, Erin Brooks; Assistant Treasurer, Kim Jowers; PIE Chair, Julie Payne; Parliamentarian, Jen Despins.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Kristin Ashy, Chair of this year's PTA Nominating Committee, presented the signed letter from the PTA Nominating Committee to Krista Saeger, nominating the following as candidates to serve as officers for the 2015-2016 Executive Board. Krista Saeger then presented each nominee to the PTA Membership, as follows:

- For the Office of President:
 - Julie Choyce has been nominated for the office of President. Are there any further nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed. All those in favor of Julie Choyce for President say "Aye"; all opposed say "No." You have elected Julie Choyce as 2015-16 President of the Doss PTA.
- For the Office of 1st Vice President:
 - Jen Despins has been nominated for the office of 1st Vice President. Are there any further nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed. All those in favor of Jen Despins for 1st Vice President say "Aye"; all opposed say "No." You have elected Jen Despins as 2015-16 1st Vice President of the Doss PTA.
- For the Office of 2nd Vice President:
 - Kimberly Richards has been nominated for the office of 2nd Vice President. Are there any further nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed. All those in favor of Kimberly Richards for 2nd Vice President say "Aye"; all opposed say "No." You have elected Kimberly Richards as 2015-16 2nd Vice President of the Doss PTA.
- For the Office of Secretary:
 - Robin Chapman has been nominated for the office of Secretary. Are there any further nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed. All those in favor of Robin Chapman for Secretary say "Aye"; all opposed say "No." You have elected Robin Chapman as 2015-16 Secretary of the Doss PTA.
- For the Office of Treasurer:
 - Kim Jowers has been nominated for the office of Treasurer. Are there any further nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed. All those in favor of Kim Jowers for Treasurer say "Aye"; all opposed say "No." You have elected Kim Jowers as 2015-16 Treasurer of the Doss PTA.
- Krista thanked the Nominating Committee and congratulated the new Officers.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: Julie Payne (presiding for Robin Chapman) presented the minutes from the January 15, 2015 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Feb 1 beginning balance was \$229,979 (244,180), ending balance on 2/28 was \$211,947. Expenses due to Spring Party and Substitute teachers and majority of income from yearbook.

- Budget Amendments were voted on and approved. Most amendments were to move budget to “actuals”. Net increase of ~\$19.5K in Receipts, ~\$12.9K in Disbursements. Regarding Disbursements, net increase of \$5.8K to Educational and Classroom Support. (Mainly due to increases to Afterschool Tutoring (\$2K), Substitute Teacher Assistance (\$2K), and Technology Enrichment (\$1.5K).) Net increase of \$2.7K for PTA Operations.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Krista reflected on success of several events these past two months, including Doss’ People’s Choice Award in the Follett Challenge, largest Science Fair participation to date (303+ total projects), both Daughter Dance and Son Events, and positive changes to Teacher Appreciation Week celebrated in February (e.g., standardizing activities within the week regardless of grade, hosting PTA ‘grab-n-go’ breakfast, recognition for all teachers – including Special Areas and non-homeroom teachers).
- Please stay connected with all that’s going on at Doss through our PTA communications . of LivingTree, weekly Blast, and social media. Be sure to check calendars on LivingTree and Doss PTA website. Many events still to come: Cultural Heritage Night, JDRF Walk and Family Fitness Night, Spring Party, and Sports-a-Rama.
- Sports-a-Rama
 - Likely Friday, May 22nd as this is the scheduled AISD bad weather makeup day.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

- Gina Longoria reported that we have 668 PTA members (15 more than last General meeting).

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

- VP Julie Choyce reported that the Executive Board met with a quorum at noon today and discussed the General Meeting’s agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cultural Heritage Week (3/23-27) (Reported by Ann Jansson)
- Cultural Heritage Night: Thursday, 3/26, 6-8pm
 - Entertainment by Doss Students
 - As of today, there are 12 country booths hosted by Doss families highlighting their cultural items such as art, traditional clothing, books, etc. Space for 4 additional booths.
 - New this year: Desserts from around the world (store bought and purchased by PTA). Changes made to simplify and support the school’s policy regarding food safety.
 - Parent Readers are needed to read a cultural story to the classrooms during the week.
 - Morning announcements will be given by children in their native language
 - Flags distributed to all children to color; will be displayed throughout school.
 - 44 flags now in the cafeteria (20 new additions). Each of the flags represents the country of a current Doss Owl. There are also labels under each flag identifying the country.
- Spring Party (Reported by Tiffany Galligan)
 - Friday, April 24th at Shoal Crossing Event Center. VIP 6:30-7:30pm, Party 7:30-11:30pm. Theme is ‘Doss Rocks’.
 - Live band (LC Rocks), Live Auction, Buy-Ins (Adult & Child specific), Teacher Treats, Treasure Box (new). Class photobooks and Doss Rocks t-shirts are other merchandising components.
 - Live Auction: 6 big items thus far (Breckenridge condo, Sports package, Golf outing, Westover, Hunting, Horseshoe Bay), plus Heads/Tails game (items TBD)
 - Treasure Boxes sell at \$50/box with valuation at \$50+. Goal is to pre-sell only.
 - Buy-In Parties: Increasing the # of parties from last year, including themed parties, kid-only, and adult-only grade-level parties.
 - Secured \$25,000 in Sponsorships thus far

- Over 80% of Buy In Parties from last year are participating again this year.
- Library Update (Krista Saeger)
 - Items remain for completion (check-in and check-out tables, workspace cabinetry, trees)
 - Curtain, as proposed, was not possible due to changes to original drawings
 - Dedication for Jane Willis Library after cabinetry and trees are installed

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tiffany Galligan reporting for Healthy Lifestyles Committee:
 - Will lose remainder of the track next year if two portables (per plan) are installed
 - Working with architect and civil engineer to find a location for a new track
 - Space for 1/8 mile without erosion or tree root issues
 - Spray paint this 'new' 1/8 mile loop to see natural foot pattern and possibilities for laying out a more permanent track.

The Meeting was adjourned by President, Krista Saeger at 6:45pm.

Secretary:

Julie Payne for Robin L. Chapman