

LES PTA “Virtual” General Meeting - November 11, 2020

Intro of Attendees:

Cathy Datz, Debra Anoff, Heather Godwin, Stephanie Hastings, Elizabeth Hall, Ellen Bockelman, Amy Ashmore, Liz Banach, Jessica Jenkins, Ginger Catherman, Courtney Jones & June Roach

June Roach shared the October 21st meeting minutes virtually on Google Meet. Stephanie Hastings motions to approve them; Amy Ashmore seconds; all approve, no objections

President's Report (Cathy Datz):

- The PTA Amazon Prime account has been opened/created.
- All bank accounts have been updated with Heather Godwin listed as the new Treasurer and with check signing authority given to Heather Godwin, Cathy Datz and Amy Ashmore.
- A Script account has been opened for the PTA where Evie Lang and Mrs. Chrome will co-chair this fundraising opportunity with Carmen Castiglia offering to help where needed. (Script is a website where people can purchase gift cards online and by doing so, the PTA will get a small kickback.) Cathy is looking into how Script can be used as another “Gift of Gratitude” opportunity for teachers and staff.
- Planning to purchase \$5 Starbuck’s gift cards to acknowledge teacher birthdays.
- We have another Tony Loco’s Give Back Night on Nov 23rd. (The Oct 22nd Night generated \$296 for the PTA, roughly half of what we got back pre-Covid.) Mrs. Anoff posed the option to forgo the next Tony Loco’s Give Back Night due to Hogan’s recent press conference on decreasing crowds indoors. Everyone agreed to give the option to owners to cancel. Cathy said she will email the owners.

PTACHC (Elizabeth Hall):

- Not much to report from this week’s meeting
- Still waiting to hear back on whether voting virtually will be allowed
- Lots of upcoming meetings about different bills and legislation pertaining to education (i.e. redistricting/zoning) If anyone has interest in what will be discussed, the dates and info is listed on PTACHC’s website. (www.ptachc.org)

Teachers’ Rep Report (Stephanie Hastings):

- On behalf of the staff, a HUGE thank you for the staff reimbursement allotments
- To help with staff recognition, there is a questionnaire that Staff will complete on Member Hub to help families with their gift giving. Mrs. Anoff said that for Staff that do not wish to publish their wishlist online, she will have copies of their wishlists to share with families who request it. She also suggested to have a PTA member keep copies at home with them so that they are easily accessible in the event the building is closed.

Audit Review (Cathy Datz):

- We pay \$1500/year for an accounting firm to print pages from our QuickBooks that Heather can print on her own. This is not an audit and nor is this service a requirement by MD PTA or the general PTA organization. Therefore, Cathy stated she wants to vote on this at a future in-person meeting to see if we should still continue this service.
- Amy Ashmore asked if last year’s budgetary items have been gone through and recorded properly to help us in analyzing future budgets. Cathy stated no due to extensive receipts and not knowing which items were paid from where but Heather has broken down each budgetary line items extensively so that we can prevent this problem going forward.

Community Night (Cathy Datz):

As of tonight, we received \$1431 in donations from MemberHub & checks. Heather stated we needed approx \$6000 to make the 200 baskets, we are hoping that all food will be donated so probably will need \$3k, so approximately another \$1500 needed. The anonymous donor will be helping out again this year. Mrs. Anoff asked if the PTA could send a card to Mrs. Dottie thanking her for all her work with organizing the food drop offs. Mrs. Hastings will send out thank you cards to the managers/owners of the

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businesses who donated and a card will be created for the anonymous donor. Many perimeters have been implemented for Covid-19.

Virtual Fall Fest (Stephanie Hastings):

14 entries for “Guess How Many Candies”

8 entries for Pumpkin Decorating

The 11 winners will be receiving a \$5 gift certificate from the Grill, which is a donation from the Grill

Future PTA Events (Cathy Datz):

Due to our precarious situation we don't know what & who will be allowed in the building in the future and with trying to limit the number of virtual extracurricular activities for students. Maybe we should think about cancelling the events this year?

International Night (Liz Banach): She said that last year's version probably isn't feasible. She could try coming up with a virtual zoom meeting. She suggests this may be the year to cancel.

Bingo (Cathy Datz):

Bingo is being cancelled this year. Cathy suggested hosting a Fun Run event in lieu of Bingo. Cathy reached out to the Montgomery County Road Runners and they are willing to assist in the event. Amy Ashmore has contacts for shirt printing and other giveaways. Mrs. Anoff suggested a virtual Fun Run. Cathy will ask for volunteers to chair the event in the Lisbon Lines.

Walking Wednesday (Ellen Bockelman): Cathy D. found the plastic feet charms. Suggestion to do this as a virtual event. We could even repackage this to call it “Lisbon Gets Fit” with Mrs. McCoy's suggestion of putting activities on a bingo card to have students complete for charms.

Dances (Courtney Jones): Cathy Datz would like to have a Mommy/Son dance in addition to a Daddy/Daughter dance. Ideally these would be identical events. Mrs. Anoff asked whether we could combine these events into ONE dance, 1) it would save money and 2) garner inclusivity and not be gender specific. Courtney said she could still help with these dances. We will redesign/repurpose to be inclusive and have a year to plan this. Make this a possible fundraising event since it brings in money anyway.

Memory Book: Difficult year to do this year with virtual learning. The company that publishes this for us gave Elizabeth some ideas that other schools are doing. She is willing to do whatever needs to be done. Idea is having people submit photos of kids virtually learning, pics from the proposed Fun Run, another idea is offering the purchase of 1/4 page by parents to make a dedication to their child, and even setting up a photo booth outside the school for parents to drive up and take a picture of their child to submit for the yearbook.

Principal's Report (Mrs. Anoff):

- Mrs. Anoff went over the proposed hybrid model/timeline that HCPSS proposed.
<https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/Public>
- American Education Week
- 15 mins will only be allotted for the upcoming virtual parent/teacher meetings.

Mrs. Anoff made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Elizabeth Hall second the motion.

Cathy adjourns meeting @ 8:57pm

Executive Committee meeting will be on Dec. 9th.

Next General Meeting will be on January 13th.