



Lamar PTO Meeting

September 28, 2021

Agenda



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Lamar High School PTO Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

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| Call Meeting to Order | Kara Richardson, President |
| Minutes | Ronelle Meikleham, Secretary Approve Draft Minutes 5-11-21 |
| Reports | |
| Principal's Report | Rita Graves, LHS Principal Presentation on GPA |
| President's Report | Election of the 2020-2021 PTO Executive Board Officers Approve appointment of Class of 2025 Representatives |
| Treasurer's Report | Heather Hajdik, Treasurer Review and Approve 2021 – 2022 PTO Budget |
| Membership | Tonya Anderson, VP of Membership |
| Big & Bright Campaign | Tonya Anderson, VP of Membership |
| Class of 2022 | Beth Lane/Alyson Rooney, Co-chairs |
| Class of 2023 | Jill Calderone/Sarah Thweatt, Co-chairs |
| Class of 2024 | Lori Black/Jenny Wood, Co-chairs |
| Class of 2025 | Kristine Martinez/Leslie Wubbenhorst, Co-chairs |
| Teacher Wish List | Moya Varner, VP of Teacher Wish List |
| Communications | Casey Schultz, VP Communications |

Upcoming Events – See page 2

Adjourn

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General PTO Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

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ATTENDED BY

See attached attendance list.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 by Chrysi Polydoros, President, on 5/11/21 via TEAMS.

MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous general PTO meeting on February 2, 2021 by Bev Collins and seconded by Anjanette Blewer. The motion to approve the minutes carried without opposition.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Chrysi Polydoros reported on the following:

- That Dad's Club held 2 successful socials and is working towards a goal of 100 members.
- The new PTO office is almost complete. It's located on the 1st floor, near the Welcome Center.
- Teacher's Appreciation Week was last week. Chrysi Polydoros stepped in to cover for Anne Savage, Teacher Appreciation Chair, who is out for personal reasons.
- The beautification of the front lawn is underway. The trees have been trimmed and the IB Flag installed. The PTO is working with TBG Partners to present a final plan.
- The College Workshop Wednesday series will host its final presentation on Wednesday the 12th. Ms. Graves will present something as well, content tbd.
- Chrysi thanked the Lamar Community for their support over the past year.

TREASURE'S REPORT

Jenny Koong presented the treasurer report with activity as of May 11, 2021. See attached report. We are currently on budget and hopeful that the Parking Spot Auction will be successful.

INTERNAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

Heather Hajdik presented the findings of the IFR. The Committee - Heather Hajdik, Sook Miller, and Susie Lored, reviewed the meeting minutes, the donor roster, and the bank reconciliation from the 2019-2020. Everything looks good. The external accountant filed the tax forms. They recommend making a few changes to the process:

- Reconcile bank statements monthly.
- Reconcile the Stripe statements monthly.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Tonya Anderson, VP Membership, thanked everyone for attending the Membership Luncheon on April 27, 2021.



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TEACHER WISH LIST REPORT

Ilse Rassin, VP Teacher Wish List, presented the Spring Wish List. She was pleased to announce that she was under budget.

| TEACHER | PROJECT NAME | ESTIMATED COST |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Seifert, Matthew | Wind Your Locks, Lock Your Winds | \$1,434.10 |
| Woolweaver, Sally | Comp Sci - Robots | \$1,367.55 |
| Fredericks, Phyllis | JROTC Color Guard | \$1,576.00 |
| Rancifer, Janna | Chemistry Experiments | \$1,450.00 |
| Suttles, Kaitlin | Physics Labs | \$1,375.00 |
| Anduiza, Remus | Ball Machine & Ball Hopper | \$1,425.00 |
| Attar, Dina | Visual Arts Program - Photography | \$1,496.84 |

ESTIMATED TOTAL \$10,124.49

CLASS OF 2021

Janet Neuman, Class of 2021 Co-chair, presented the following:

- LHS Fest student sign-up deadline has been extended to May 15th.
- The event will be held on May 22nd at 7:00pm
- The final Senior event, Senior Sunset, will be held on June 4th, which will include a catered picnic, dj, and more.
- LHS Fest donations are still open on Amazon.
- Chrysi Polydoros explained that the Fest would be a Lamar community event with volunteers from all classes helping.

