

## MINUTES

## Seventh District Elementary PTA

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March 14, 2023 | 6:00 PM  
PTA Monthly Meeting

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Amanda Alexander, Jessica Armacost, Kallista Boeckmann, Becky Burrs, Heather Denmyer, Jennifer Duftler, Rob Elligson, Brittany Ferrari, Emily Fogle, Brooke Folmer, Britt Fischer, Cathy Horton, Michelle Milam, Karen Skelley, Maura Simms, Erin Stauffer, Sonia Talbott

**Call To Order:** Maura Simms – 6:06pm

**Approval of Minutes:** Rob & Jen approved the minutes from 2/7

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### Board

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Maura Simms, President; Karen Skelley & Jessica Armacost, Vice-Presidents; Emily Fogle & Britt Fischer Secretaries; Brooke Folmer, Treasurer

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### Principal's Report (Heather Denmyer)

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- Mrs. Ables' time at 7DE in the Principal Internship Program ended after a month. She had great feedback about the students, staff, community and more. Principal Denmyer debriefed with the executive director Dr. Gregory.
  - There is a Fifth Grade ask regarding the Annapolis field trip.
    - Brittany Ferrari: Before Covid the fifth graders took a field trip to Annapolis which tied into the curriculum, including a Harbor cruise, colonial stroll, statehouse visit and Governor's house. The ask is for money to book a Coach style bus since Whitcraft cannot be used due to school/schedule/time conflicts. The cost for gas and bus is \$1,500. Of that, \$500 can be moved from the school budget's Discretionary Fund. My Neighbor's Foundation can help some families with the \$18 per student field trip cost, but the ask of PTA is \$1,000. Brooke advised we can move \$1,000 from the Teacher Reimbursement category to the Assemblies expenses. Brooke and Britt approved the motion for the budget change to accommodate the field trip. Jessica suggested to move this line item for future budgets.
  - We are entering testing season which Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Duftler are heading.
  - All Hereford Zone principals are visiting on 3/27 for a professional learning tour for middle and high school.
  - Kindergarten Round-up is coming on 4/27 as a half day and 4/28 is a full day.
  - Spring Break is coming up 4/1-4/10
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### Treasurer's Report (Brooke Folmer)

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- We received many corporate donations in February and also some for March already.
- The Sweetheart Dance income was \$2,420 and net was \$1,920.
- Spirit Night was \$492 for February and \$508 for March – overall \$1,000 income (\$250 more than last year)

- Expenses were for Books and Periodicals, teacher reimbursement, classroom enrichment – but we are still in the positive for the budget
- Motion to approve the budget updates by Jennifer and Emily

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### **New Business and Updates (Maura Simms)**

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- Board Nominations are approaching for positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. We can have a minimum of one of each, or can have two of each except for President.
  - Brooke will resign from Treasurer and Jessica will resign from Vice President
  - We need three people on the Nomination Committee to collect nominations, contact the nominees, ensure they are PTA members and interested in the positions, and to present the nominations (via Google form). Nomination Committee volunteers are Jessica, Karen and Emily
  - Maura will send a communication outlining basic responsibilities of each position
  - The nominations need to be presented no later than 4/28, aka 10 days before the May PTA meeting
- Spirit Nights – Jessica: Upcoming Mo's Taco night, there are 20 kits ordered thus far, Tuesday is pickup. The kits come with a coupon for a future order. In May there will be a Woodfire Kitchen / Mini Golf spirit night as well. The Chick-fil-A Spirit Night yielded \$508 income as a success
- Parent's Night Out – Maura: Big Truck event will be again 12-8pm on 4/22 with Silent Auction. Will possibly rename from Parent's Night Out to Family Day Out to be more inclusive of everyone's attendance. Will use either MemberHub or 32Auctions but likely MemberHub. There's an ask for each grade level to donate a themed basket via Nicole Smith / Sign Up Genius organizing. The Fifth Grade basket proceeds are directly for their grade, while the other grades will be split for the greater good of the school.
  - Brooke suggested to reach out to the Craft Fair vendors to gauge interest in donating items; Emily will follow up with them to request.
  - Maura will follow up with Big Truck's food trucks to ensure they have enough hot dogs, pizza and other popular items to avoid sell-out.
- Thinking about another Pie in the Face fundraiser, similar to last year's fundraiser for Ukraine run by Lauren Layden. Perhaps can be an annual Spring fundraiser, perhaps to benefit Pathfinders for Autism.
  - Neil Lichter's son is autistic and Neil presents at school for students and parents; also conducts presentations to Police. Could ask him to present to our students and families and maybe he could be open to the pie in the face.
  - Also could ask BJ Surhoff from the Orioles to come in relation to Pathfinders for Autism
  - Brooke suggested to amend the budget to add a line item under Fundraisers and Events to keep Pies for a Cause as an annual event.
- Principal Denmyer will send a school communication about Camp Invention via Michelle Milam to get more participants and interns as well.
- Mother's Day Plant Sale – Emily: Still through White House Nursery and will order via MemberHub for baskets and herbs and flowers. Due 4/12 and pickup is 5/2 at Moms are the Sweetest event
- Assemblies/Presentations – Maura: HMS PTA President Jen Dickerson contacted all HZ PTA Presidents regarding vaping education. Cyber Safety Cops is an online company that presents virtually and online for \$1,050, which would be \$210 per PTA if all participated. Will follow up to see which PTAs are interested.

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## Miscellaneous

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- Rec Council – Rob Elligson: Rec Council is amid Nomination Season. He will remain as President, but looking for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and members at large. They meet the first Monday of the month from 7:30-8p. Nominations will be through May and their committee will send a news blast. Elections will be held in June.
- Baseball starts April 1<sup>st</sup> and Tball starts soon. There are new benches! Opening Day is the same day as Family Day Out / Parent's Night Out for 7DE and Prettyboy when they'll have photos, games, Tball, Baseball and Softball
- Tae Kwon Do rotation is upon us, as well as LEGO Club
- Discounted Hershey Park tickets are available for \$44
- Per Jessica: The Maryland Agricultural Resource Council is disbanding and distributing money for grant programs. Perhaps 7DE can get some of the \$1,700 for a showcase event.

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## Committee Reports / Upcoming Events

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### Upcoming Events

- Moe's Taco Box pickup 3/21
- April PTA Meeting 4/11/2023
- Family Day Out 4/22
- Kindergarten roundup 4/27 & 4/28
- Moms are the Sweetest 5/2

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.