

Lamar PTO Board Meeting Minutes

9 May 2016

Location: Ms. Stone's Classroom

Position	Name	Attendance
President	Jennifer Dawson	present
1st VP of Programs	Ariel Dawson	absent
2nd VP of Membership	Andrea Hayes	absent
3rd VP of Fundraising	Jenny Tessman	present
Treasurer	Stephen Kelling	present
Secretary	Cathleen Akers	present
Devotional	Angie Garner	absent
Volunteer Chairman	(open)	
Pictures	Christina Blackwell	absent
Parliamentarian	Amanda Davis	absent
Christmas Store	(Jennifer Dawson)	
Hospitality	Lindy Meiser	present
Reporter	(open)	
Activities Chair	Casey Gray	present
Teacher Rep	Amanda Gunter	present
Principal	Janet Mobley	present

J. Dawson called the meeting to order at 5:38pm.

Norms

J. Dawson read the norms:

- Be kind and courteous
- One person speaking at a time

Devotional

J. Dawson read the devotional: *Each day when I wake I know I have one more day to make a difference in someone's life. —James Mann*

Treasurer's Report

Kelling had nothing to report.

By-laws Revisions

J. Dawson called attention to the proposed revisions to Bylaws Articles X and XI that were first circulated in March with the intention to vote upon them in April. There was no quorum present at the April Board meeting, however, so no voting on the revisions took place then. Akers noted that the two articles were

the last ones in the existing Bylaws, so after this the board will have completed the review and revision of the entire document. Mobley asked if Akers planned to present the whole of the revisions to the general membership by the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Akers said no; recruitment for Board positions according to the current bylaws had to take place before she could complete the Board review and approval of the new draft bylaws. The Board would present the complete draft to the general membership in the 2016-2017 school year.

Meiser moved to approve the revision (of Article X and the addition of Article XI) as written. Tessman seconded. The vote carried unanimously.

Old Business

Kids Day (1 June). J. Dawson noted that Kids Day is scheduled for Wednesday, 1 June. Tessman was developing the schedule of volunteers. The number of popsicles needed would be 417 because Head Start would not be participating in Kids Day but rather would be visiting a water park on the same day. J. Dawson noted that there would be four slides—two small, one medium, and one large. There was some discussion about hoses and connectors, ending with J. Dawson stating she would check on these.

Health Fair/Book Fair (family night). Mobley noted that the nurse will have four health stations—physical and food-related—that were already staffed. Meiser, Tessman, Gray, and Akers volunteered to help in the library at the book fair.

Teacher Appreciation. Meiser stated that on the Tuesday of Teacher Appreciation Week, each teacher received two Paw Pops (out of chocolate) that she had made. On Wednesday, Akers' and Davis' contributions of cookies and brownies augmented cookies from Albertsons that were packaged six to a bag for teachers. On Friday, Meiser distributed personalized mason jar mugs filled with sweets. Altogether she spent a total of \$402.87 for Teacher Appreciation Week. Attendees commented that the treats were well-received.

New Board Member Nominations. J. Dawson circulated a list of positions and names, noting that although she and Kelling were listed, theirs are two-year positions and therefore would not be voted upon. The only empty positions were Christmas Store and Activities Chair. J. Dawson and Mobley noted that the slate would be presented and voted on by the general membership at the last day assemblies on 2 June. Tessman raised a question whether she should fill the 1st VP position or the Activities Chair position since she was willing to do either or both, especially since the latter has so much to coordinate. Akers suggested that Tessman fill the 1st VP position since that is the more executive position. Akers also reasoned that the Board could vote to have Tessman fulfill the duties of Activities Chair, particularly since that is what would be occurring once the revised bylaws are approved by the general membership. There was general assent with this suggestion. Akers then moved to approve the slate as written with a single amendment that Tessman be listed as 1st VP of Activities. Meiser seconded. The vote carried unanimously.

Open Discussion

Meiser suggested that whether or not PTO chooses to do T-shirt sales as a fundraiser again, the shirts should really go on sale in September or October. She also suggested that if there is a new design, then work on that needs to start well before the target date for sales. She offered to continue to help with T-

shirts or anything in the coming year, even though her youngest would be heading to B. McDaniel in 2016-2017.

Updates from Mrs. Mobley

Mobley noted that in the 2016-2017 school year, instead of programs as Lamar has traditionally done, each grade level will sponsor an activity that will be open to all grades. These activities will serve as general meetings for PTO. Activities that PTO has been doing like the Father-Daughter Dance will be coordinated between the grade level and PTO.

Dates to Remember

Book fair/health fair 19 May 2016
Kids Day 1 June 2016
Last day of school 2 June 2016 (early release)

J. Dawson moved to adjourn at 6:10pm. Meiser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES BY CATHLEEN AKERS