CLASS OF 2023

Sook Miller, Class of 2023 Co-chair, was pleased to announce a successful class social. The Parking Spot Auction is currently live with the Raffle ending Friday morning and the Auction ending Friday night. Ms. Graves would announce, via Instagram, the winner of the raffle spot.

Kelli Fereday encouraged everyone to participate in the Auction & Raffle. The numbers are low, but they expect more activity as they deadlines approach.

CLASS OF 2024

Jenny Wood, Class of 2024 Co-chair, was also pleased to announce 2 successful socials held at Kirby Ice House. She noted that the Freshman students are really looking forward to meeting other classmates in the next year. The Class Committee is open to ideas for more parent involvement.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Rita Graves took a moment to thank the PTO Board and especially Chrysi Polydoros for their efforts over the past year. She reported the following:



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- The team is looking forward to a "new" normal next year.
- Teachers Appreciation Week was wonderful and very appreciated.
- STARR testing was well attended, with 87-91% in-person. Make up testing will be held June 22-24.
- AP testing is about to start.
- Change in the IB Score.
- The Final Exam schedule will be published in the weekly newsletter.
- Final exam exemptions criteria:
 - Must have an E/S in Conduct
 - 3 or fewer absences in every class.
 - May be exempt from any class with a 85+ average.
 - Seniors can exempt all exams, if they meet the criteria.
 - Juniors can exempt 2 exams.
 - Sophomores can exempt 1 exam.
- IB Training will be held in May & June. They will review the Mid Years Program.
- Service Learning, they are looking for a team of people to help identify service opportunities for the Fall.
- End of Year surveys will be sent out next week.

Questions:

1. Kelly Fereday asked Ms. Graves if she feels confident about the kids returning to in-person in the Fall. Ms. Graves said they are planning and preparing for full, in-person instruction in the Fall. Virtual opportunities will not be offered as live classes, but will be offered as Virtual Learning Academies and students who attend Virtual academies will not be enrolled at Lamar.
2. Gretchen Himsl asked how many tickets would families be allotted for the Senior Graduation ceremony an if it was possible to hold it on campus. HISD has not announced the ticket numbers yet, but Ms. Graves is keeping up with it. If they were to move the ceremony to the school, no parents would be allowed to attend according to the HISD Communicable Disease Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Kara Richardson, President-Elect, announced the proposed executive board for the 2021-2022 year:

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| President | Kara Richardson |
| President Elect | Heather Barrow |
| Secretary | Ronelle Meikleham |
| Treasurer | Heather Hajdik |
| Treasurer Elect | Sook Miller |
| VP Communications | Casey Schultz |
| VP Wish List | Moya Varner |
| VP Membership | Tonya Anderson |
| Parliamentarian | Anjanette Blewer |
| 2022 Chairs | Alyson Rooney |
| | Beth Lane |



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| 2023 Chairs | Jill Calderone |
| | Sarah Thweatt |
| 2024 Chairs | Lori Black |
| | Jenny Wood |
| 2025 Chairs | |
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| Past President | Chrysi Polydoros |

Kara asked for Nominations from the general PTO membership. None were presented.

A motion was made to approve the proposed slate by Kara Richardson and seconded by Janna Weber. The motion to approve the 2021-2022 Executive Board passed without opposition.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chrysi Polydoros, President, at 7:11pm.

Respectfully submitted by Casey Schultz, Secretary.

