

**Twin Hickory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting  
February 20, 2014**

The February 20, 2014 PTA General Membership Meeting, held in the THE gymnasium, was called to order by president, Laura DeBusk.

- Claire, Ava, and Ashley, three of our fourth graders lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Laura DeBusk asked for a motion to approve the General Membership Meeting minutes from December 19, 2013. The minutes were approved.
- Both the December and January Treasurer's report is posted at the entrance and on the PTA website. There is one change to the budget that the PTA Executive Board is asking the General Membership to approve. Due to popularity of many items at the Holiday Shop in December, an additional order was placed after the Holiday Shop to meet requests. Consequently an additional \$336.15 was spent over the original \$2,500 that was budgeted. The revenue from the Holiday Shop this year was \$3,208.75 for a final net income total of \$372.60. The PTA Board is asking the General Membership to approve the increase in the Holiday Shop expense line item from \$2,500 to \$2,836.15 to cover that additional order. Are there any questions? Seeing no questions, can I have a motion to increase the Holiday Shop expense line item from \$2,500 to \$2,836.15? 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 Holiday Shop expense line item from \$2,500 to \$2836.15, 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 December or January Treasurer's report? Seeing there are no additional changes, the reports will be filed for audit.
- Kammy Hambrick, PTA Parliamentarian, introduced some bylaws' changes that the Executive Board is proposing.  
"According to the Standing Rules for this PTA, the Bylaw and Standing Rules Review Committee is required to meet each year to review the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the PTA. This year, the members of the Bylaws and Standing Rules committee I chaired were Robyn Carlson, Laura DeBusk, Tina Miller, and Angela Taylor. I would like to take a moment to thank them for their time and service on this committee.  
This year, the Committee recommended that the number of Vice Presidents be reduced from 4 to 3 by removing the VP-Membership from the Executive Committee and adding a Membership Chair to the Executive Board (which will still be voting position). There are two reasons for this change: first, now that the Trailblazer Club is our primary fundraising source and donations include memberships to the PTA, we are reaching our membership goals earlier in the year. Second, the responsibilities of the Membership job have lessened as recordkeeping responsibilities have declined over the year.  
As a result of this recommendation, there are two changes that will need to be made to the Bylaws. First, Article VIII, Section 3 will need to be amended to reflect that the PTA will have three vice presidents rather than 4. Second, Article IX, Section 2 will need to be amended to take into account the removal of the 2nd vice president and designate the VP-Ways and Means as the 2nd vice president and VP-Volunteers as the 3rd vice president.  
In addition to the changes to the Bylaws, the Committee recommended a series of changes to the Standing Rules that govern the Executive Board in order to reflect the changes to the Bylaws and reflect the Executive Board's current practices in a number of areas.

All of the changes to the Bylaws and the Standing Rules recommended by the Committee were approved by the Executive Board and will need to be approved by the General Membership. The details of these changes will be posted on the PTA website for review for the next 30 days prior to the vote. If there are any questions, feel free to contact me.”

- Laura reported there needs to be a 30 day period between the time a bylaws change is proposed and a vote is taken. Therefore, a special general membership meeting will be held on Monday, March 24th at 8:15am in the THES Library. At this meeting, we will be voting on the bylaw changes that Kammy outlined tonight. The meeting should only last about 10-15 minutes, so please attend if possible.
- The current Executive Board is recommending the following 5 members to be elected as the nominating committee: Elaine McCormick, Phung Blevins, Katie Winckler, Allison Schmitt, and Leslie Troxell. This committee shall nominate eligible persons for each Executive Committee office to be filled for the 2014-2015 school year, which includes President, VP Programs, VP Membership, VP Ways and Means, VP Volunteers, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, and report its nominees at the next General Membership meeting on Thursday, March 20th. Are there any other nominees from the floor to be considered? All in favor of accepting the nominating committee as presented, please signify by saying “aye”. Any opposed by saying “nay”. The ayes have it and the committee is approved.
- Now that the nomination committee has been approved by the general membership, an Executive Committee Interest Form will go out in the purple folders tomorrow. Any PTA members interested in serving in a position on the Executive Committee, please fill out the form and return it to your child’s teacher by Monday, March 3rd.
- The next general membership meeting will be held Thursday, March 20th at 6:15pm at DRHS at the intermission of the Variety Show.
- Laura DeBusk thanked the following Business Partners for their sponsorships:

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Meeting adjourned.

Phung Blevins  
Recording Secretary