

LRHS PTSA General Membership Meeting

April 26, 2018

6:09 pm PTSA general meeting opened by PTSA President, Jill Russell in the cafeteria. Welcomed parents. Minutes presented for approval; Motion by Ginger Mann to approve previous General Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2018; seconded by Donna Ferrell, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jill discussed many of the accomplishments this year that PTSA helped with, some previously discussed at the last general meeting, but recapped the year, starting with our new student PTSA board of 6 students. Each of them has a role in our PTSA and we are so proud of them and enjoy their input/ideas! Also, we started off the year with the locker bay renovations that were turned into a collaborative meeting space where we hold most of our board meetings. We were also able to help by donating to setting up a fitness room for all students near the gym and helped purchase calculators for the math department.

We started a team to work on community business sponsors this year and we exceeded our proposed donations, working now for the next year's corporate sponsorships. We have started up a PPiA (Pride Parents in Action) group to help support our students and have started up a chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions. We have sponsored a kindness month and held events promoting kindness and positivity, such as the positive post-it note wall, donation bulletin board, and candy/kindness notes on all desks. These groups started up in the past year and will continue to sponsor events to help support our teens.

PTSA sponsored a Parent Education Program in January to help educate parents in our community in navigating through social media, teen stressors, etc., that can lead to destructive decisions, and our next event is for teens and parents is on April 30 at 6:30 in the auditorium. It is called "Time to Talk" and it is designed as a forum for communication between teens, parents and staff.

Ginger Mann presented the slate of officers for 2018-19 PTSA Executive Board: President-Jill Russell, VP Programs-Jennifer Bateman; VP Communications-Philip Spragins; VP Academic Boosters-Vanessa Bonaparte; VP School/Student Support-Janis Lawrence; VP Staff Support-Amy Sharp; VP Ways and Means-Nestor Capote; Secretary-Allison Nani; Treasurer Beth Gracey. With Holly Laird as our Teacher Rep and Dr. AJ Muttillio Principal. Slate of officers presented, motion made by Kathy Lakey to approve slate of officers for the PTSA board 2018-19, seconded by Caroline Rohs, no additional nominations from the floor, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jill discussed that we still have committee openings and still need volunteers. Kathy and Craig Holloway along with Michelle Jacobs will be taking on apparel/spiritwear next year. Kathy H. reported that they are working on next year's apparel.

The next board meeting will be on May 14 in the media center and it will be our transition meeting where old and new officers will be able to meet and discuss positions, exchange notebooks, etc. We will also be awarding two scholarships to seniors at that time.

Janis Lawrence presented the budget updates. We are adding a line item to help support our Students Against Destructive Decisions group and other groups designed for advocacy. The budget line item added is indicated as "school advocacy."

Motion was made by Jennifer Bateman to approve this budget with the addition of the line item; seconded by Ginger Mann, approved by voice vote.

Staff Support Events: Caroline Rohs reported successful/appreciated Administrative assistants day, with lunch out for our administrative staff at Manchester's today; Teacher Appreciation week coming up May 7-13. Soon we will be celebrating our cafeteria staff and principals. Jill discussed idea to get Leesville shirts to our bus drivers next year, Vanessa Boneaparte volunteered to help design/assist with this for next year.

May 14 at 6:30 is our next board meeting in the media center for current and incoming board members. Academic Breakfast for student scholars (invitations will be sent out) on May 24. Volunteer breakfast will be held on May 30.

Adjourned meeting at 6:24 pm. Turned over to Dr. Muttillio for principals chat/senior information session and then followed by college parent panel. Next General Membership meeting in the gym at Open House in August, 2018.

Minutes Recorded by: Jennifer Bateman, PTSA Secretary submitted 4.27.18