

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

The March 20, 2014 PTA General Membership Meeting, held in the Deep Run High School auditorium, was called to order at 6:22 pm by president, Laura DeBusk.

- Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The minutes from the last general membership meeting held on February 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 February 20, 2014. The minutes were approved.
- The February Treasurer's report is posted at the gym 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. Katie Winckler, our Grounds and Beautification Chair, asked our Platinum Business Partner Class A Grounds Management to visit the Children's Garden and make suggestions for improving the area. They suggested adding a row of river rocks to help with drainage, covering the whole area around the garden and benches with playground mulch, as well as, adding day lilies and ever-blooming azaleas around the garden boxes to help attract bees to the vegetable gardens. The proposed project would cost \$3100. \$1800 in labor would be donated to us from Class A and \$1300 in materials would be the responsibility of the PTA. The Grounds & Beautification budget has \$795.55 remaining. The PTA Executive Board is asking the general membership to raise the Grounds & Beautification budget by \$504.45 to cover the cost of the materials to improve the children's garden. Books for Bingo and Reflections were a total of \$555.55 under budget in expenses this year and those programs are already completed. The PTA can use that budget to cover the \$504.45 that Grounds & Beautification is requesting.
- Are there any questions? Seeing no questions, can I have a motion to increase the Grounds and Beautification budget by \$504.45? 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 Grounds & Beautification budget by \$504.45 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 February Treasurer's report? These reports will be filed for the audit.
- Elaine McCormick is introduced to give the Nominating Committee Chair report. First I would like to thank the PTA members who served on the nominating committee with me - Phung Blevins, Katie Winckler, Allison Schmitt, and Leslie Troxell. The nominating committee received the following nominees who have signified their consent to serve if elected to such office for the 2014-2015 school year:  
President: James Towey  
1st Vice President of Programs: Michele Rogers  
2nd Vice President of Membership: Angela Taylor  
Recording Secretary: Allison Schmitt  
Treasurer: Robyn Carlson

- Are there any further nominations from the floor for these positions? There are also two positions on the Executive committee slate that are open:  
3rd Vice President of Ways and Means  
4th Vice President of Volunteers
- Are there any nominations from the floor for these positions? I would ask that any members that have questions or are interested in these positions to please contact me. My contact information can be found on the PTA website under the Executive Board link.
- The Executive Committee slate will be elected at the next General Membership meeting on Thursday, April 24th at 7pm in the gym.
- At the February 20th PTA General Membership meeting, the Executive Board made several recommendations on changes to the THES PTA's Bylaws and Standing Rules. These changes include moving the VP of Membership to a Standing Committee Chair position, as well as elevating the STEM Lab Coordinator position to a voting member of the Executive Board. According to the THES PTA Bylaws, the General Membership must be given 30 days' notice of changes before a vote to accept can take place. Therefore, a special PTA General Membership meeting will be held on Monday, March 24th at 8:15 a.m. in the THES Library. All PTA members are welcome to attend this meeting. A quorum of 10 PTA members must be present for a vote to take place. If you have time in your calendar, please consider attending this important meeting. The meeting should last no more than 15 minutes.
- The DRHS Thespian Troop are putting on a fundraiser called Act Now for A Healthy Heart that involves elementary schools that feed into Deep Run. The event will be held on Sunday, April 6th from 2 – 4pm at DRHS and costs \$10 per child to raise money for our club and the Heart Association. The kids will be running races, have the chance to visit many clubs that will be set up with food and games, and are encouraged to dress up as princesses or pirates, or both! Please consider attending this event.
- The next general membership meeting will be held Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the gym followed by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade recorder concert.
- Laura DeBusk thanked the following Business Partners for their sponsorships:

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All Fired Up

Meeting adjourned 6:31pm.

Phung Blevins  
Recording Secretary