

Hart PTSA General Association Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Oct 17, 2024

Hart Library, 5:30pm – 7:00 pm

Board Member Attendees: Abdul Alim, Abdulla Jehaberdeen, Ms.Fields, Cynthia Sandhu, Shyamalima Karan, Sobhana Somisetty, Merina Sadeque, Ces Benigno, Meet Bhanushali, Rajendra Bhanushali, Tracy Leaman, Sadiq Hussain, James Dong, Tahsin Hanif, Asia Blume, Suma Rao

Call to Order – Abdul Alim

- Meeting was called to order by Abdul at 5:39 pm.
- Pledge
- Secretary could not make it so, Abdul reviewed the meeting minutes from the previous GA meeting from Aug 22nd.

MOTION: Cynthia Made a motion to approve previous GA meeting minutes; Shymalima Seconded the motion: Approved.

- Also mentioned that all the EB meetings were reviewed and signed off.
- There was a mention of the new Board members appointed since the last GA meeting: Shyamalima Karan took over the new Reflections chair and Tracy Leaman as the Social chair. Asia Blume was to be appointed as the new Volunteer coordinator

BookFair Chair Merina update: 5.45pm

Very elaborate update about book fair; overall a very successful event. Everyone liked the idea of giving variety scoops on ice cream social day- **570 people showed up**. Merina and Ces detailed about the earnings and the lessons learnt; Everything documented in the PTSA documents folder. Special mention: ELA Classes were exclusively invited to visit the bookfair in that week. Thanks to all parent volunteers who helped out.

Spent <\$1000 .. earnings up by almost 4K, from previous year.

Principal's Report – Ms. Fields

- PTSA involvement is a nice way to make connections, be around the school and learn about the school.
- Ms Fields mentioned about the successful Ice cream social;
 - Suggested we have 2 scoop lines; appreciated the scoop idea.
- Extreme heat delayed some events in the school- basketball and Swing-dance rally. Its a fun event and was well attended.

- It is Hart wellness week Oct 21- Oct 25; the school has some fun awareness activities planned for the kids.
- Also the Leadership is planning a Halloween fun for feeder elementary schools the week of Halloween.
- No Porkys Trunk or treat - getting tougher to manage the crowd.
- Oct 31- Minimum day ; Teachers training day - Nov 1st
- Encouraged parents to bring their students to these GA meetings.

Treasurer – Cynthia :6:03PM

- **Cynthia makes a motion to approve checks #1163-1170, Voided 2 duplicate checks. Shyamalima seconded. Motion passes.**
- Cynthia reviews Financial Report - Aug 22 to Oct 16,2024, Treasurer's Report, and explains the Proposed budget for 2024-25 for the benefit of new parent attendees.
- Deposits/checks issued as approved by the PTSA budget.
- Notes that budget cannot change without GA approval and explains how spending can happen between meetings without full approval of spending.

Quorum was 19 members:6:09pm

Motion: Cynthia made a motion for new appointees as mentioned above. Sobhana Seconded it.

EVP Report – Abdulla

- none

Audit – Janelle

- None

Membership – Ces

- Total: 443
- Bumper sticker distribution continues.

Student Board Member – Meet Bhanushal/Tahsin Hanif

- None

Committee Reports

Grants – Rajendra

- Mathcounts wanted more money; requested \$560 from a previous \$250

- o **Motion was made** but the denied as of Oct 17 for now as some resolution is needed about why PTSA is being asked to fund the program.
- o 3 grants approved so far : Wheel chair; mathcounts- \$250; Mental health Awareness week.
- West African Cultural association requested for \$3450
 - o PTSA contribution - \$1445 (Approved in EB meeting)
 - o Student Engagement - \$2005

Motion: Cynthia made the motion to get it approved; Raj and Sobhana Seconded it

- Ms Patel -Math teacher asked for \$250 for class supplies beyond her amazon wishlist that was not fulfilled.
 - o PTSA contribution approved.

Motion: Raj made the motion to approve the \$250 for Ms Patel, Shyamalima Seconded.

Reflections – Shyamalima

- Entries received as of Oct 11th.

PPIE – Shyamalima

- PPIE Gala on Nov 8th
- Auction if anyone wants to contribute opens on Nov 1st, requested to spread the word.

Open Discussion

- President Abdul reiterated that for any EB members- 3 unexcused absences from the meeting; they jeopardize their position in the committee. Everyone is a volunteer here on the board and we completely understand if some of the board members can't make it for the meeting once in a while. However, it makes it so much easier if they give us an email ahead of time so that the president can manage the quorum effectively.

Adjournment

- With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Minutes approved by:

1. James Dong
2. Sadiq Hussain
3. Merina Sadeque