

DMA PTA Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019

For a list of attendees, see sign-in sheet on file with PTA secretary

Call to Order and Opening Remarks:

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Cindy Ferry at 6:35pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Commandant's Report:

- Mr. Pullella was not in attendance, but Cindy answered questions from Ms. Welch regarding the sale of St. Matthews and also discussed the ongoing stadium project.

Review and Approval of the Minutes:

- Motion put forward by VP Cindy Ferry, 1st approval by Michelle Kipp, 2nd by Kathy Bleacher

Treasurer's Report:

- Erin Battista presented the updated 2018-2019 budget
- Reported taxes have been sent in
- Advised all committee chairs to verify budgets to make sure they have funds needed
- Check for the 2 tents have been sent, should be delivered in about 2 weeks
- PTA donated \$2500 to the school for stadium cement trash receptacles
- \$900 went toward gift certificates for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Budget was approved, 1st by Georgia Byron, 2nd by Michelle Kipp

Committee Reports:

a. Activities:

- Kathy Bleacher reported that the Senior Breakfast is next Friday (May 24th), everything appears to be ready
- May 31st is the End of Year Picnic- have rented grill and tables, Gunner spoke to the National Guard about bringing ropes courses, signup genius to go out next week
- Need a new chairperson for next year (2019-2020), possibly 2 to share responsibilities

b. Fundraising:

Friday Lunch:

- * Amy Kalafut reported that there are 2 more Fridays left and shifts are short both weeks

Designer Bag Bingo:

- * Amy reported she began picking up bags for next year's event already

c. Hospitality Committee:

- Anne Kuennen reported that the Awards Ceremony went well, any leftover snacks/waters can be used for the end of year picnic
- New Cadet Orientation went well, coffee did not go over well, possibly rethink next year which events to serve coffee (Academy Night, Ring Ceremony, Open House), possibly fill karafs for smaller functions or get "Box of Joe" to fill instead of brew in kitchen
- Eileen Watson and Lisa Kucharski will chair Hospitality Committee for 2019-2020 school year

d. Membership:

- * Michelle Kipp reported that forms went out in New Cadet packets at orientation as well as in returning cadet re-enrollment letters

e. Military Support:

- * Jenn Pobanz reported that next year will be her last, need to find someone to shadow to take over the committee

f. Reflections:

- * No updates regarding National Competition, assuming no winners at that level, did have winners at the state level this year, possibly find ways to incentivise applicants/winners- revisits scholarships?

g. Staff Appreciation:

- * Teacher Appreciation Week, provided lunches Tuesday and Friday, snacks Monday and Thursday, teachers received Staples gift cards for end of year supplies
- * Ms. Dolan also got a gift card in recognition of National Nurses Week
- * Mrs. Galinskie and Mrs. Taylor received gift cards in recognition of all they do for cadets, staff, and school
- * Thank you to all who helped with the events of the week: Eileen Watson, Kathy Bleacher, Tatiana Rice for helping with lunches; the Naughtons for donating 8 cases of Girl Scout Cookies; Kelsi Lussier, Wyatt Martin and other members of Student Government who served Staff with the snack cart; Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Galinskie for tracking donations AND helping clean up the break room at the end of the day; DMA families for their generous donations
- * Position is still vacant and looking for someone to chair the committee next year, contact Tatiana Rice or Maryellen Charno

Old Business:

- Still need chairperson for Staff Appreciation and Activities, please reach out if know of someone interested or want more information
- Tents have been ordered

New Business:

● **Elections:**

Debbie Geist, Nominations Committee, presented the slate of nominees to VP Cindy Ferry, nominees ran unopposed so verbal vote was able to take place, 2019-2020 DMA PTA Executive Board is as follows: President- Cindy Ferry, Executive Vice President- Maryellen Charno, Communications Vice President- Stacey Broomell, Secretary- Erin Battista, Treasurer- Tatiana Rice

● **Upcoming Dates:**

May 19th- Newark Memorial Day Parade

May 24th- Senior Breakfast

May 31st- Bell Ringing Ceremony and End of Year Picnic

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm