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## General PTO

### MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

February 5, 2020

#### ATTENDED BY

See attached attendance list.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Gretchen Himsl, President, on February 5, 2020 at Lamar High School Grand Hall. There were enough members present for a quorum.

#### MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous general PTO meeting (12/05/2019) by Beth Lane and seconded by Chrysi Polydoros. The motion to approve the minutes carried without opposition.

#### **REPORTS**

##### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PTO President Gretchen Himsl reported the PTO has had a great fall fundraising effort with the Big & Bright Campaign exceeding expectations both financially and in the number of members. Other highlights to the PTO income include the sociables and contributions from the previous class(es). The positive income combined with expenses being under budget has the PTO in good fiscal shape.

Gretchen also presented the current PTO financial budget with the following highlights:

- current balance in checking account is \$8,950
- current balance in savings/money market is \$93,605

Also reported is the need of a student from India looking for a host home from now until graduation.

##### TEACHER WISH LIST

VP Ilsa Rassin provided a recap of the process for Wish List grants, specifically that teachers/staff complete an application that is first reviewed by Ms. Graves before submission to the PTO for consideration. For the fall, approximately \$19K was used to support about 12 grants. Spring applications were due Friday 1/31 and they included some great wishes and a few neighborhood collaborations. There was discussion regarding the option to go over budget in order to fulfill all appropriate grants; this will be decided on an as-needed basis each semester.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Rita Graves provided the following information/updates:

- tomorrow's newsletter will include information regarding campus safety
- Smart Financial Credit Union is hosting a presentation for Juniors & Seniors on February 14th
  - Chris Gardner who inspired the movie The Pursuit of Happyness is the presenter
  - plans to have students watch the movie in advance
- singing grams and carnation/candy sales will be available to celebrate Valentine's Day
- new Microsoft program in the works to partner experienced computer programmers in the community with Lamar students
  - if Lamar is accepted into the program, efforts begin in March and include training for community members as to how to teach students
- Ag Department will be featured on upcoming episode of Animal Planet
- please remind seniors to provide copies of offer letters to College Corner
- today's Signing Day had 18 sign to participate in college athletics; more expected to sign
- student led conferences are underway, which include participation with student/parent/administrator or academic dean/teacher - a presentation of a student's project
- brief construction update: fields are "on schedule" and there has been some discussion regarding the logistics of the baseball/softball fields; broadcast studio not yet finished

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Leslie McCulloch, Class of 2020 Chair, provided the following information/updates:

- February 24th is an event at Pappas Steakhouse sponsored by the Vrba family - \$50/person
- there will be sponsorship opportunities for parents to contribute to prom
- there are 4 upcoming Junk Food Days for which the sales will support Safe Prom After Party
- Parking Spot Raffle/Auction
  - 4 spaces again this year
  - 3 online auctions (\$750 opening bids)
  - 1 raffle (\$10/ticket) to be drawn at spring pep rally
- Spring College Prep Night
- Sociables need offers to host; examples: Kentucky Derby Party, Lunar New Year, Pool Party

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nominating Committee Approval

Nominating Committee Chair and President-Elect Chrysi Polydoros presented the following committee members for consideration:

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1. Chair: Chrysi Polydoros
  2. Amanda McGee
  3. Jennifer Dollinger
  4. Michelle Leopard
  5. Karena Wilson
- with Alyson Rooney as an alternate and Gretchen Himsl as an Advisory Member

A motion was made to approve the nominating committee by kara Richardson and a second to the motion was made by Gloria Pereira; discussion was opened and the vote was unanimously in favor of the committee.

#### Nominations for Treasurer

President Gretchen Himsl introduced the nomination for PTO Treasurer and Casey Schultz made a motion nominating Jenny Hua for PTO Treasurer; this motion was seconded by Michelle Leopard and after an offer for any discussion for which there was none, the motion for Jenny Hua as PTO Treasurer was unanimously approved.

#### Presentation of Internal Review

Jenny Hua presented and reviewed the attached Internal Financial Review.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next general meeting of the Lamar PTO will be in May in the Grand Hall.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Gretchen Himsl at 6:56pm.

Respectfully submitted by Autumn Jamison, Secretary.