

**Doss PTA General Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 20, 2014 6:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The General Meeting of the Leona Doss Elementary PTA was called to order on Thursday, March 20, 2014, at 6:05 pm in the Doss Cafeteria by President, Kristin Ashy. A quorum was established. Members of the Executive Board present at the meeting were: President, Kristin Ashy; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Krista Saeger; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Christian Meyer; Treasurer, Kim Belew; Assistant Treasurer, Erin Brooks; PIE Chair, Julie Payne; Parliamentarian, Julie Choyce; Secretary, Sara Atkins; and Principal Janna Griffin.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:** Sara Atkins presented the minutes from the January 9, 2014 general meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Facilities Master Plan Facilities Master Plan – There is a group of parents and District officials meeting in the library right now to discuss the FMP and the next steps in the process. There will be a meeting at Anderson High School on March 25<sup>th</sup> to solicit input from the parents about facilities concerns and overcrowding in our vertical team. Kristin urged all to attend and give input. There have been discussions of several possible “solutions” such as grade realignment and boundary changes. We need to have a strong voice at the meeting and communicate that our community is willing to work with the district but that we are strongly against any grade realignment or boundary changes. We are willing to work with temporary solutions on our campus such as the use of more portables to avoid changes that will split our community.
- Catfish Parlour night in on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend and raise money for the PTA.
- STARR testing is coming soon. Please make sure you have your student well rested and ready for the exams on testing day.
- The striping on Far West for the parking and bike lanes has been completed.
- If you are interested in chairing any of the PTA committees next year please let Krista Saeger know what you are interested in.
- There is the potential for a possible bond election in November. This is still in the very early stages but we want to make sure our community is aware of the possibility. If it does happen we will need everyone's support to get the word and the vote out.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:** Krista Saeger reported that the board met with quorum present. No recommendations were made that require a vote of the general membership. Report will be filed with the minutes.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- Janna thanked parents for their support so far in the FMP process and stressed the importance of taking part in the meeting at Anderson. She asked parents to be vocal and to voice our opinions relating to the importance of keeping our community together.
- Pull outs happening for reading, dyslexia, math specialist – identified interventions.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Financial report covering the period from January 1 through February 28, 2014 was presented.
- The main receipts for the month were the Spring Party sponsorship funds and a rebate from Apple for the iPad purchases. The major expenses were for the dyslexia specialist and for library purchases.
- The Treasurer also reviewed the 2013-2014 Proposed Amended Budget. As per the bylaws, the budget committee met and considered all requested budget amendments. Kim highlighted a few of the changes to the budget. Those amendments are changes to the line items which provide \$40,000.00 for the library renovation as well as an increase in the salary for the dyslexia specialist and the purchase of new filing cabinets from the front office. She also noted that the

budget still leaves approximately \$140,000.00 in the PTA accounts as reserves for the salaries and yearly expenses covered by the PTA.

- Kim Belew made a motion that the Amended Budget be approved. The motion was seconded and the motion carried. The Amended Budget is approved as written.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Membership):** We have reached our goal and now have 601 members. This is the first time the PTA has had more than 600 members.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Nominating Committee - Kim Belew spoke for the committee and presented the 2014-15 slated officers (attachment):

- For the Office of President:
    - "Krista Saeger 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 Krista Saeger for President say "Aye"; all opposed say "No". You have elected Krista Saeger as 2014-15 President of the Doss PTA."
  - For the Office of 1st Vice President:
    - "Julie Choyce 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 Julie Choyce for 1st Vice President say "Aye"; all opposed say "No". You have elected Julie Choyce 2014-15 1st Vice President of the Doss PTA."
  - For the Office of 2nd Vice President:
    - "Gina Longoria 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 Gina Longoria for 2nd Vice President say "Aye"; all opposed say "No". You have elected Gina Longoria 2014-15 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 2014-15 Secretary of the Doss PTA."
  - For the Office of Treasurer:
    - "Erin Brooks 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 Erin Brooks for Treasurer say "Aye"; all opposed say "No". You have elected Erin Brooks as 2014-15 Treasurer of the Doss PTA."
- Spring Party— Amanda Swann –The website is up and the trailer is up on the website. The party is scheduled for Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-11:30 with a VIP party starting at 6:30. Photo books are currently for sale online and they are cheaper this year than in the past. Purchase your tickets and we look forward to seeing you at the party.
  - Watershed Protection Department and UT Civil Engineering Dept. at Doss – Deborah Kjallbring - The project is moving forward. The UT Civil Engineering students will be back on 4/3 and will present their ideas to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. There will also be a presentation on the 4/14 in the library for all to attend.
  - Preschool Club – there is a meeting of the preschool club coming up on 3/28. See the blast for the details.
  - Son Event – The Son event will be held on Friday 4/25 in the cafeteria. The event is free to all.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

The Meeting was adjourned by President, Kristin Ashy at 7:05 pm.

Secretary:

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Sara H. Atkins