

PTA General Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022
Lamar Middle School Library

Establish Quorum

Call Meeting to Order at 6:01 pm

Welcome / President's Report - Stephanie Erlewine

- Back to School Night - successful BTS night.
- Love Lamar - Kicking off next month. This is the leading source of fundraising. This is a no hassle giving fundraiser. Ed (VP) will be chairing this fundraiser.
- New After School Clubs Committee - PTA will be supporting after school clubs.

Principal's Report: LMS Principal Megan Tesano

- Staffing update: We are still not fully staffed. Just filled ELA. Open positions: social studies (mostly TX history), CTE, teaching assistants, office, special education, custodian and cafeteria (note custodian / cafeteria is not under supervision of Ms. Tesano)
- Leveling: This usually occurs in October, but occurred earlier this year. Projection of 1232 students, with actual count at 1190 students. This resulted in a reduction of 3 positions. Ms. Tesano was able to manage this through some planning to minimize the impact to the students and teachers. However, this was a larger change than was expected. They are working on adjustments to the schedule, which includes reducing a position for English as a second language and identifying other ways to support those impacted students.
- Lunchtime: Today was the first day that there were two lunch lines open. Administration is continuing to define structures for lunch, while also making options for kids to have more space and personally defined social time. PTA is working on organizing volunteers to support lunch supervision at school.
- Fine Arts coordinator should be starting on Thursday this week.
- Construction: Lamar specific construction is for a new dance gym, funded from the 2017 bond. Construction timeline is to be completed by next school year (optimistic). City representatives will be invited to next month's CAC meeting to share information and hear concerns about the construction around Burnet and 2222.

Treasurer's Report: Christine Mallory

- Discussion and overview of the 2022-2023 Budget.
- One revenue item is a placeholder for Lamar Fest. This is an event that we did not have last year, and so it is a placeholder for a revenue generating event.

Committee Reports:

- Fence Signs - Lara Farahini
 - Fences are our 2nd biggest source of revenue and we're able to sell signs at the corner at a premium. Signs that have been paid for and ordered will be hung as soon as they are ready.
- Love Lamar - Ed Bradfield
 - Love Lamar is our no-hassle fundraiser that is our biggest source of revenue. It will take place in October this year and we're coming up with incentives and marketing tactics to spread the word.
- Tees - Megan Little and Melissa Moehring
 - More t-shirts are being ordered since they completely sold out at Back to School Night. All orders placed will be filled on Fridays for pickup in the library on Mondays.
- Newsletter - Sara Cross
 - Will reconcile the mailing list
- Staff Appreciation - Lisa Ramirez
 - We were able to provide pizza for Back to School night for teachers as staff as well as breakfast tacos for teacher orientation. We have a few small treats planned for October and November and will have Mandola's cater a luncheon in December.
- Scottie Funds - Heather Nathanson-Flowers
 - Orders have been filled for 14 teachers so we will work on getting the word out.
- Secret Pals - Katie Malinski
 - Staff list was fluid so we're finalizing the list to get them sponsored. Teacher wish lists will be sent out to Secret Pals in the coming weeks.
- Green Committee - Sophie Fortin, Karol Maki, Piper Browne
 - Budget isn't large but we're brainstorming on how to beautify the campus
- After School Clubs - Leilanni Plougmann and Nisha Rocap
 - PTA has allotted \$20,000 for this program. Three surveys will be going out shortly to students, teachers, and caregivers to gauge interest/need in types of programs and incentives teachers would need to run the classes. We hope to launch the pilot program for the 2nd grading period with the hopes that late transportation will be available later in the year. The funds would go towards teacher incentives and supplies needed for their courses.
- Office Volunteer Coordinator - Amy Krische
 - Volunteer efforts are being coordinated but we need parents to submit their backgrounds through [Austin Partners in Education](#) in order to be called on to volunteer. We currently only have 36 or so parents who have signed up and have been cleared.

New Business

- Volunteer needed for Lunch Ambassadors Coordinator
 - We would like to start with 25 volunteer hours/week for the lunch shifts to take some of the pressure off of staff. - VOLUNTEER NEEDED to lead coordination.
- Exploratory committee for Lamar Fest
 - Lamar Fest has not been held since 2019 due to the pandemic. With a lot of construction going on on campus we're unsure if it can be held this year but the need for getting the community together is great. We need an exploratory committee to look into options and determine if we can realistically hold it this year. -VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- 8th Grade Advancement Committee - need to find place for 8th Grade Advancement ASAP
 - Last year we had our Ceremony and Picnic in shifts to split the kids up because of lack of space on the Lamar campus. We currently have two volunteers to are looking into alternative venues and spaces so we can host one picnic for the 8th graders. If you would like to help please email Ed Bradfield at vp@lamarpta.org
- Dance/Social tentatively scheduled for the weekend of February 24-25.

End Meeting

If there is no objection, the meeting will now adjourn at 7:04 pm