



**MASON
ELEMENTARY**

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Date: 3/20/2024

In-Person Meeting w/Zoom Option

Time: 9:00AM

Meeting Highlights

Total Attendees: 7 in-person, 4 via Zoom

Welcome (Jennifer Robsinson, President)

- March is a big month for PTA as the executive board is up for a revote. Each position serves a 1 year term and then we can vote through a nominating committee.
 - The executive board is still eligible and has agreed to serve for another term. Anyone else who is interested in running can email Ms. Scott and let her know the position of interest.
 - The executive board will get a ballot box in the next few days and will decide a date when all votes will need to be in by.
 - Executive roles- President (can have 2), VP (2), Treasurer (only 1 person), Secretary (2).
- Discussion of committee chairs for next year:
 - Spooky Dance chair is open.
 - Holiday Shop- with the new rollout of a different type of shop, 3-4 people would be ideal due to the workload and because it is our 2nd biggest fundraiser. Trying to move away from working with a company and purchasing items on our own to obtain the full benefit of the funds received instead of splitting funds with a company. This will also give more students opportunities to shop at different price levels to give everyone a chance to shop for families.
 - STEM is open- includes work with the food audit, and working closely with Ms. Buchanan.
 - Carnival is open- Nikki is currently working on this year's carnival so anyone interested in how she runs it can shadow her over the next few weeks before taking over next year.
 - Yearbook- Tara has agreed to one more year, would love a co-chair of anyone interested to take over after she is gone.
 - International Night- Arwyn agreed to stay on but requests a co-chair.
 - Reflections is open- a big undertaking that could use several committee members to help with the workload.
 - Room Parent Lead- Lauren has agreed to stay on but would like to add 6 grade level chairs to oversee room parents by grade.
 - Cultural Arts- Lauren has agreed to stay.
 - APD- Mark and Thomas will stay on for another year.
 - Hospitality- Christina agreed to stay on.

Mr. Wilson Report

- New carpet installation has started and will continue over spring break. Has been at least 20 years since the carpet has been replaced which is a nod to Mr. Ramon and his upkeep with the carpets.
- Fully staffed for next year in regards to teachers, only looking for 2 more paraprofessionals. Not a lot of staff turnover which will be great.
- International Night is tomorrow night inside the school from 5-7 pm.
- Tonight at the ISC is the Peachtree Ridge tapestry art work presentation from 6-7.
- Kindergarten registration will be April 18th.

Vice President's Report (Laura Buchanan)

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Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Tuggle)

- Not a huge month between Feb-March.
- Deposits for carnival came out.
- Sponsored again for Book Mobile (\$5,000) and will come to Mason for kids to pick out books plus buy \$1000 of new books for the media center.
- Discussed motion to convert ourselves from a PTA to a PTO. Would be more cost beneficial- right now all \$5 of joining members goes straight to the National PTA and we don't receive any of that money. Also fees and dues to National PTA which accounts for about \$1000, that could be going directly into the school.
 - If we do convert to a PTO we will no longer be eligible to participate in reflections. We could find an alternative literacy opportunity but would may have to take a year off before we figure out other options.
 - Need $\frac{2}{3}$ of a vote of PTA members for this motion to pass.
 - Need 30 days to notify National PTA.
 - Looking for volunteers to go through the list of members to make sure we have all contact info before proceeding with voting.
 - We would also need to create new by laws as a PTO and be incorporated as a nonprofit as well.
 - We can create a poll or visual to show members benefits of converting. Talked about corresponding with a school or someone who has converted to get their feedback too.
 - The executive board and committee chairs will vote first during the April meeting. Emphasized having as many board members and committee chairs at the meeting as possible so we can have a successful vote before moving the vote to members.
- Report follows minutes.

Committee Reports

- **International Night (update provided by Arwyn Raina)**
 - Tomorrow night (Thurs. 3/21) from 5-7 pm.
 - Performances have signed up as well as country parade, could use more food sign ups but not expected as a dinner so even some samplings will be fine.
 - Still in need of volunteers to set up and take down.

- Layout of tables and chairs has been sent to Ramon for effective set up.
 - Country parade will start at 6 before the performances (6:15) and then another country parade after performances end.
 - This will be the first time International Night has been brought back indoors since Covid.
- **Yearbook (update provided by Tara Carter)**
 - Yearbook is almost done for this year.
 - Last date to purchase online will be April 12th. Will send one last reminder after spring break via ParentSquare, social media, etc.
 - Discussed having a page dedicated to Mr. Jones' retirement and decided we will have a page for him, especially for the 5th graders who spent their entire elementary school time with him to keep as a memory. We will also make sure Mr. Jones receives a copy of this year's yearbook.
 - Receiving 10 free yearbooks this year for having submitted final copy by a certain date.
 - Would like yearbooks in before the carnival so Tara can set up a stand to sell yearbooks at the carnival and the last week of school.
 - Send pictures of anything school related (Lion Stomp, Spooky Dance, Trunk or Treat, etc.) to masonespictures@gmail.com.
- **Mason Carnival (update provided by Nikki Simmons)**
 - All entertainment has been secured and everything is ready to go.
- **Hospitality (update provided by Christina Volling)**
 - Next teacher luncheon will be in May.
 - Still have the pencil packs from Jeremiah's- decided to give half to Mane Event and will keep half for the holiday shop for next year.
- **5th Grade Fun Day (update provided by Jennifer Robinson, President)**
 - Parents are requesting another meeting via Zoom with Mr. Wilson, will get together after the meeting to discuss specifics.
 - Raised enough money to be able to do the event at Medieval Times. This event will be staffed and chaperoned by Mason staff only, Medieval Times cannot offer space for parent volunteers.
 - Looking for parent volunteers to help with the 5th grade ceremony- decorating, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM