

# Minutes of Voyager Academy PTA General Membership Meeting

11/17/15  
4:40 pm  
Middle school gym

Executive board members in attendance:

Shelley Brown, President  
Susan Yancey, VP High School  
Ricci McKenna, VP Middle School  
Leslie Jewell, VP Elementary School  
Dana King, Treasurer  
Susan Barkley, Secretary  
Jamie Miller, ES teacher rep  
Melodie Green, MS teacher rep  
Ashley Eisch, HS teacher rep

Meeting was called to order by president Shelley Brown at 6:38pm.

## **Approval of Minutes**

- Rob Nelson moved to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2015 meeting. Ricci McKenna seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## **Reports of Officers**

- President's Report
  - Shelly recognized volunteers by asking any person in attendance who has volunteered for the school to stand. She expressed her appreciation.
- Treasurer's Report
  - The treasurer's written report was submitted and summarized by Dana King and is attached to these minutes.

## **Reports of Committees**

- Hospitality
  - The hospitality report was given by Dana King. Teacher appreciation week has been moved to the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Room Parent
  - Room parent report was given by Dawn Wilcox. She is still working on finding some room parents, but as a whole things are going well.
- Membership
  - Membership report was given by Susan Barkley. The membership drive has been very successful. We have received the North Carolina PTA Blue Key Membership Award for membership reported by October 15, 2015. At this time the PTA consists of 370 members.

- Website/Technology
  - The website/technology report was given by Leslie Jewell. Leslie is currently in the process of setting up an online system for apparel purchases.
- Honor Roll
  - The honor roll report was given by Cathy Harman. It has been decided that grades 6-12 will have an A/B honor roll for students earning grades of 80 or above, an A honor roll for students earning grades of 90 or above and a Distinguished honor roll for students earning grades 95 or above. There will be a pizza lunch for students on the Distinguished honor roll.
- Fundraising
  - The fundraising report was given by Susan Yancey. The Boosterthon raised an estimated \$33,000. We are planning another fundraiser in the spring with a target date of April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm so that it will coincide with the K-12 Science Night. Susan made a plea for volunteers.
- Audit Committee
  - The audit committee's report was given by Rob Nelson. He reports that everything is in line financially after the committee held their first meeting with the treasurer.
- Nominating Committee
  - Shelley explained that there is not currently a nominating committee. She explained the purpose of the committee and made a plea for members to consider stepping up to help serve on it.
- Advocacy Committee
  - Shelley explained that there is not currently an advocacy committee. She explained the purpose of the committee and made a plea for members to consider stepping up to help serve on it. She gave an update on the charter schools bill saying that it has not yet gone through.
- Education Grants
  - Shelley gave the report for the education grants committee. She said that the grants are being reviewed and funded as they are submitted. Christine O'Keefe is the new committee chair. At this time, 4 grants totaling \$1,711.37 have been approved and funded.

### **Boosterthon Discussion**

- Susan Yancey explained that the PTA surveyed the teachers and administration regarding Boosterthon. She detailed some of the pros and cons mentioned in the survey comments. She also offered feedback received from parents. Shelley opened the floor to discussion. After a substantial discussion, Susan Yancey made a motion that Boosterthon be brought back as the fall fundraiser for the 2016-2017 school year. Rob Nelson seconded the motion. With a vote of 30 yes and 7 no the motion passed.
- Shelley brought up the topic of how Boosterthon funds will be distributed. She stated that one of the goals of the PTA, which aligns with the goals of administration and the board, is to promote K-12 unity. She said that it is her belief that Boosterthon funds should be allocated across the schools as needed as opposed to distributing the funds based on which school raised what portion of the funds. Susan Yancey moved to have funds distributed as needed across all grades without regards to which grades raised

what amount of the money. Jennifer Mason seconded this motion. With a vote of 35 yes and 0 no the motion passed unanimously.

- No new business was raised by members.

### **Announcements**

- PTA Spring Fundraiser
- Committees still need volunteers
- The next general membership meeting is scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- A survey on fundraising and voting for the next PTA board are on the horizon.

The meeting was adjourned by Shelley Brown at 8pm.