**DELAWARE MILITARY ACADEMY PTA MEETING MINUTES**

October 17, 2019

**Attendees: Please see Secretary for sign in sheet.**

Cindy Ferry, President called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and provided opening remarks.

**Commandant’s Comments**

No report.

**Secretary’s Report**

Minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting were distributed for approval. After review, upon motion (1st-Mary Ellen Charno -2nd Tatiana Rice) the September 19, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Tatiana Rice submitted the treasurer’s report. The transaction report noted some items on the budget are in red due to lack of deposits, deposits will be forthcoming as the events near. Friday lunch has had about $6,500.00 in sales and about $4,000.00 in expenses, as the year progresses, the profits will increase. There was a $120.00 deposit from WSFS Bank due to an error in a deposit that Tatiana Rice brought to their attention. Mary Ellen Charno noted the PTA contributed $2,700.00 to the Blue Ribbon award picnic. This was approved by the Executive Board. Chick Fil A and Reno’s water ice was purchased for the faculty and cadets.

**Communication Vice President**

Stacey Broomell reported all website domains have been paid. Any sign up geniuses can be made by Stacey. Just email her at Stacey.broomell@yahoo.com.

**Committee Activity Update**

**Activity Committee-open**

Tatiana Rice reported a sign up genius was added for fire pits for the homecoming bonfire. Spirit Week also requested water for the event. The PTA used a credit from BJ’s for the water. No expenses were incurred for this event. Dining In ceremony is on December 3rd. They are in need of 2 volunteers to check students in for the event. The time commitment is about 2 hours.

**Friday Lunch -Maria Gedney-absent**

Cindy Ferry reported we are selling about 90 pizzas a week. We need volunteers for November. Some of the orders have been short or incorrect. Erin Battista recommended to call Seasons for a credit or refund. It was advised to audit every order.

**Designer Bag Bingo -Amy Kalafut-absent**

Cindy Ferry reported Designer Bag Bingo will be held on March 21st. The license application was mailed to Dover for approval. Save the date and advertising will begin once the license is received.

**Membership-Michele Kipp**

Michele Kipp reported 188 PTA members. Staff is 27 members. Mary Ellen Charno suggested to remind the teachers PTA membership entitles them access to grants and up to $100 in supply reimbursement for teachers. Composing a letter to remind teachers of the PTA benefits might increase participation and attendance at meetings.

**Military Support**

Veteran Breakfast-Ann Kuenan and Brad Bacci-absent

Anne Kuenan reported they are anticipating about 280 in attendance. Dominic Papa will donate $2,500.00 for Vet Breakfast expenses. A request was sent for rectangular tables, but round is preferred. Anne Kuenan will try to schedule a meeting with Commander Beasley for details.

The Veterans Breakfast will be held at the school on November 8th.

Turkey Drive- Jenn Pobanz

Jen Pobanz needs volunteers to collect dress down money for the Turkey Drive. The cost is $5.00. The Sign Up Genius for turkey donations is active. Cheddar Up is active for donations. Logistics for transportation and storage were discussed. Jen Pobanz will talk with Admin. about storage options.

**Reflections-Georgia Byron-Marylee Dichiaro-absent**

No report.

**Staff Appreciation-Open**

Mary Ellen Charno said a Halloween candy bowl or bags would be in the break room for the teachers. Erin Battista suggested putting a sign next to the candy advertising the PTA memberships and benefits for the teachers. Staff Appreciation still needs a volunteer.

**Hospitality- Eileen Watson-Lisa Kucharski-absent**

Back to school and Service Academy night went very well. Open House has a sign up genius for food donations. It is also posted on Facebook.

**New Business**

None.

**Old Business**

Ribbon cutting for the stadium was a great event. Everything ran smoothly.

**Next Meeting**

The next PTA meeting will be held on November 21, 2019 at 6:30 in the Mess Hall.

**Adjournment**

Closing remarks and thanks were presented Cindy Ferry. There being no further business before the PTA, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Erin E. Battista, DMAPTA Secretary