

Delaware Military Academy PTA Minutes

May 17, 2018

Attendees: See sign in sheet.

Call to Order and Opening Remarks:

- President, Tatiana Rice brought the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
- Tatiana Rice lead the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Anthony Pullella, Commandant's Report:

- No report.
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Secretary:

- Cami Pisklak, VP of Communications, provided the April 2018 meeting minutes. Erin Battista with the 1st motion and Kathy Bleacher with the 2nd motion approved the minutes with no edits.

Treasurer's Report:

- Erin Battista reported on budget. We are on target for the year. that everything is going along fine. Underage and overage are as expected.

Vice President Reports:

- Executive VP - Maryellen Charno - not present/no report
- Communications VP - Cami Pisklak - Website is up to date.

Committee Chair Reports:

☐ Activities Committee - Committee Chair Kathy Bleacher reported:

- Year End Picnic (5/25) will be a little bigger this year. The PTA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and waterice. Volunteers to help and donations of waters, lemonades, Arnold Palmers, watermelons and pop-up canopies for shade are needed. A SignUp Genius has gone out but will be sent out again. There will also be a dunk tank that the DMA admin and NSI's will man. Tom Bock from Delaware Equipment Rental is donating the grills, propane, and 2 tables. There will be an early dismissal that day. The Picnic follows the Bell Ringing Ceremony. will be nTatiana added that the picnic has morphed into more than the PTA just providing food making it difficult to coordinate. Last year it was rained out. Had a meeting with Mr. Pullella and decided that PTA would provide food (hamburgers and hot dogs rather than pizza) and the school will provide activities (hopefully to include a dunk tank). Need to go through the Activities budget to plan, having a meeting on May 1st to finalize details.
- Boot Camp Picnic (7/27) - is the next event for the Activities Committee - a SignUp Genius will go out over the summer. This event is done in conjunction with Naval Science, Sports Boosters, and the Music Association.
- Senior Breakfast - will take place tomorrow, May 18. We are using a new caterer this year - hopefully it will all go smoothly. The plaques for our Student Government, President and Vice President will be presented at the breakfast.
- Kathy Bleacher will be chairing this Committee next year.

☐ Fundraising Committee - Friday Lunch - Committee Chair Maria Gedney:

- Cami Pisklak reported for Committee Chair, Maria Gedney. Chick-fil-A was served on Friday, May 11th and while it was well-received it was not profitable at all for us. It actually set us back by at least \$700. We had a significant number of sandwiches left over. Chick-fil-A generously agreed to write off 50 sandwiches of the over 80 we had left over, which helped. It looks as though we will not meet income projections.
 - Maria Gedney will not be chairing this Committee next year.
- Membership Committee - Committee Chair Tina Duffy:
- We continue to receive new memberships and membership renewals. Although we have really great numbers it is apparent that we could continue to build our membership numbers. We currently have 195 family memberships to date. PTA membership forms were sent out with the re-commit letters and a table was present at the New Cadet Orientation. We will have a table at the Boot Camp Picnic and Back to School Nights. We need to brainstorm additional ways to get people to join the PTA. It is an important revenue stream for us.
 - Tina Duffy will not be chairing this Committee next year.
- Military Support Committee - Brad Bacci, Veteran's Breakfast Committee Chair and Jenn Pobanz, Turkey Drive Committee Chair:
- No report.
 - Brad Bacci and Jen Pobanz will be chairing this Committee next year and we have people interested in shadowing them.
- Prom Support Committee - Committee Chair Dawn Riley:
- The school's Prom Committee and Mrs. Enderica did not end up needing parent help with decorating. The \$500 PTA donation toward the prom was used. It was a great night at Hartefeld.
 - Dawn Riley will not be chairing this Committee next year.
- Reflections Committee -Committee Chair Fidelia Portillo:
- No report.
 - Fidelia Portillo will not be chairing this Committee next year.
- Staff Appreciation Committee - Committee Chair Debbie Brown:
- Debbie Brown reported. National Teacher Appreciation Week was May 7-11. It was a huge success with something offered every day during the week. The teachers enjoyed having the seniors involved.
 - Debbie Brown will continue to chair this committee next year.
- Hospitality Committee - Committee Chair Debbie Riley Geist:
- Committee Chair, Debbie Riley Geist reported - three events have taken place since last meeting.
 - NJROTC Awards Night was held at Richardson Park Elementary. We used left over drinks from other events and served sandwiches and chips. There was nothing left. The cadets really appreciated the food as many were coming directly from sporting events/practice. The down-side was the amount of trash that the cadets left in the auditorium which took a great deal of time to pick up.
 - New Cadet Orientation - the event got moved to the dome and food was not allowed so we only served water bottles - which was fine.
 - Academic Awards Night - served drinks and chips, cheezits, and cookies.
 - Debbie Riley Geist will not be chairing this Committee next year but we have new volunteers for this Committee next year.

Election of Officers for 2018-2019:

Stacey Broomell, Nominating Committee Chair:

- Cami Pisklak reported for the Nominating Committee in Stacey Broomell's absence. A quorum was recognized and the slate of Officers for the 2018-2019 DMA PTA Executive Committee was presented:
 - President - Tatiana Rice
 - Executive Vice President - Cindy Ferry
 - Communications Vice President - Dave Bart
 - Treasurer - Erin Battista
 - Secretary - MaryEllen Charno
- There were no additions to the slate from the floor
- A voice vote was taken, and the slated Officers were elected. Congratulations to the new Executive Board. You will assume your duties as of July 1, 2018.

Other Reports:

Student Government President:

- Next year's Student Government representatives were not in attendance, but the hope is to have them attend next year's meeting.

Old Business:

- No Old Business to report

New Business:

- Next Year's Committee Vacancies:
 - Fundraising Committee - we might have to explore some creative ways to get this covered
 - Reflections - this is an easy committee to chair and could be done by someone from home
- Next Year's New Committee Chairs
 - Hospitality - Anne Kuennen and Lisa Kucharski
 - Membership - Michele Kipp

Announcements/Reminders:

- **Next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20th, at 6:30pm in the Mess Hall. The PTA meeting will be preceded by the combined Boosters meeting.**
- The 2018-2019 School Calendar is up and running on the DMA website.
- Some noted changes:
 - the Dining-In will take place on earlier than this past year, it will actually be held on the Friday of the Turkey Drive, November 16.
 - Annual Inspection will take place on February 7th and 8th - due to the cold weather at that time of year there will probably not be a Pass and Review
 - Easter is late next school year - Spring Break will be April 19th to 26th.

Tatiana Rice closed the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cami Pisklak

Delaware Military Academy PTA Communications Vice President