

**PTA Board Meeting Agenda (Virtual)**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2020**  
**Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm**

*\*Please note: In accordance with MDPTA bylaws (Article VI, section 5), general meetings will not be held electronically. This information has been confirmed by both the Maryland PTA and National PTA. This virtual board meeting will be held in its place until further notice with members of the executive board only. General membership will be updated via newsletter, push notifications, etc.*

**I. Welcome (All)** Present: Jennifer Dickerson, Kerri Brozene, Melinda Stankowski, Sapna Prasad, Alex Castillo, Corinne Roth

**II. 2020 MDPTA vs. NPTA Updates (Jenn)** Jane Lee is our Baltimore County Council PTA contact. The NPTA has filed to have a change of venue from a local MD to a Federal US Court in their suit against MPTA and NPTA has filed a motion to dissolve the restraining order filed by the MDPTA against the NPTA, per email communication Jenn has received. Per email communication from the MDPTA, a ballot has been sent to all PTA Presidents in MD to vote on a resolution. Will check mail at school to see if it has been received and then will review as a board.

**III. Financial Information & Updates (Kerri & Sapna)**

1. Financial Secretary (Sapna): Extension filed for taxes for FY 2020. Will use an accountant again this year. Financial Review required by MDPTA/NPTA in process. Should be completed by the end of month and submitted. Corinne and Meredith to review prior to submission.
2. Treasurer (Kerri): We have received \$1075.00 for Direct Donation

this year. A few teachers have requested classroom funds and those have been disbursed. We received \$239.80 from Rita's Spirit Night. We spent \$43.00 on a lunch from Season's Pizza for the Custodians. See attached budget for details.

#### **IV. Board & Committee Updates**

##### **a. Family Event Updates (Corinne)**

1. Panera Spirit Night is Monday Oct 19.
2. 5 Below Spirit Week in Dec. to be confirmed by Corinne with the Hunt Valley location.
3. November Creative Contest- Ideas discussed. Will pursue organizing a contest where students submit artwork regarding something they are "thankful" for.
4. Discussed doing a Food Drive for Hereford Food Bank in Nov. Corinne to research and coordinate with Berna Oates, Guidance.

**b. Pumpkin Contest (Corinne)** : Submissions coming in! Great job students! 2 winners to be drawn on Sat Oct 31. For \$25 Target gift cards.

**c. Holiday Shop Update (Jenn/Melinda)** : Nov. 23 to 27. Free shipping on orders over \$25. Jenn will follow up on shipping fee if under \$25.

**d. Membership Update (Kerri)** : 25 PTA memberships purchased to date.

**e. Membership Toolkit Update (Alex)** : Alex will compose email for Mrs. Chyko to approve and Tammy to send to new Sparks families.

**f. Equity Committee (Sapna)** : Magan Chyko has ordered 11 to 13 books per classroom for Sparks students. Mrs. Chyko has shared a BCPS resource with Jenn and Jenn will forward to Sapna. Book recommendation for Teacher reading through their Equity committee, "How To Be An Anti-Racist". Jenn/Sapna to follow up with Mrs. Chyko.

## **V. Questions/New Business/Miscellaneous**

a. PTA Sponsored Q + A Event with Mrs. Chyko: Discussed last meeting. PTA will no longer need to sponsor as Mrs. Chyko held several Q + A sessions in the am for Sparks families last week. Will make the suggestion that she hold some evening sessions to accommodate more Sparks parents. Jenn to communicate with Mrs. Chyko.

b. Stress + Anxiety Management Speaker Event: Dr. DuCoin, a local Licensed CLinical Psychologist at the Center for Family and Behavioral Health, has agreed to present, "Caring for Yourself and Your Children In the Time of Covid". Will suggest Sunday 11/8, 11/15, or 11/22 at 4:00 pm. Will be a virtual presentation available to all Sparks families.

c. Spirit Wear: Exploring on-line ordering and ship to home options. Jenn and Kerri researching options. Will explore adding masks to our spirit wear options. Have a sparks parent who may be willing to design a tee shirt.

d. Teacher Survey: Meredith and Jenn sending out a Google forms survey to Sparks teachers to inquire about potential needs that the PTA can assist with, for example, room parents, needed resources, someone to help monitor the chat during Google Meets. Will share results with the PTA Board next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.