

**PTA General Meeting**  
**September 19, 2019**  
**6:05 pm - 7:10 pm**  
**Media Center at YMES**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

An introduction was made by Amy Nehlsen.

- Sign-in sheet was passed around
- Introduced the PTA Board Members and explained the new structure of the PTA in which there are committee chairs and teams working together
- Mentioned ways of staying in contact with the PTA (PTA website, Twitter, Facebook)
- PTA newsletter will be updated monthly and includes volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, points of contact, etc. - we are in the process of figuring out a good way to post it digitally so that we don't waste as much paper

Amy Nehlsen pointed out a few things on the Calendar.

- Box Top collection going on now, still one more day to turn them in (Friday) or they can always be dropped off in the blue PTA mailbox in the lobby
- Next week is the Sweet Frog event, 20% of sales and a book swap
- Next Friday we are doing a bus driver appreciation event to let them know we realize September is tough and that we are grateful for all they do, a teacher offered to have her class make a poster for the bus drivers
- Chick-Fil-A event is in October
- Book Fair is October 21st-25th
- Book Character Day is in October
- There will be a Family Night October 30th
- The Fun Run is November 8th, we received feedback last year that a later date is preferable (instead of in October)

Mrs. Jenkins addressed the attendees.

- This is her 5th month at YMES, she feels very welcome here and the PTA has been great to work with
- Spoke about the new theme this year: We Dream Big at Yates (#wedreamBIGatyates), having a dream is universal and kids need a plan to be able to implement their dreams
- Told everyone about her 24-year history with WCPSS
- She wants to "hit the ground learning", no major overhauls, focus on the mission of the school
- She has an open-door policy
- A parent asked about the performance gap with ESL kids, explaining that they might be lost- Mrs. Jenkins expressed her concern and how she is planning on changing that (morning meetings, ESL teachers, talking to kids about their "voice" and how to use it)
- Mrs. Mendzef spoke about the grade level Family Engagement Nights last year and how they used those to ask parents what they need

Sara Hausman made the Treasurer Report.

- Our beginning of the year account balance was higher than expected - \$14,972.55
- Raz Kids has been paid off (a big item)
- We will be waiting to reimburse the specialists after the Fun Run to make sure we have the funds for it
- We are adding \$2100 in spending this year
  - Interpreter/Translator Fees - \$500 (increase from \$250)
  - YMES Event Tablecloths - \$500 (requested by Administration)
  - STEM Game Night - \$350 (increase from \$250 to purchase games for school to keep for teacher use)
  - Hospitality - \$1,500 (increase from \$1,250)
  - Campus Beautification - \$1,000 (Mrs. Jenkins requested funding for campus maintenance – ideas include repainting K-12 playground & maintenance for Butterfly Hill)
- Playground funds might increase if Fun Run does very well and we will also check with WCPSS to make sure we are not due for playground funds from them
- Amendments to the budget were voted on by means of anonymous ballots placed into a box
- The budget was approved

Chris Sinodis made a Membership Update.

- Currently have 100 PTA members, 28 are teachers
- Mrs. Mendzef mentioned that she doesn't think the membership form is user-friendly, Chris Sinodis will look into it
- Teachers mentioned there should be class incentives for joining the PTA and that they could add a note about joining the PTA in their class newsletters

Becky Fingerson made a Painless Fundraisers Update.

- Spoke about the Sweet Frog event
  - Don't need to bring a book to get a book
  - Flyer will be in Friday Folders
  - Mention "YMES" for us to get 20% of the proceeds
  - Asked for help with set-up
- Spoke about the Chick-Fil-A event, 100% profit on Spin the Wheel, gift cards for teachers
- Asked for help finding interpreters/translators
- Harris Teeter cards need to be re-linked every year, asked for people to write their phone numbers down and we will do it for them
- Told teachers that all forms will be on the bulletin board for them if they ever need anything

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.