



## PTSA General Board Meeting

February 16, 2021

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Call to order at 6:02 pm. Approve minutes

In attendance: Kathryn McAllister, Alicia Jackson, Brooke Skyrme, Jonathan Kasman, Bridget Turner, Nikisha Diehl, Cathleen Lenderman, Caryl White, L Harris, Zehra Ghorri

### A. Treasurer's Report: *Brooke Skyrme*

#### a. Summary budget

- reviewed budget
- some checks came in for grants for PROWL that were cashed
- there was expense for a U-Haul truck that picked up supplies from Walmart
- total income from fall PROWL \$1821
- discussion about money for prizes for upcoming bingo night

### B. Officer's Reports

#### 1. President: *Caryl White*

- thanks to Bridget for organizing Paint Social night
- thanks to Mr. Martin for getting us a truck load of Walmart school supplies (worth \$2500), the U-Haul rental expense was added to Operating costs

#### 2. VP Events – *Bridget Turner*

- Paint night was very successful, and the company provided two \$5 gifts for winners, and the PTSA gave away a \$50 massage gift card
- staff is encouraged to participate in events and we appreciate anyone that is willing to help out as well
- events will be open to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders

#### 1. Youth Paint & Party or Paint & Social

1. \$50.00 maybe \$45.00 but people will have to pick up
2. Friday, **March** 19th from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

#### 2. Virtual Bingo Night (Free)

1. Friday, **April** 16th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
3. **NEW** - Junior Chef Cooking Class (\$\$)
  1. Saturday, **April** 17th from 12:00 am - 2:00 pm
    - Limit of 10 students, but if there is enough interest
4. Variety Show (Free)
  1. **May** TBD

**C. Principals Report:** *Mrs. Diehl*

- ready for students, we are excited
- feel like Mercer has a great plan for bringing students back safely
- virtual live stream for families for both hybrid and distance learners (we have about 23% of students coming back into the school building)
- orientation simulation for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, to experience hybrid/concurrent learning
- remind parents about entering and exiting parking lots (10 miles per hour), start using visitor parking spots instead of bus lanes
- encouraging everyone to read the return to school playbook
- thanks to PTSA for continuing our community connection
- thanks for parents for all you are doing
- shout out to teachers – Mercer had one of the largest amounts of students continuing to be engaged in distance learning

**D. MSAAC Report:** *Bridget Turner/Zehra Ghori*

- very engaging panel at the most recent meeting
- continue to encourage the parents and the teachers to be attentive to what the students are going through
- next meeting, Feb 17 from 7-9, topic Diversity in Education

**E. Any other Business**

- discussion about decorating the teachers lounges until the day the teachers return to school
  
- money for prizes for the next BINGO night – maybe get a community sponsor for the BINGO night
- there is some money that could be moved from Mercer Madness, or from Living History to help purchase BINGO night prizes
- begin advertising early and charge \$10 per family which would help to cover some of the cost
- Kathryn made a motion to use \$450 for BINGO night prizes and Alicia seconded, vote was unanimous
- certificates and prizes for past events need to be distributed (looking at doing this next Monday, Feb 22)

**F. Adjournment**

- meeting adjourned 6:57 pm