

Delaware Military Academy PTA Minutes

January 18, 2018

Attendees: See sign in sheet.

Call to order and opening Remarks:

Tatiana Rice called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Commandant's Report: Commandant not present.

Secretary: Secretary Denise Carr was absent.

November meeting minutes were presented and approved. Motion by Debbie Geist with a second by Erin Battista.

Treasurer's Report:

Erin Battista presented the Treasurer's report. Friday Lunch is now in the black.

Vice President Reports:

Executive VP – Maryellen Charno – no report.

Communications VP – Cami Pisklak – was not present, no report.

Committee Activity Committee – Committee Chair Kathy Bleacher reported:

Winter dance is February 10th. DJ booked. Sent a request to police. Will be selling tickets 1/31, 2/1 & 2/2. Needs someone to sell on 2/2. Jenn Pobanz volunteered. More on the dance in Student Government report.

Fundraising Committee – Free Lunch Committee Maria Gedney was not present: Report was sent in.

People are not showing up to volunteer. Need to address problem.

Hospitality Committee – Committee Chair Debbie Riley Geist reported:

Nothing until Junior Ring ceremony March 26. She will need help with manning and cleaning. Trying to decide between cake or cupcakes. Will contact Balfour regarding check normally sent from them for event.

Membership Committee – Committee Chair Tina Duffy not present: Report was sent in.

There was only 1 new membership added. Tina Duffy would like add the option to sign up for PTA on the cadet recommit letter.

Military Support Committee – Brad Bacci, Veterans Breakfast Committee Chair was not present. Jenn Pobanz, Turkey Drive Committee Chair reported:

There is approximately \$600 left over from Turkey Drive donations. Need to donate money. Several options were discussed. There is a veterans suicide prevention organization associated with the Delaware Guard that everyone agreed would be good to donate to. Tatiana Rice will get name of organization and check will be sent.

Prom Committee – Committee Chair Dawn Reilly reported:

Nothing new to report.

Reflections Committee – Fidelia Portillo not present. Nothing to report.

Since the deadline for Reflections is January 26th, it was decided that this would not be pursued this year.

Staff Appreciation Committee – Committee Chair Debbie Brown was not present. The following reported was emailed.

The Souper Bowl luncheon will be February 23rd. A signup genius will go out asking for donations.

Student Government – Jimmy Sidlowski and Mia R were present. Jimmy reported:

Student Government is working on several projects for the Spring. A bake sale was held in December raising \$350 towards a senior gift for the school. They are working with Ms. Calderone on the Winter Pep Rally. Event will be smaller than usual. It will end Awareness Week. Awareness Week is a week used to raise awareness on various issues such as suicide prevention and cancer. They have started advertising for the dance. It will be a semi-formal, Sadie Hawkins dance with a Mardi Gras theme. Were considering charging more then \$10 with extra money going to a King Cake style raffle. Other events being considered for the Spring were a Spite Ball Tournament, a student/teacher basketball game. Kerri Fitzgerald, a senior, approached them about doing a Prom Fashion Show with proceeds going to breast cancer. Unfortunately, they didn't think there was any dates available until spring.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

MSgt. Howie Long was asked about the schools participation in the Polar Plunge. He spoke of the change last year of the Special Olympics not allowing school to participate as a unit with one single donation, but of the individual donation registrations wanted and the cost. Therefore the school was again not participating. Students will have Monday, February 3rd off for volunteering. The Naval Science Department was working on various opportunities for the cadets. Dawn Reilly talked about the Delaware Clothing Bank's need for help in sorting and repackaging clothing for donation. MSgt. Long asked her for contact information.

The new Choir teacher Mr. Peters was in attendance. He was asked about this year's talent show. He said unfortunately, he cannot be at the show on March 8 due to other commitments. He is willing to audition and prepare the show if another teacher can step in on the 8th. Will decide whether he is able to make it work or retool for next year with more time to prepare.

Ms. Aunet asked if the PTA would be able to fund all the Academic Awards as it did last year. The previous year had been her first year in charge. She realized the cost was higher than in year's past, so it was why she asked. There is \$600 in the budget for the awards and she is estimating an expense of around \$900. Tatiana will look into previous year's cost and notes to see exactly what the PTA paid and if it would be able to absorb the extra cost this year. She will email Ms. Aunet and report to the PTA next month.

Mr. Lingenfelter thanked the PTA for the funds for the dashboard camera.

The PTA is in need of a new Secretary as Denise Carr resigned due to work commitments. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone, please let us know.

Announcements/Reminders:

Next meeting is February 18, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.