

# Delaware Military Academy PTA Minutes

September 21, 2017

**Attendees:** See sign in sheet.

## Call to Order and Opening Remarks:

- Tatiana Rice brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

## Election of Officers:

- Stacey Broomell presented the slate of officers for the DMA PTA for 2017-2018. No nominations from the floor. A voice vote was taken and the following PTA members were elected to these positions.
  - **President** - Tatiana Rice
  - **Executive Vice President** - Maryellen Charno
  - **Communications Vice President** - Cami Pisklak
  - **Treasurer** - Erin Battista
  - **Secretary** - Denise Carr

## Secretary:

- Denise Carr, Secretary, provided the May, 2017 meeting minutes. Cami Pisklak with the 1<sup>st</sup> motion and Stacey Broomell with the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion approved the minutes with no edits.

## Treasurer's Report:

- David Rice, Acting-Treasurer, gave a summation of FY 2016-2017 Budget - we were on track and did so well that we were able to donate excess funds to the Capital Campaign. The books were audited over the summer and our taxes have been filed.
- The proposed budget for the 2017-2018 School Year will be submitted and voted on at the next PTA meeting in October.

## Vice President Reports:

- **Executive VP** - Maryellen Charno - no report
- **Communications VP** - Cami Pisklak reported that the database for Vertical Response has been and will continue to be updated as new members are added. SignUp genius's will go out for all of the committee that need volunteers and donations.

## Committee Activity Updates:

### ☐ Activities Committee - Committee Chair Kathy Bleacher reported:

- The following events fall under the Activities Committee: Boot Camp Picnic, Dining-In, Year End Picnic, Senior Breakfast and Winter Dance.
- The Boot Camp Picnic went very well.
- Halloween Party will not be held this year - may look at it as an ever- other-year reward.

### ☐ Fundraising Committee - Friday Lunch - Cami Pisklak reported for Committee Chair Maria Gedney:

- Friday Lunch has begun. This is the PTA's primary fundraiser. We provide lunch - Season' Pizza. There currently is no plan to bring Chick-fil-A back as they have raised their prices to a point that it is no longer financially feasible for us to generate the revenue necessary as our fundraiser.
- A sign-up genius went out at the beginning of the school year and we have had great interest and participation so far.

### ☐ Hospitality Committee - Committee Chair Debbie Riley Geist reported:

- Hospitality Committee provides refreshment for various events throughout the year. Most of them we have covered fully by the PTA budget, others we will ask for donations and volunteers. We seem to have a flurry of activities at the beginning of the school year and then nothing from October until April and May.
- The Hospitality Committee provides for the following events - 1<sup>st</sup> PTA Meeting, 9-11 Ceremony (refreshments for our visitors), Academic Awards Night, Back to School Nights, Junior Ring

Ceremony, New Cadet Orientation, National Honor Society Induction, NJROTC Awards Night, Choice Open House and Service Academy Night.

- The Choice Open House is Saturday, October 28 - we have over 300 prospective cadets and their parents come through on that Saturday. The PTA provides breakfast refreshments, coffee, tea, juices, muffins, etc. We will need lots of donations and volunteers. A sign-up genius will go out some time in October.

□ Membership Committee - Committee Chair Tina Duffy reported:

- Membership fee this year is \$20 per family.
- The membership drive has gone very well this year even though the membership form did not go home with the re-commit letter to returning families was key. We have also had great freshman parent participation.
- Membership forms went home with all cadets during the first week of school.
- Targeted reminder letters will be sent home through Naval Science to all those families we have not heard from - the free magnets are being sent home with each cadet as we receive fees.
- We'll had a membership table at both Back to School Nights.

□ Military Support Committee - Brad Bacci, Veteran's Breakfast Committee Chair and Jenn Pobanz, Turkey Drive Committee Chair reported, Brad Bacci and for Turkey Drive Committee Chair, Jenn Pobanz:

- Veteran's Breakfast - the date is Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll be sending out a sign-up genius to request volunteers to help with set up, serving, and clean-up. Not doing Panera, will reach out to Chick-fil-A, have submitted for a donation from the Kinney Foundation (ShopRite), and will be using Bachetti Brothers for the catering. Dominic Pappa has volunteered to fund the breakfast again this year. The breakfast will be held at the Five Points Fire Hall again this year.
- Turkey Drive - the date is Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. We are looking at beefing this program up some as it is DMA's most visible philanthropy of the year. Last year we provided over 200 Thanksgiving meals to in-need military and veteran's and their families across Delaware. Excess funds were donated to three organizations that provide support to our military statewide, Home of the Brave, Delaware Homeless Veterans, and Boots on the Ground. We'll need volunteers and donations and a sign-up genius and CheddarUp donation form will go out for this too.

□ Reflections Committee:

- This committee is vacant. Anyone wishing to Chair this committee please see Tatiana Rice. Reflections is a National PTA contest promoting the arts.

□ Staff Appreciation Committee - Committee Chair Tina Duffy reported:

- We will probably do something for Halloween and something at Thanksgiving time.
- Sign-up genius will be used and go out as we get closer to events.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Parents are encouraged to read the weekly Commandant's Corner for information and up to date news
- Unless otherwise communicated, all evening events and meetings begin at 6:30pm
- Parents were encouraged to take an "Important Dates" Calendar

**Announcements/Reminders:**

- Next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Mess Hall.
- Ribbon cutting ceremony for Dome will be Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.

Tatiana Rice closed the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Delaware Military Academy PTA Secretary