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

Proposed Budget

Lamar PTO 2021-2022

| LAMAR HS PTO BUDGET 1 JULY 2021 - 30 JUNE 2022 | As of 6/30/2021 | Proposed | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | ACTUAL 2020 | BUDGET 2021 | ACTUAL 2021 YTD |
| INCOME | | | |
| FUND RAISERS | | | |
| Income from LBRC Deposit | 14,652.62 | - | |
| Dig & Bright Campaign | 62,239.42 | 84,145.00 | 28,440.21 |
| The Alamo | 2,941.87 | 2,500.00 | 1,212.61 |
| Corporate Sponsorship | 9,500.00 | 25,000.00 | 14,000.00 |
| College Night (1 time) | - | 2,500.00 | - |
| College Workshop Wednesday | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | - |
| Parking Spots (4) Auction For Next School Year | 14,338.50 | 16,000.00 | - |
| Seniors Paint Your Parking Spot/Towels | 12,614.85 | 4,300.00 | - |
| Chocolate Orb Concert (2 times) | - | 3,600.00 | - |
| Senior Activities | - | 16,000.00 | - |
| Sociables (8 times total, 2 per class) | - | 10,000.00 | - |
| On-Site Event Food Sales | - | 4,500.00 | - |
| T-Shirts / Class Spirit Shirts / Yard Signs | 8,413.00 | 8,000.00 | 5,770.00 |
| TOTAL FUND RAISERS | 127,700.26 | 179,545.00 | 49,422.82 |
| AFFINITY PROGRAMS | | | |
| Amazon Smile | 604.07 | 600.00 | - |
| iGive | 72.16 | 75.00 | - |
| Kroger | 985.36 | 700.00 | 246.20 |
| Randall's/Albertson's/Safeway | 291.89 | 350.00 | 294.38 |
| TOTAL AFFINITY PROGRAMS | 1,953.48 | 1,725.00 | 540.58 |
| FEE REDUCTION / INTEREST INCOME | | | |
| Texas Citizens Bank | - | - | 11.19 |
| Stripe / Other | - | - | 304.81 |
| TOTAL FEE REDUCTION / INTEREST | - | - | 316.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 129,653.74 | 181,270.00 | 50,279.40 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| STUDENT PROGRAMS | | | |
| College Night (1 time) | 72.45 | 1,500.00 | - |
| Homecoming | - | 1,000.00 | - |
| Senior Activities | 76,472.86 | 70,000.00 | 5,461.57 |
| Technology | 2,237.50 | 2,500.00 | - |
| TOTAL STUDENT PROGRAMS | 78,782.81 | 75,000.00 | 5,461.57 |
| TEACHER PROGRAMS | | | |
| Teacher Welcome Lunch | 1,921.78 | 2,000.00 | - |
| New Teacher Lunch | - | 1,000.00 | - |
| Professional Development | 12,027.45 | 15,000.00 | 1,021.63 |
| Teacher Appreciation | 15,669.23 | 16,000.00 | 329.77 |
| Teacher Wish List | 38,721.88 | 40,000.00 | - |
| TOTAL TEACHER PROGRAMS | 68,340.34 | 74,000.00 | 1,351.40 |
| FUNDRAISING EXPENSES | | | |
| Parking Spots (4) Auction | - | 300.00 | 107.85 |
| Paint Your Parking Spot | 120.96 | 120.00 | - |
| Chocolate Orb Sound & Venue | - | 2,500.00 | - |
| T-Shirts / Class Spirit Shirts / Yard Signs | 3,595.79 | 3,100.00 | 5,698.99 |
| Postage & Printing | 55.99 | 100.00 | - |
| Banners & Signage | 667.53 | 1,000.00 | - |
| TOTAL FUNDRAISING EXPENSES | 4,440.27 | 7,120.00 | 5,806.84 |
| BUILDINGS / GROUNDS | | | |
| Beautification Committee | 119.53 | 10,000.00 | - |
| TOTAL BUILDING/GROUNDS | 119.53 | 10,000.00 | - |
| ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| Principal's Discretionary | 3,232.97 | 6,000.00 | 2,704.19 |
| WuFoc/Stripe/Paypal/Square Fees | 1,266.37 | 3,000.00 | 1,744.63 |
| Administrative-General | 602.37 | 800.00 | 20.00 |
| PTO Officer Insurance | 574.00 | 600.00 | 644.00 |
| Accountant | 400.00 | - | - |
| President's Discretionary | 2,941.90 | 3,000.00 | 175.00 |
| Magnet Tour Supplies (Red Folders) | - | 400.00 | - |
| Membership Supplies | 390.47 | 400.00 | 688.05 |
| Social Media Publications | 17.98 | 200.00 | - |
| Website/ Mailchimp | 373.82 | 750.00 | 61.98 |
| TOTAL ADMINISTRATION | 9,799.88 | 15,150.00 | 6,037.85 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 161,482.83 | 181,270.00 | 18,657.66 |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | (31,829.09) | - | 31,621.74 |
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JOIN TODAY! IT'S FREE!

