



Mark Twain Middle School PTA Meeting Agenda

May 23, 2019

7:00-8:00 P.M.

Meeting called by: Linda Pinkney at 7PM

Attendance: Linda Pinkney, Audrey June, Mae Pattison, Christy Rose, Carin Blair, Azza Karrar, Rita Kargol, Chuck Miller, Steve Pattison, Debra Cope, Christina Hunt, Kirsten Little

Welcome– Linda Pinkney

Commended Staff of MT for their continued partnership over the past school year.

New Business

Presentation of April Minutes – Christy Rose

Motioned for approval by Debra Cope, 2nd by Mae Pattison and approved.

Treasurer's Report –Mae Pattison

Motioned by Mr. Miller, 2nd by Audrey June-approved

Money Minder is up-to-date on all deposits and payments. The school year began with \$12,209.38, current income is \$20,494.38, expenses equal \$17,378.90, leaving us with a total of \$15,324.86.

The current budget priced 8th grade dance tickets at \$10. There was a suggestion to reduce the price to \$7 since this event was not designed to be a fundraiser.

The generosity of the community for gift card donations for staff appreciation will allow the PTA to gift each teacher an additional year-end gift card of \$10 each.

Late enrollment for PTA is due by June and will be approximately \$10.

Custodian Appreciation is coming up. \$150 is budgeted for the celebrating the 6 staff members.

The PTA budgets \$400 to help supplement student lunch shortages. The 1st and 2nd quarters have been paid. 3rd and 4th will be settled shortly. If families need to reclaim balances from Myschoolbucks, they must submit something in writing. Debra asked if it was possible to donate balances to students with negative balances.

Paisano restaurant night saw minimal success. There are still outstanding balances for staff appreciation.

Historically, the PTA has donated funds exceeding \$8150 to the school for the benefit of the entire school. The amount of \$8150 was determined to be enough to cover expenses until the first fundraiser in September/October. Suggested uses are new computers, however, Edison will be turning over 86 used computers for the 2019-20 year until the school receives 1-to-1 laptops for the student body during the 2020-21 SY. Other suggestion included replacement white-boards. The motion to donate excess funds to Twain was made by Debra Cope and 2nd by Carin Blair. Passed, 1 abstention.

The PTA budgeted \$4000 for spirit wear and spent \$4649.00. Changes to the budget exceeding \$300 must be approved by at the general meeting. Debra Cope motioned to amend the budget, Christina Hunt 2nd. Motion approved.

Suggestions for next year's budget include membership for sign-up genius (approx. \$100).

The PTA audit for the 2018-19 records needs to be completed in June.

Principal's Report – Mr. Miller

Overall, SOL testing was good. Test scores, while satisfactory, were stagnant. The Administration will look into working with students with disabilities next year.

Parent Coffee is coming up. The Admin is looking to announce a cell phone free zone next year. Media sharing sites such as Finsta and ENVLeaks are causing greater concern for student welfare and mental health. Families will be encouraged to keep cell phones at home or students can place in their locker during school hours. Teachers will need to plan for not having phone access for games like Kahoots, etc.

PTA fund overage could be used for the benefit of the school to bring in guest speakers regarding mental health and anxiety that are becoming more pronounced with the accessibility of social media and other school issues. A suggestion that Parent Resources and NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) are free and available options.

The school acknowledges that there are students showing signs of mental health crisis. Many of these behaviors are reported by concerned friends showing an increased awareness of students to be on the lookout. However, these incidents are handled as individual cases. Parental feedback is too widely varied if students are mature enough for a school wide approach.

Committee Reports

Staff Appreciation - Thanks to Kirsten Little and Danielle Brown for a successful week. Each staff member will be presented with another gift card on June 13th or 14th. The Square donations were very above expectations.

Kirsten will head the committee with Kerith Massingill next year.

8th Grade Dance - Sign up genius is out. There were over 300 suggestions for the DJ list. The dance committee will work on ways to vet and streamline that list. Tickets are available for presale only from June 4-7th. The suggestion for closet for families to donate formal wear may need to be tabled for next year. The current closet is stuffed with everyday wear.

Volunteer Coordinator- Carin Blair

Field Day, June 7th, Sign up Genius has gone out. There has been a good response to this. Current sign ups for the 8th grade dance have fallen a bit short and there needs to be a follow up push, especially at 1:30 the day of to begin set up.

Christina Hunt has agreed to manage restaurant nights next year. Paisano's proceeds were \$70. There was a suggestion to have a square donation for those not able to participate in attending the events.

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Needs:

June 4&5th are Rising 7th grade parent coffees starting at 9:30.

June 5: Pops concerts on the blacktop 6PM

June 7: 8th Grade Dance 6:30-8:30 PM

June 11: Field Day 9:30-1:30

June 12: Flight Trampoline Park 5-9 PM

Election of New Officers- Linda Pinkney

Linda will retain the office of President and Christy will remain as secretary for the 2019-20 SY. Debra Cope was nominated and elected to the position of Treasurer. There were no nominations for VP. It will remain open until filled.

**Thanks to all PTA members for their time and dedication to the students of Mark Twain.
Best wishes to our 8th graders!**

Have a great summer!!

Adjourned at 7:57PM.

**** Amendment****

On May 30, 2019, Sharon Gagner was nominated for Vice President of the 2019-2020 SY. She accepted the nominations. Per the bylaws, her nomination was put before the outgoing board. Mae Pattison motioned for her election, Audrey June seconded the motion. She was unanimously approved for the position.