

**Twin Hickory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
April 24, 2014**

The April 24, 2014 PTA General Membership Meeting, held in the THE gymnasium, was called to order at 6:58 pm by president, Laura DeBusk.

- Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The minutes from the last general membership meeting held on March 20th are posted at the gym entrance and are posted on the PTA website. If there are no corrections, Laura DeBusk asked for a motion to approve the General Membership Meeting minutes from March 20, 2014. The minutes were approved.
- The March Treasurer's report is posted at the entrance and on the PTA website. There are two changes to the budget that the PTA Executive Board is asking the General Membership to approve. As we move to the end of the year, the PTA Executive Board has started closing out budgets for programs that are finished for the year and didn't use all of the expense money allocated. Between those accounts and money we received from Josten's for yearbook sales, the PTA Board would like to reallocate this money to Teacher and Staff Appreciation, as well as to the General School Project Fund. The PTA Executive Board is asking the General Membership to approve an increase to the Teacher and Staff Appreciation Budget by \$534.31. This will increase the amount that our chair has to spend for teacher/staff appreciation week, as well as year-end activities to \$1000. Are there any questions? Seeing no questions, can I have a motion to increase the Teacher and Staff Appreciation Budget by \$534.31? May I have a second? Since I have a motion and a second, I now need a voice vote from the General Membership. All in favor of increasing the Teacher and Staff Appreciation budget by \$534.31, please signify by saying aye. All those opposed, nay. The ayes have it and the motion carries. This change will be made to the PTA budget. The second change the PTA Executive Board is asking the General Membership to approve is to allocate \$6,625.45 to the General School Project Fund. The GSPF is the money Mr. D uses to purchase equipment/supplies for the school, such as promethean boards. If the general membership approves this increase, the PTA Exec. Board has asked Mr. D to purchase one promethean board, which will be placed in one of the two remaining kindergarten classes that do not have one. We expect the board to cost around \$3,200. With the remaining amount we have asked Mr. D to work with the staff leadership team to assess whether a second board should be purchased or if there are more pressing needs in each grade level. Are there any questions? Seeing no questions, can I have a motion to increase the General School Project Fund by \$6,625.45? May I have a second? Since I have a motion and a second, I now need a voice vote from the General Membership. All in favor of increasing the General School Project Fund budget by \$6625.45, please signify by saying aye. All those opposed, nay. The ayes have it and the motion carries. This change will be made to the PTA budget. Are there any other changes that need to be made to the March Treasurer's report? This report will be filed for the audit.
- Now, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the 2013-2014 Volunteer of the Year – Gowri Palaniappan. Would Gowri please come forward? Gowri has been a tireless volunteer for the PTA. I would like to read what will run in the program at the Henrico County Volunteer of the Year Banquet in May because I think it best sums up all that Gowri has done:

It's hard to put into words what Gowri Palaniappan has meant to the THES PTA over the past five years. From serving as VP Programs and STEM grade level coordinator to Administrative Coordinator, Lego League Coordinator and more, Gowri's willingness to serve wherever and whenever needed makes her a truly special individual.

One of Gowri's greatest accomplishments was organizing and building the First Lego League Robotics Program into a huge success at THES. For two years she ran the program without a child in the system – she believed in the good the program had to offer THES Students. In the fall of 2013 she had four teams compete in FLL and had two teams advance to the State level (no small feat). To start a program is one thing; to train coaches, develop interest, find consistent practice locations, coordinate budgets, and assure FLL rules were followed across 4 separate teams is going above and beyond!

Congratulations Gowri on this award. I can't think of anyone more deserving.

- Our final business of the evening is to elect and install the 2014-2015 Executive Committee Officers. On March 20, 2014, the nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates for elected positions for the 2014-2015 school year.

President: James Towey

1st Vice President of Programs: Michele Rogers

2nd Vice President of Ways and Means: Katie Wincker

3rd Vice President of Volunteers: Jenni Katz

Recording Secretary: Allison Schmitt

Treasurer: Robyn Carlson

- This is the final call for any further nominations for candidates for these positions. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Seeing there are no nominations from the floor, I would now like to ask the nominees who are present tonight to please come forward.
- Given that there is currently only one candidate slated for each position, I'd like to present the slate to be accepted as elected to their respective positions by single vote. So, all in favor of accepting the slate of office candidates, please signify by saying "aye". Any opposed by saying "nay". The ayes have it. Please give a round of applause to our newly elected PTA Executive Board for the 2014-2015 school year.
- As officers of the PTA, you hold responsible positions. I acknowledge your intention to serve faithfully and to the best of your ability. With sincere pleasure, I declare you duly installed officers of the Twin Hickory Elementary PTA.
- The first task of the new Executive Committee is to slate the PTA Committee Chairs and Standing Committee Chairs for the 2014-2015 school year. An interest form for these positions will be sent out in the next week, so please be on the lookout for it.
- The next general membership meeting will be held Thursday, May 15th in conjunction with STEM night.
- Laura DeBusk thanked the following Business Partners for their sponsorships:

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All Fired Up

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Meeting adjourned 7:11pm.

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Recording Secretary