

**General Membership Meeting Minutes  
April 4, 2024**

**In Attendance:** Caitlin Christ, Beth Currence, Karice Parada, Christina Shaffer, Jessica Smith, Liz Rosenberg, Sherry Hanson, Patricia Martin, Scott Buckwalter, Kara Copley, Shannon McCoon, Jane Castner, Christie Huter, Stephanie Lihvarchik, Jenny Sharpless, Sharon Federman

**6:30 PM**

**Call to Order**

**6:30 PM**

**Approval of Minutes from March PTA Meeting;** minutes were approved

**6:35 PM**

**Reports of Officers**

- ❖ Executive Board Members – Beth Currence (Vice President), Karice Parada (Secretary), Christina Shaffer (Treasurer), and Kara Copley (Membership Chair)
- ❖ School Administrators - Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Taylor
  - We've had K registration with around 70 students already registered.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter starts next week.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade info will go out in regard to end of year activities after the Board Meeting where they will give the final day of school.
  - Our kindness garden is on display.
  - MCAP starts next week with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA.
  - The Freedom Addition is now on the proposed budget. The addition would be for 5 classrooms and the removal of the portables (also a possible addition of another parking lot).
  - We are fully staffed with custodians (first time in 2 years). We are still in need of lunchroom assistants.
  - Thank you for the Ritas.
- ❖ Staff Representative - Mrs. Castner
  - Wish List/Supply Closet needs: glue sticks, erasers, etc.
- ❖ Board President (Old and New Business) – Caitlin Christ (President)

**6:45 PM**

**Old Business**

- ❖ **New Member Welcome;** currently at 152 members of the PTA
- ❖ **2024 - 2025 Membership Drive**
  - Incoming Kindergarten Families: info went to all K parents who registered last week
  - Spring Timing/Early Renewals for Returning Families + Staff
  - Costs for 2024-2025 (\$10 - Staff, \$12 - Individual, \$16 - Family)
- ❖ **Wonka Dance Thank-You's**
  - Thank you to Brandi, Beth and the entire committee. We now have a lot of decorations that can be used for TAW and Play Day.
  - Comments: Tickets were a little confusing, some people were looking for actual tickets in their email. The wording may have confused people. Maybe we can use the word "list" instead of "ticket". Some of the middle school volunteers were not very respectful or helpful. Maybe in the future, we can have 1 adult in charge of just the volunteers, have clear expectations, name tags and better supervision.
- ❖ **Fundraising**
  - Nora's (February 2024) - \$517.00
  - Chick-Fil-A (March 2024) - \$411.57
  - Chipotle (March 2024) - \$610.23
  - Rita's School Challenge - \$482.29
  - Orioles Fundraiser - \$168 (21 tickets sold so far)
- ❖ **Upcoming Events - Volunteer Needs**
  - End of Year Party (Thursday, June 6th, 2024)
    - Friday, June 7th, 2024 was promised to Linton Springs in December
    - Could still use some help here!

- ❖ **2024 - 2025 Budget**
- ❖ **2024 Board Position Openings + Vacancies**

- Secretary
- Fundraising Chair
- Family Engagement Chair
- Student Enrichment Chair
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair
- Recognition and Appreciation Chair

- ❖ **2024 - 2025 Chairs + Committees**

- Yearbook - Ashley Schall
- Back to School Kits - TBD (Chair/Co-Chairs)
- Back to School Nights - Executive Board [Membership Table]
- Back to School Bash - TBD (Chair/Co-Chairs) [Membership Table]
- Fun Run - Brianna Buppert + Trish Whitty (Co-Chairs)
- Veteran's Day Celebration - TBD (Chair/Co-Chairs)
- Holiday Gift Drive - TBD (Chair/Co-Chairs)

7:00 PM

**New Business**

- ❖ **Treasurer's Report (March)**

- Taxes have been filed. MD personal property = we don't owe anything.
- Spreadsheet attached.
- 34 staff reimbursements.
- Hershey Park tickets = approximately \$1,200.
- There has been some discussion about whether or not we will require teachers/staff to join the PTA in order to get the reimbursement.
- Some ideas include "Sponsor a teacher or class" to help teachers offset funds for materials.
- There are different ways that parents can donate.

- ❖ **Committee Reports**

- BINGO Committee - Christina Shaffer and Patty Martin (Co-Chairs)
  - \$3,000 in tix sales to date.
  - Donations are coming in from local businesses.
  - Could we add the sign up for basket donations to the school messenger.
  - You can buy 50/50 raffle tickets and do not need to be present to buy or win.
- TAW Committee - Amanda Jozkowski and Kara Copley (Co-Chairs)
  - Sign up for door decorations/ snacks/etc.will be going out next week
  - We have a good list of volunteers to cover each day
- Play Day - Beth Currence
- End of Year Party Committee - Caitlin Christ
- Advocacy Committee - Amanda Jozkowski (Chair)
  - 4/23 is the proposed budget release.
  - 4/24 Eldersburg Library.
  - The county calendar shows all the work session dates.
  - There should be more info to share on the Blueprint next week.
  - There are more meetings coming up and more information to be shared as it comes.

7:30 PM

**Announcements and Adjournment**

- ❖ **Date of Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 (Media Center) w/ Childcare Provided by KAH

- ❖ **Upcoming Events**

- Teacher Appreciation Week - Monday, May 6, 2024 - Friday, May 10, 2024
- VIP + Me Paint Night - Friday, May 10, 2024
- End of Year Party - Thursday, June 5, 2024
- 5th Grade Graduation - Monday, June 10, 2024)

- ❖ **Upcoming Fundraisers**

- Chick-fil-A Spirit Day - Tuesday, May 7th, 2024

- ❖ **Adjournment at 7:56PM**