

Lamar Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2020 7:00 pm General Meeting

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84689937896>

Meeting ID: 846 8993 7896

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

President Report – Amy Jane Gennrich

- Quorum Established with 35 participants
- Board Introductions
- Love Lamar Campaign
 - \$17,500 donated to core departments for teacher support in 2019.
 - Teachers will fill out simple Google form document to request funds.
 - Ms. Smith suggested goodie bags for the teachers
- Secret Pals allows parents to sponsor teachers to give monthly appreciation gifts
- Applied for Covid Relief Grant from National PTA. Application denied but will apply for Inclusivity Grant and “School of Excellence” grant.

Principal’s Report – Megan Tesano

- Upgraded Zoom accounts for teachers to ‘Educator’s Edition’.
- Assistant Principal was able to get student’s direct links for their class schedules.
- Back to School Night will be virtually Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Classes will be in 10 minute increments.
- Attendance
 - Teachers taking attendance on Zoom
 - Students can attend asynchronously by engaging with their teachers by 11:59pm that evening. Students should let students teacher’s know why they were absent but can still complete the work for attendance purposes.
 - Survey was sent to parents to indicate intentions when campus opens back up. At present, students will spend the day in 1 classroom in a social bubble to attend classes virtually.
 - Trying to work on teaching fine arts classes remotely.

- Student handbook being modified to reflect remote learning and social distancing requirements.

Treasurer's Report – Gabrielle Lucas

- Went over financial report (attached)
- Surplus funds from last year was approved to purchase PPE equipment for students, staff, and teachers.
- Budget will need to be amended at the next meeting.
- 2019-2020 Reconciliation Report complete by Reconciliation Report

Membership Chair Report: Veronica Barrio (VP and Membership Co-Chair)

- 348 members
- Many stickers requested on membership forms will be mailed out by Amy Jane soon.

Committee Reports

- Fence Signs – Marilyn Jackson
 - Many businesses did not renew sign memberships due to Covid-related financial constraints
 - Purchasing a sign for advertising on the fence is tax-deductible.
 - Signs can be purchased on the Lamar PTA website
<https://lamarpta.org/join/fence-sponsorship-2/>
- Love Lamar – Mandy Black and Gina Ross
 - No hassle fundraising – donor levels introduced.
 - Supporting Scottie: \$50-\$99
 - Sustaining Scottie: \$100-\$149
 - Silver Scottie: \$150+
 - \$24,000 goal
 - First 250 donors will receive a yard sign regardless of amount donated
 - Donate: <https://lamarpta.org/lovelamar/>
- Secret PALS – Lauren Price
 - Covered by Amy Jane Gennrich in the President's Report
 - 72 signed up so far. Around 40 slots left.
- Spirit Wear – Megan Little and Liana Gonzales
 - Pickups at Liana Gonzales's home on Fridays for items ordered.
 - Discussion on potential new items: sweatpants, collegiate-style hoodies, joggers
 - Pre-orders can be an option so members not out-of-pocket

New Business

- Clubs/Virtual Social Interaction Proposal – Veronica Barrio
 - Need parent chaperones/sponsors for Zoom meetings. Parents may be required to complete a background check.
 - Veronica will be creating a framework that ensures behavior policies are followed. Interest will be gaged via Facebook and Newsletter.

- Need for creating safe spaces for student's to have social outlet.
- Email Veronica at vp@lamarpta.org to provide input or request more information
- Open Position: Staff Appreciation
 - Email Amy Jane at president@lamarpta.org if you're interested.

End Meeting:

If there is no objection, the meeting will now adjourn at 7:53pm....

THANK YOU FOR COMING AND WELCOME TO LAMAR PTA!