What does the Lamar PTO fund and support?



**Instructional Support Items for Classrooms
Teacher and Staff Development Programs * Teacher Appreciation
College Prep Seminars * Texan Connection - PTO Newsletter
Homecoming Events * Lamar Movie Night
Senior Class Activities * Parent Resources
Wraparound Services Donations * Lamar Spirit Shirts & Yard Signs
Campus Improvements & Beautification**

TO DATE, WE HAVE 381 FAMILIES WHO HAVE JOINED!



The Big & Bright Campaign is the PTO's largest fundraiser of the year. Help us reach our goal of \$80,000 so that we can fully fund our proposed projects!

To date, we have raised around \$30K.



LAMAR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- PLATINUM (\$7,500 +)
- GOLD (\$5,000)
- SILVER (\$2,500)
- BRONZE (\$1,000)

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Loving Lamar Initiative -

SJD's Loving Lamar Initiative is hosting some parent talks per the below schedule. The talks will start at 6:00 p.m., last for approximately 45 minutes with a 15-minute Q&A session. The presenter will be a licensed professional counselor from the Nick Finnegan Counseling Center, Tracy Lehman. These talks discuss topics relevant to high school aged children and are open to all parents free of charge.

- 1. Screens, Social Media, and the Brain (9/21) – (prerecorded presentation starts at 23:00 mark) - [VIDEO PRESENTATION](#)
- 2. Suicide and Self-Harm (10/19)
- 3. Let's Talk About Sex (11/16)
- SKIP DECEMBER
- 4. Preparing Your Child for College (1/18)
- 5. Stress, Burn-Out, and Identity (2/15)
- 6. Navigating ADHD (3/8)

Public Link to Join Talks: [TEAMS LINK TO JOIN TALKS](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Chocolate Orb

Doors Open @ 7pm
Woodhead @ 8pm
Chocolate Orb @ 9pm

70s & 80s Live Music

Costumes Strongly Encouraged

Cash Bar

All Ages

Free Entry

Opening Act: Woodhead

Donations Appreciated:
Benefiting Lamar HS & HSPVA

October 30, 2021

Halloween Bash

Rockefellers | 3620 Washington Avenue | Houston, TX



Lamar Texans

HOME COMING Tailgate 2021

FOOD ★ DRINKS ★ GAMES ★ DJ
ALL SPORTS & CLUBS PARADE

 Lamar Texans vs. Westside Wolves
Kick-off 6:00pm
Delmar Stadium

Saturday, October 23rd
11:00am - 2:00pm
Lamar High School Fields

Hosted by the Lamar High School Alumni Association & PTO



EVENTS

- **Oct. 12: Class of 2022 Happy Hour – Kirby Ice House (5 – 7 p.m.)**
- **College Day – Virtual – Saturday October 16 (11 – 2 p.m.)**
- **Oct .18: Class of 2023 Parent Social – Roma Rice Village (5:30 – 7 p.m.)**
- **Oct. 21: Class of 2025 Parent Social – Kirby Ice House (6 – 8 p.m.)**
- **Oct. 23: Homecoming Tailgate – Lamar Sports Field (11 – 2)**
- **Oct. 30: Chocolate Orb Halloween Bash – Rockefeller's (7 p.m.)**
- **Movie Night – Dec. 4th**

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