

PTA Meeting
12/5/22

Call the Meeting to Order/Welcome at 7:38 pm

1. Welcome (Geoff)
 1. We planned to have the interim ACPS superintendent come tonight but she's under the weather so she will come to the Jan. meeting.
 2. Geoff introduced himself as president and asked people to sign in using the sheets on the tables.
2. Approve October 2022 Meeting Minutes (available on the PTA website - georgemasonpta.org) – *approved*
3. Principal's Update
 1. We had our grand opening of the food pantry. It's called the Mason Market. It will be on the night of PTA meetings and families can come in 30 minutes early to pick up goods. Ms. Robinson is spearheading this effort and there are many other staff members who are supporting.
 2. Families can pick up pantry goods on Wed, 3-5 and Fri, 9-11 each week, and 30 minutes before monthly PTA meetings start.
 3. Principal coffee this Friday at 8:15 am and there will be an interpreter.
 4. Reading Night in Arlandria, 12/15 4 pm and at 5 pm, someone will be there to teach families how to use Parent Square.
 5. 12/16 is the last day before winter break and we return on 1/3.
 6. Picture retakes are this Friday.
4. Chair Updates
 1. Programs (Julie Zahn)
 1. T, W, Th afterschool programs
 2. This is the last week of programming for the fall.
 3. This week, opening registration for scholarship recipients for the spring.
 4. Ms. Robinson or the front office can provide the paperwork for scholarships.
 5. If you got a scholarship this fall, you can apply for the spring.

6. This Thursday folder, there will be an announcement of online registration for the spring. Starts on Jan. 31st. Registration opens on 12/12 and closes on 1/9.
 7. Programs end on 3/23.
 8. Programs will be mostly the same as this fall.
2. Fundraising (Brooke)
 1. Bake sale on Election Day raised \$1160. Thank you to all volunteers!
 2. Newest fundraiser, poinsettia sales, ends on Wed. We will make just shy of \$500. Brooke is seeking volunteers to help her this Wed. from 4-5:30 pm.
 3. Membership (Geoff)
 1. PTA members - 90+ members
 2. Dragon Families - 30+ families
 3. Geoff will send note at the end of the year for tax purposes to ask more families to become Dragon Families.
 4. Outreach/Modernization
 1. Crystal is not here tonight due to swing space meeting.
 2. Geoff provided overview of modernization outreach.
 3. There will be another meeting about swing space in early 2023.
 4. The funds are already in hand.
 5. Design process starts in FY24 and it will take 18-24 months. At that time, construction firm will be identified.
 5. PTAC
 1. Edith is not here tonight so Geoff will circulate her notes from the last meeting.
 6. Treasurer (Lisa)
 1. Our fiscal position hasn't changed much since last time, other than the two fundraisers Brooke described.
 2. Budget amendment for Poinsettia sale
 1. This is a new fundraiser so we need to do a budget amendment.

2. \$1600 expenses for the sale, and we'll get \$2100 in income.
- *approved*

5. Upcoming Events

1. Makeup Picture Day - 12/9

6. A few more updates

1. Winter Giving is going well and there's a sign-up genius going around.
Ends this Wed.
2. Virtual meeting for Dragon Fest/Party on Patio this Wed. at 8 pm. Geoff will send out Zoom info by tomorrow.
3. School's environmental committee
 1. School clean-up this Sat. at 9 am. We'll meet at the school grounds.
There's a sign-up genius for it.
 2. Pen collection program – more info to come
4. Music in the Park
 1. Ms. Rosner sent home info about this today.
 2. There's a cost involved and there's an opportunity to donate to help families who can't cover the cost.
5. Teacher gift preferences spreadsheet
 1. PTA will circulate it by this weekend so that families can purchase gifts and give them before the break
6. Next meeting is on Jan. 23 at 7:30. You can send Qs for the superintendent to Geoff (georgemasonpta@gmail.com).
7. Feb. PTA meeting is on transition to middle school.
8. March PTA meeting is on Be Smart program.
7. ***Q from family: Do teachers need to recommend students for afterschool program scholarships?*** Julie: No, that's not necessary. Ms. Robinson works closely with school staff to ensure students who didn't get a spot this fall are prioritized in the spring, but it's open to all.
8. Acknowledgement of Ms. Robinson for spearheading the Mason Market!
9. Adjourned at 8:05 pm