

Athens Drive Magnet High School  
PTSA Meeting Minutes  
October 29, 2019

**Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by President Lysa Fulbright**

**September 2019 PTSA Meeting Minutes**, Secretary Laurie Cockman

The last meeting's minutes were provided for review.

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tricia Pannill.
- The motion was seconded by Mary Kelly-Crapse.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**, Treasurer Staci Mantz

Membership total at 322 members - well over last year's total of 256!

**Budget Amendments**, President Lysa Fulbright

New line items were proposed for the following

- Lunch money fund – cafeteria workers have been donating money to pay for lunches. This line item runs those donations through the PTSA to document.
- Lowes Foods is added as a Painless Fundraiser Income line item.
- Academic Recognition increased \$100 (coming from Hospitality 6042)
- Classroom Supply Grants increased \$300 (coming from Hospitality 6042)
- Hospitality 6042 decreased by \$400

A motion was made by Staci Mantz to approve the budget amendments. Motion was seconded by Eleanor Hasse. The amendments were approved unanimously.

**Committee Reports**, President Lysa Fulbright

- Backpack Buddies- Pack up day is November 4<sup>th</sup> for a three-day weekend.
- Classroom Supply Grants- The committee met on October 8<sup>th</sup> to review grant applications. All but one grant was approved. The remaining grant was redirected to the Hospitality Committee for assistance.
- Gardens and Grounds – Julie Dean recapped the October 27<sup>th</sup> workday. 14 volunteers worked in the National Honor Society Garden to weed, prune trees, clean drains, etc. Next workday is on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm. Clubs invited to participate to earn volunteer hours.
- Hospitality- November 7<sup>th</sup> is the Magnet Open House teacher/staff dinner. The dinner will feature an Italian menu and will be held from 3:30-4:30pm.
- Student Recognition Program "Athens Achievers"- This month's winners were posted on the PTSA bulletin board. Only 30 teachers participated in this first round. More expected next month. Asking for \$10 gift card donations to use as prizes.
- First Magnet Tour – more volunteers needed to help with tours. Sign up on the Athens Alert. Next tour is November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30am.

**Principal's Report**, Principal Steve Mares

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter ends on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Report cards will be issued on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Playoffs are underway. Athens has students competing in golf, soccer, & cross country.
- Winter sports try-outs start on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Arts programs are in full swing. Band is competing every weekend, chorus and band have concerts coming up, and the fall play is in mid-November.
- Focus is on seniors now – colleges and military are visiting to recruit and share vital information with students. Ms. Carlton, Career Development Coordinator, is working with businesses to prepare students as well. PreSAT and PreACT testing is in progress for 10<sup>th</sup> graders this fall.
- Athens has three National Merit Semifinalists! 16,000 students qualify nationwide.
- Approximately 40 students will graduate early at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.
- College and Career Promise is now accessible by 9-12 graders.

### **Open Floor Questions**

*Q. With holidays approaching, what programs are in place for families in need?*

A. Mr. Mares lists many programs offered:

- Backpack Buddies
- Ekklesia Church partners with staff to cover holiday meals for about 50 families
- Clothing drive and Christmas gift shop are made available for families (at minimal cost)
- Annual sock drive
- Health Sciences Academy holds a winter gala to benefit a charitable organization voted on by the students. This year's organization is Wake Med Children's Hospital.

*Q. Can a flashing light be installed for the school crosswalk due to unsafe conditions (particularly in the dark early morning hours)?*

A. Mr. Mares says that traffic issues are passed on to city and law enforcement officials. Some trees hindering visibility on Athens Dr. have already been removed.

*Q. There are excessive amounts of litter on campus. Can students help clean up the trash?*

A. Mr. Mares mentioned that student government has been tasked with organizing clean up.

*Q. Board of Directors of NCPTA member, Kendra McAffity, mentioned her attendance at a retreat on October 12<sup>th</sup> where she learned the Athens PTSA is not in good standing with the NCPTA.*

A. Lysa Fulbright replied that she was aware of the bad standing due to the Form 990 not yet being submitted. This was first brought to her attention in September by Reflections Chair Ayesha Zafiruddin when she was checking the Athens Drive PTSA's standing to be able to participate in the Reflections program. Lysa then contacted Traci at NCPTA, who reported that the reason for the bad standing was that the Form 990 had not yet been submitted. However, the deadline for the form to be filed is not until November 15th (November 8th for units participating in the Reflections Program). Treasurer Staci Mantz said that the form would be submitted on time.

### **Announcements**

- Band Program (Tricia Pannill) – the annual fall band BBQ is Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Dewey's Holiday Fundraising Store will open on November 9<sup>th</sup> in Waverly Place. Three parades and one competition remain in the marching season. There is also a fall concert on November 5<sup>th</sup> and a holiday concert on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

The next PTSA meeting will be held on November 19th at 6:30pm in the library.

***The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.***