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Delaware Military Academy PTA Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 21, 2026

Attendees: See Secretary for the sign in sheet

Call to order 6:35- Jen Avery (President)

Commandant's Report- Dan Newcott

Dan Newcott sent a message saying thank you to the PTA. He also stated that on April 25th at the new cadet orientation that the new families were happy and loved how organized things were. Teacher appreciation week went well as well as the Sr. Breakfast. So many people donated to the coffee truck for staff appreciation that they will be able to have the truck come back for the August Professional Development.

Secretary- Sue Cressman

Sue Cressman read the minutes from the previous meeting, August 16, 2026. Minutes were approved by Danielle Wenzel and seconded by Cynthia Mistretta.

Treasurer's Report- Pam Bargren

(To see the full report go to the DMA PTA website. For other additional information contact the Treasurer.)

The summer budget was discussed. The PTA will use this for the summer "Boot Camp" picnic for the new freshman and families. Other organizations may donate money or items to help with the picnic. This budget will also cover the staff lunch during the August Professional Development. * We need to make sure that we have enough food for everyone.* The amount settled on was \$4,250. See the Treasurer's report for specifics.

Motion to Approve Summer Budget- Georgia Tsionas and Second by Cynthia Mistretta

Other information shared included discussion about the PTA shed. In the shed we have a grill, bingo supplies, old paperwork, decorations, etc. This should be looked at and cleaned out. It is recommended that we get a new lock for the shed.

There were also some mini grants given to staff members. Some were from an old flyer that had \$75 and some were from the new flyer on the website for \$50. This needs to be consistent next year. The website and the binders should have the same information. \$950 was given in grants this year.

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Some new families signed up for PTA membership for next year. There is currently \$275 in Cheddar Up. It will be processed on or near July 1st which is the start of next school year.

Motion to approve Daniell Wenzel and Second by Nicole Collier.

VP Presidents Report- Hillary Raptis- No Report

VP Communications Report- Danielle Wenzel- This position is available for next year. Danielle will stay till it is filled. This position communicates through our website, Facebook, Band App., etc.

Committee Reports:

Activities Committee- Erin marino- Senior breakfast went very well. End of the year picnic is next.

Friday Lunch- Cynthia Mistretta- Next year it is very important that PTA knows about field trips or anything else that would impact the amount of pizza that is bought for Friday lunch. Recently there was a Friday where there was a field trip and was Senior Skip Day. There were many extra pizzas.

Hospitality- Hilary Raptis- No Report

Membership- Brooke Terranova

Military Support- Ashley Hitzig and Chris Clawson- We discussed that it is very important that we keep a close eye on the preparations for next year to ensure that we have enough food and drinks for everyone at the event.

Staff Appreciation- Stacey Chakwin- It was discussed that the receipts were still needed from staff appreciation to clear through the bank account.

Old Business-

New Business- PTA has a BJs membership. The names on the account need to be checked and updated for the new board members. Master Sargent Howie asked what is needed for the underclassman picnic. We think that it is under control.

Next year it is recommended that a Naval Science Instructor be present at PTA meetings.

The ice machine in the cafeteria does not work. We discussed ways we may be able to help get it fixed since a new one costs a lot of money.

PTA currently has too many different emails. They need to be reduced to one.

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Motion to Adjourn 8:25 PM

First- Georgia Tsionas

Second- Pam Bargren