

## **Doss PTA General Meeting**

**Thursday, May 11, 2017, 12:05 pm**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The General Meeting of the Leona Doss Elementary PTA was called to order on Thursday, May 11th, 2017 at 12:05 pm in the library of Doss Elementary by President Jen Despins. A quorum was established. Members of the Executive Board present at the meeting were: President, Jen Despins; 1st Vice President, Karen Lundquist; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Kimberly Richards; Treasurer, Sarah Baker; Secretary, Carolyn Bartelli; Parliamentarian, Shannon Meroney; PIE chair, Holly Rios; and Assistant Treasurer, Julie DePalma.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Janna Griffin**

- Call for CAC applications, particularly those with younger children
- Staffing changes summary. Community retirement reception to thank them to helping our kids.
  - Ms. Schwarz is not returning. Ms. Vrba and Ms. Bevis (life skills position) are retiring. Ms. Hodges is moving to 3rd grade, back from 4th grade. Donna Johnson will partner with Kristin Hyvl, and Ms Hodges will partner with Ms. Barrick. Ms. Daly is going to leave to study her Ph.D.
- Upcoming events:
  - Suicide Prevention & Awareness meeting at Murchison. May 23rd at 5:30-6:30 at Murchison Middle school, led by Mr. Clark.
  - Dyslexia Support & Programing. May 31st meeting at Murchison
  - Doss is part of the District of Innovation movement. Will include 2 full professional development days.
  - There will be a District Innovation Community meeting on May 30th from 5:30 to 6:30 at Anderson High School to understand what goes into planning those days.
  - Thanked the PTA for what has been done this year

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT: Carolyn Gutierrez Bartelli**

Minutes of March 9, 2017 General Meeting were approved as written.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jen Despins**

- Introduced and welcomed the new executive committee, and appointed chairs.
- Financial reconciliation committee nominated by President, and voted upon by the membership, to be performed by June 30th, with a report given to general membership at the beginning of the following school year. Members nominated are Ellen Fenwick, Sarah Haegelin, and Betsy Johnson.
- Summarized some of the accomplishments of the PTA over the year. Meet the Teacher format improvements; overhauled the PIE program; unveiled the largest spirit store ever; branded our new Doss owl, and use official school colors; updated our marquee, and placed our branded owl over our communications; had our largest membership level, led by membership chair (Kimberly Richards); first full H'owl on limited space due to additional portables; reached out to T.A. Brown during time of need through Holiday wishes program; balanced our budget; put water bottle filters in 2 new spaces; put in the soccer field; improved the basketball court; successful science fair with 16 students sent to regionals; successful daughter and son dances; successful book fair with highest income to date; engagement in the facilities master plan;

added a third vice president of finance and revised bylaws; successful heritage week; revitalized our retail rebates program; hugely successful Spring Party; collected box tops all year long; hub club continued to encourage walk/bike to school; family fitness night and Trojan Trek; finalist for PTA of the year. She thanked all to step up with time, leadership, and knowledge.

- School supplies. Order directly through Sprout, order to be for next year's grade. Will be delivered to child's classroom.
- Sports-a-Rama.
- Bond Election - Board of Trustees voted to approve the Facilities Master Plan. May 16th Austin High School meeting and May 18th at Reagan Early College High School, each occurring from 6 to 8 p.m. High-level summary of what will affect us: Significant improvement to Doss Elementary. A three-phase project to modernize Doss that will take 1.5 - 3 years. As for Murchison, lots of expansion, and then a brand new school in the area. Three possible sites in the area, two of which are current space and one of which is just open space.

#### **1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Karen Lundquist**

- Gave a report of the executive board, and brought issue up requiring a vote.
- NWACA asked for a letter of support from Doss PTA to support the public park for which they are seeking a grant.
- A motion was made, and second and approved by the membership.

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

##### **Spring Party Chairs: Robin Chapman and Kim Lawrence**

- Overall income was \$130,602
- \$24,390 in ticket sales
- \$17,680 in photo book sales

##### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Sarah Baker**

- Presentation of actual financials from April 2017, including income from Spring Party and PIE donations/retail rebates; and expenses from Spring Party, Magic Mirror, Technology Enrichment, Cultural Heritage, Water bottle fillers under Healthy Lifestyles, and Playground Improvements.
- The second report presented is a proposed preliminary budget for the 2017-2018 school year. There will be two opportunities to amend this preliminary budget during the next school year. General membership will need to vote on any proposed changes.
- Per bylaws, there was a motion and second to approve the preliminary 2017-2018 budget, which was passed.

##### **2nd VP: Kimberly Richards**

- 897 PTA members. Last year it was 664. As a result, several awards have been met.
  - Early bird award
  - Golden Apple award
  - 750+ club (the Fall Honor Roll)
  - Platinum voice for every child award
- Discounts for members!
  - Schlitterbahn, Costco, etc.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**QUESTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 pm by Jen Despins, President

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Carolyn Gutierrez Bartelli