



# General PTO Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022

## **ATTENDED BY**

See attached attendance list.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Heather Barrow on September 14, 2022 at 6:06pm.

## **MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting (August 31, 2022) by Kara Richardson and seconded by Beth Lane. The motion to approve the minutes carried with 1 attendee in opposition.

## **VOTING**

A motion was made to approve the 2022-23 budget by Kara Richardson and seconded by Moya Varner. The motion to approve the budget was carried with no one in opposition.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Heather Barrow reported on the following: The PTO has placed Keurig coffee machines in all of the teachers' lounges. Teachers provide their own coffee pods. The PTO served lunch for all teachers and staff on 08/17/2022 and dinner during open house 09/06/22.

College Corner has new staff and Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a College Night event.

Request to please help LHS with your time and donations. The Big and Bright fundraising campaign needs your support. Sign up geniuses have been created for upcoming activities needing parent volunteers (IB Olympics 9/23, CFA lunch 9/30). Please join the PTO - it is free - and encourage others to join.

## **TREASURE'S REPORT**

Sook Miller presented the 2022-23 budget and answered audience questions. The majority of the budget goes toward two categories: student programs and teachers & schools

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principal Rita Graves reported on the following: Club Fair was a success. Clubs have Instagram accounts that you should follow for information and upcoming activities.

TEA has tightened HISD's attendance rules. The state now requires students be in attendance for 90% or more of the class periods for a course to be eligible to earn credit for the course. While funding is determined by our daily attendance at 10:30 am, student attendance for credited courses is done by period. There will be an attendance review committee (comprised of LHS staff) to review unusual circumstances. You will be given options to remedy missed credit in various ways. If you are absent, please document the type of absence and turn in, along with doctor's note if applicable, to your parent engagement representative. For more information on absences and how to properly document, please see the newsletter and LHS website.

The September 16th pep rally will have a moment of silence to honor the LHS student who passed away. Purple wristbands (the student's favorite color) will be distributed, and the football team will honor the student with helmet decals for the game. Please consider donating to the family for funeral services. Information in forthcoming newsletter.

## **TEACHER WISH LIST REPORT**

Stephanie Willis reported on the following: Teacher wish lists are funded by the PTO budget. This is a way we make an impact for students and teachers. The fall wish list is going through the approval process and we hope to deliver the approved items promptly. Stephanie listed many of the items delivered to teachers in previous years.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Tonya Anderson reported on the following: Please join the PTO - it is free to join. We have 334 members so far for this school year. The Big and Bright campaign has raised approximately 40% toward its goal. Please donate and encourage others to as well. We have had 152 families participate in the campaign so far.



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## **CORPORATE FUNDRAISING**

Moya Varner reported on the following: We only have \$13K toward our \$25K goal. We need more corporate partners. Help look for decision makers at business and help us secure sponsors. Please patronize our corporate sponsors and let them know you appreciate their support for LHS.

## **CLASS OF 2023**

Sweet Treat Friday is coming up for seniors - desserts and tshirts just for seniors. We are looking for LHS Fest volunteers to help the planning process.

## **CLASS OF 2024**

The juniors will have a snack day at lunch Oct 21st. Volunteers are needed.

## **CLASS OF 2025**

Successful parent social event took place 9/21 at the Marquee II.

## **CLASS OF 2026**

Following the PTO meeting this evening, freshman parents will gather for a social event at Kirby Ice House.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Allyson Rooney needs two PTO volunteers to help with the audit. One afternoon; no special skills required.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Heather Barrow, President, at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Beech, Secretary.

Approved at the Lamar PTO GENERAL/BOARD meeting on DATE.