

**Tuckahoe Elementary PTA
General Meeting
March 5, 2018**

Meeting Opened: CHANGE in TIME: 6:00 pm

Alfreda opened with a welcome and a vote was taken to approve the February general PTA meeting minutes. Minutes were approved.

Board Reports:

Ms. Ford – will dress up as a Unicorn tomorrow for the book drive! Pictures with kids will be taken to post. Honoring commitment to kids due to the large number of books brought in for spring fling. Ready for one school one book culmination. Last time BMX came they did a great job/performance and the kids really enjoyed it.

Testing dates – Keep info handy, testing is varied this spring. Schedule is coming out soon.

Ms. Archer – SEATS thank you for the African Music, the performance was really hands on and enjoyable. Kids got to play instruments, added to the excitement of the around the world theme. This group is always doing something positive for the school – it's wonderful.

Angela – Started work on the ice cream social process. Nominating Committee – thank you all! Got the slate finalized for the next school year.

Alyson and Allison staying on in their current roles, Shannon Reppard will join as Pres Elect and Annie McDade as Treasurer Elect. Denise will move in as Treasurer and Angela will move into President role. Appreciate the work and getting everything together – slate will be voted on next month. Will need a quorum to approve at that April meeting.

Denise – Spring Fling is coming together for online registration as well as registration for 5th grade graduation.

Alyson – Recognized school counselor week – thank you notes received, are on table here in Media Center to review.

Erin – By-laws need to be rewritten every 5 years, we need to get current proposed changes approved. There are 5 to approve. Will vote at April meeting and will need a quorum for them to pass. Heidi is looking them over (as an attorney) and we will bring them next meeting to review. It's a total rewrite this time around!

Casey – Continue to be short for Annual Fund dollars. Book fair was a success, will let Louise give those totals. A lot of funds go toward Teacher Appreciation Week. Spring Fling is coming, I will turn that over

to Annie Laurie to update us on that front. Still waiting on Drama Club to put their check request in - \$11,000.

Note to committees: please put your reimbursement requests in. Need those to be closed out by early June and people tend to wait and not request their funds. It's difficult to work on the end of year budget when lots of funds are standing out there. People haven't cashed the checks issued either, please take the time to do so.

Alfreda – Next general PTA meeting will be April meeting 9th back to regular starting time of 7 pm

Volunteer of the year – send your suggestions and nominations to Alfreda

Let's help Casey and turn in our receipts!

Those in committee and board positions – plan to update your incoming person who will take over your vacating role, and organize all documents you have to pass on. Look at the budget and let Casey know if your committee needs more funds or less. If you have money left over email Casey to let her know as well.

We are definitely planning and scheduling the May 18th Kanawha 70th celebration for the school! If you are interested in helping there is a planning meeting coming up soon. We will need lots of volunteers, send Alfreda a message and she will include you. Save the date invitations coming.

Committee Reports:

Reflections from Hillary:

As announced in Signals and on the morning announcements, the Henrico County Reflections Ceremony was February 12th. Students from across the county were recognized for their Reflections submissions that earned 1st place at the school level. Three TES students received special recognition at the county level. They are all in the Primary Age Group, which is Grades K-2:

Award of Excellence (2nd place)

Nat Kreutzer - Photography

Lila Jones - Visual Arts

Outstanding Interpretation (1st place)

Julia Amato - Music Composition

Julia's piece will move on to be judged at the Regional Level (Richmond District PTA). Regional awards will be presented at a ceremony on March 11th, so we will provide another update next month! We hope to have a special call-out on the Reflections page in the yearbook for the students who received awards at the county level or beyond. The theme for 2018-2019 has been selected, and we are working on a plan to reveal it to the students before the school year ends.

Louise – Coming off a successful book fair! Pre-tally sales of about \$9,800 – proceeds come to about \$1,500. PTA bought 130 books for Angel Fund kids. All kids came and picked out a book. Great for all! We were lucky that parent teacher conferences were on the same day, it worked well. Moved the BF to before Valentine’s Day and that worked out well too. Long lines, which was a good sign. Thank you to all volunteers. Next one is scheduled for May 30th (near ice cream social). Shortening it to 2 days instead of 3. A good change and hope sales will be same with shorter schedule.

Raised \$1,750 Spirit night U of R – March 19th Tavern night next Spirit Night.

Community Service – Fair Oaks visit took place a week ago Friday – overwhelmingly grateful, nice to give as a treat for them. One family donated funds to gift them specifically. Still coordinating classroom volunteers Mondays and Fridays every month now. Two volunteers helped and have set up their own regular schedule, it’s great. Specifically assists teachers and classrooms. The program has been a huge overall success.

Coordinating volunteers for Fair Oaks’ career day as well. Put out the word and ask for additional volunteers for that assistance as well. If you know of someone who may want to share with that community and population reach out and I’ll be in contact. Our relationship with them is growing, fun to be a part of that.

Ms. Ford – From a person who started working in the east end, those teachers have passion! So important that they have help. Fair Oaks is buoyed by our efforts since they don’t have the same type of PTA as we do at TES. They really appreciate the support and assistance. Even an hour once a month is valuable. Truly appreciated. Everyone gets asked to do a lot, they are especially grateful. Alfreda made all the food for their Teacher Appreciation event, they loved it.

Annie Laurie: Spring Fling – corporate sponsors coming in, lots of asks out there. Loose commitments. Collected \$2,250 thus far. Hoping for more. Setting up on Constant Contact, pre-orders, getting t-shirts made in both adults and kid sizes. Will issue a request soon for t-shirt orders. Online tickets will go on sale 3/19 until the 18th of April. Can order shorts there too. General information was sent home with K families today, describe spring fling info to the new families so they understand the value and importance of this event for our budget!

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm