

## DELAWARE MILITARY ACADEMY PTA MINUTES

March 20, 2019

*For a list of meeting attendees, see sign-in sheet on file with PTA secretary*

### Call-to-Order and Opening Remarks:

Following the Pledge, **Tatiana Rice, PTA president**, brought the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

### Commandant's Comments:

- The Board is looking for new applicants with various backgrounds such as, but not limited to, law enforcement and road construction. They have received 8-9 applicants so far.
- Stadium work to begin on Monday, March 25, 2019. It is slated to open on August 1, 2019 with the first game being played on site the third week in September. Ribbon cutting ceremony to be planned~ will reach out to the PTA for support.
- DMA has lost a 2016 alumni, Alex Scarpone. DMA sent something to the family prior to his passing and will send a card now. Asked if PTA wanted to reach out. 5K slated to be planned for June in Alex's honor.
- The Crystal Trust Foundation will visit DMA on March 28, 2019
- DMA is looking in to adopting one to one technology. Anthony will be talking to schools who are currently one to one. Amy Kalafut will contact the Technology Coaches at Red Clay to support if needed as well.
- DMA will offer a Distracted Driving course provided by NCCPD on April 2, 2019. All cadets, grades 9-12, are encouraged to attend.
- PTA was thanked for their contribution to the Ring Ceremony
- The St. Matthew's deal is still in negotiations
- Vaping on campus is still an ongoing issue. DMA is trying to be proactive and will continue to provide anti-vaping presentations
  - Wellness counselors to come out and speak to the kids
- May 3- Prom. Possible day off school
- Gunner will be retiring after this school year.
  - He will be recognized at the Senior Breakfast.
  - Yaz will be putting together a video of him and the cadets.
  - PTA will provide a cake: Marine Corps/DMA
  - Name brick

### PTA Officer and Committee Reports

#### Treasure's Report:

Erin Battista presented the proposed 2018-2019 budget for approval.

- Lunch numbers are picking up
- Designer Bag Bingo- 168 tickets are sold to date- we are in the black, though not all expenses are in.
  - Expenses to date:

- \$1,455 expenses
- \$3,804 income

**Activities Committee:**

Kathy Bleacher chair presented the following information:

- PSAT/SAT Breakfast next Wednesday. All volunteer slots are full.
  - A few other food items are still needed and PTA will purchase all cold food/drinks, granola and apples
  - \$65.00 for 250 chocolate milks from Wawa
- Spring Dance
  - Photo booth- \$530
  - DJ- \$300
  - 1 police officer—2 is too many
  - Ticket sales will be April 26,28, 29: 175 tickets must be sold to hold dance
  - Semi-formal attire
  - Student government to do advertising, decorate, and clean up

**Fundraising Committee:**

Amy Kalafut chair reported:

- We have 9 cadets for set-up, 6 cadets during the event for concessions and to deliver bags, 3 cadets for clean-up
- John and Tatiana set up the electronics today
- Food and drinks have been purchased
- Adult volunteer positions have been filled
- All is ready for Saturday's event

**Hospitality Committee:**

Ann Keunnen reported that she needed the number of inductees for planning purposes. Tatiana suggested that she contact Brittany Watkins

**Membership Committee:**

Michelle Kipp reported there are no new members this month. She will put in a request for PTA dues in the reenrollment letters and new cadet packets.

**Military Support Committee:**

Nothing to Report.

**Reflections Committee:**

Marylee Dichiaro & Georgia Byron were unable to attend. They sent in the following report.

- Winners for DMA were announced in the latest "Commandant's Corner". Students will be honored at a ceremony on Saturday, April 13th at 11 a.m. at Delcastle HS. DMA co-chairs & staff working on recognition at school (talent show a possibility). Will update once confirmed.

**Staff Appreciation Committee:**

Tatiana Rice reported:

- There are no events scheduled for March
- There are no events in April due to Spring Break
- May 4<sup>th</sup> will be staff appreciation week. Maryellen will need help. Jen Probanz volunteered to help.

## **Old Business**

No old business to report.

## **New Business**

- Debbie Geist chairing the Nominations Committee
  - Tatiana Rice's President term is up
  - Erin Battista's Treasure term is up
  - The slate for nominations will be presented at April meeting. Nominations will be on the floor in May.
- PTA plans to purchase 2 tents for special events. Gunner gave permission to store the tents upstairs. PTA will look into the possibility of purchasing a new trailer or purchasing the Sport's Booster's if available. Tatiana will contact Stacey.
- Tatiana Rice suggested purchasing a brick for retirees- present and past and special bricks for those who were plank holders. Need to create thresholders: design, craft and votes as a PTA.
- Anne Keunnen suggested doing something for our founders.

## **Announcements/Reminders:**

Next meeting- May 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the mess hall.

Tatiana Rice closed the meeting at 8:00 pm

Amy Kalafut  
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