

Delaware Military Academy PTA Minutes

September 20, 2018

Attendees: See sign in sheet.

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Tatiana Rice, President, brought the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Commandant's Comments:

Since the Commandant had spoken at the Joint Meeting, he did not speak again.

Secretary

Maryellen Charno was unable to attend the meeting. Tatiana Rice acted in her place. Minutes from the May Meeting were passed out. Approval was asked with Erin Battista with the 1st motion and Kathy Bleacher with the 2nd motion approved the minutes with no edits.

Treasurer's Report:

Erin Battista presented the proposed 2018-2019 budget for approval. Items for discussion included the addition of the Silent Auction Income/Expense line items to be used as a holding place for the Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser. If the bingo is voted to be continued at the end of the year, the new line items will be created. Staff Appreciation expenses did not print on the budget. Erin verbally added that amount. The proposed budget is in the by \$10. It was agreed that the budget could be approved with the correct budget showing Staff Appreciation Expenses to be posted on the website. Debbie Brown motioned to approve the budget Georgia Byron 2nd the motion. Budget approved.

Committee Activity Updates:

Activities Committee:

Kathy Bleacher, chair, reported. Boot Camp Picnic was again a success. Carli Pisani reached out in August for help supporting a Big/Little Welcome Event the week before school started. A continental breakfast was provided by the Activities Committee, along with volunteers. Next event is the Military Dining In.

Fundraising Committee:

Friday Lunch: Amy Kalafut reported. The first 2 lunches have gone well. A change was made of the pizza provider from Seasons to Dom's NY Style Pizzeria. Price is a little higher. Will evaluate change after a few more lunches.

Designer Bag Bingo: Amy talked about the new fundraiser. She is in the planning for a late winter/early spring event. Has been trying to reach Five Points Fire House with no luck. Asked for suggestions of venues.

Hospitality Committee:

Anne Keunnen reported Back to School night went very well. Next event is the Service Academy Night, September 25th. The Choice Open House is October 28th. A sign up genius will be sent out for donations and volunteers.

Membership Committee:

Michele Kipp reported membership numbers. Currently there are 210 members. More than last year at this time. Not all teachers have signed up. Will be sending targeted fliers home in the next couple months to improve membership. Membership costs are \$20 a family and can also be paid via the DMA PTA website.

Military Support Committee:

Brad Bacci was not present and did not email in a report.

Jenn Pobanz explained the Turkey Drive to new members. She has already been in contact her representative at the National Guard. A signup request will be sent later for help selling tickets for the dress down day.

Reflections Committee:

VACANT – Tatiana Rice reported. The theme for this year is “Heroes among us”. Mrs. Welch has already reached out. She would like her Art Club students to participate this year.

Staff Appreciation Committee:

Debbie Brown reported the Back to School Luncheon for teachers was a success. Besides food, teacher’s received gift cards. She is planning a candy/treat bar for October. She will send out a signup genius for her needs.

Old Business:

No Old Business to report.

New Business:

Stacey Broomell was voted in as Communications VP.

Further discussion on the new Designer Bag Bingo.

Further discussion on the pizza vendor change.

Announcements/Reminders:

Next meeting – Thursday, October 18th at 6:30 pm in the mess hall.

Tatiana Rice closed the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tatiana Rice
Delaware Military Academy PTA President