

Mellon Middle School PTA **VIRTUAL** Meeting  
April 14, 2021  
8:45 a.m.

1. Call to Order Moira Aulbach  
Meeting called to order at 8:47am
2. Approval of the March 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes Kelly Latona  
Approved as written
3. Treasurer's Report Soncerae Yeager  
Our balance is currently \$9,001. Expense report for March 1-31 was a deposit for Spiritwear and for April was an expense out for Supply closet. See attached report for details.
4. Faculty Representative Amanda Saxman
  - a. Miss Marino would like to announce that the Mt. Lebanon School district has once again been recognized as one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Organization. This is the 13th year in a row that our district has garnered this award.
  - b. Mrs. Rankin would like to announce that Mellon's Cabaret will be on Thursday, May 27 at 7:30pm. Auditions will take place on Tuesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 29 after school.
5. Executive Committee Reports

President's Report

Moira Aulbach

Quorum: \_\_15\_\_

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition: PTA is planning a party for the outgoing 8th graders at Mt. Lebanon Main Park on Friday, May 28 from 11am-3pm. We have rented a pavilion and will be providing lunch and snacks for the kids. We are also considering purchasing some sort of memento type of gift for the kids. An article will be in this week's Memo asking parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders for donations to help fund the party, etc. We just received an email from Mr. Nolen Fetchko that the school district may be able to provide lunches at no cost. We were originally thinking of supporting a local business so we will discuss this with the rec committee.

- Staff Appreciation – our committee will provide an update on this under committee reports.
- Committee Chair Recruitment: I have reached out to all past committee chairs that are eligible to come back to help next year and for the most part, I got a positive response. The big positions that have not filled yet are Community Service, Environmental, Odyssey of the Mind, Council Delegate, and Technology. If you know of someone that may be willing to chair one of those committees or if you are interested in chairing one, I would really appreciate you reaching out to them to see if they'd be interested and let me know.
- Cultural Arts Assemblies – Mr. Wolfson has decided to pass on having a Cultural Arts Assembly this year due to the hectic schedule that is forthcoming in May. In addition, it will be very difficult to break out the kids into classrooms since they would not be able to all fit in the auditorium for an assembly at this point.
- 2021-2022 Calendar – the incoming and outgoing PTA Presidents, the incoming 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Mr. Wolfson will determine how best to get our PTA events/meetings on the District calendar for next year.
- PSSA mints will be purchased for all students. Each student will receive one mint a day. They will be distributed at the beginning of May.
- Meeting with Dr. Davis and the Secondary PTA Presidents took place in March, but I was not able to attend. We will report out on the April meeting which is scheduled for April 26 at 1pm at the May meeting.
- A meeting with the PTA Presidents and the MLEA took place virtually on March 22. Main topics that were discussed included budget, recovery and remediation, the covid health and safety plan, and how the PTA can help the teachers and school district navigate through Covid. It was a productive meeting. Both Cissy Bowman and Jean Szalinsky are retiring this year who we as PTA interact with regularly.
- PSSA testing will be conducted at Mellon this year on the following dates English May 11, 12, 13; Math May 19 & 20; Science (8<sup>th</sup> grade only) May 26 & 27 and finally Algebra Keystones (also 8<sup>th</sup> grade only) May 24 & 25
- **Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday, May 5 at 8:45am**

Usually, we treat the teachers and staff to lunch during the week of teacher appreciation which is the first week of May this year. Since we are unable to do that because of safety issues due to COVID we are giving the teachers gift cards to be able to enjoy lunch on us safely. We have collected \$1700 so far to purchase gift cards from TOTOPPO for the teachers.

b. Second VP's Report

Diane Rattay

Diane was unable to be here today. She completed the Bylaws as discussed last month and we will vote on them today. Kelly L made a motion to accept the bylaws as presented last month. Katie S. and Natalie K. seconded the motion to accept the bylaws. They will be dated April 14, 2021 and will be sent to the state for final approval.

c. Third VP's Report

Chris Wolfson

He was not able to be here due to a family emergency. Mr. Bruce Fronk (interim Dean of Students) attended in his place. No report given.

d. Secretary's Report

Kelly Latona

It was asked that callers identify themselves via the chat option or just speaking out with a name for attendance purposes since we are voting today instead of just an encoded phone number or unknown.

e. Historian's Report

Linda Harrold

none

6. Committee Reports

a. Council Delegate

Katie Shaw

There has not been a council meeting yet this month.

b. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition

Mentioned above in presidents report

c. Staff Appreciation

Mentioned above in First VP's report

7. Old Business

none

## 8. New Business

### a. Election of PTA President

At this time, it is time to vote for the office of President. Jen Larence was nominated at the March meeting. AS there were no additional nominations from the floor at the March meeting, and since there is only one candidate for the office of President, we can proceed with a voice vote. All in favor of electing Jen Larence for the 2021-2022 Mellon PTA President please say yes or wave. Vote was unanimous between verbal yes and waves. Any opposed ? No one objected. Congratulations Jen!

### b. 2021-2022 Budget

Soncerae Yeager

See attached proposed budget for details. We looked back at historical data to develop the budget for next year hoping that we will have a more normal year than what this year held. This proposed budget will sit over the summer be revised at the beginning of the school year and then voted on in September.

## 9. Adjournment

At 9:15 am

## Attendance

1. Amanda Saxman
2. Bruce Fronk
3. Jenifer Larence
4. Heather Bolan-Clark
5. Jessica Deangelo
6. Kiersten Lane
7. Liz Kanche
8. Linda Harrold
9. Moira Aulbach
- 10.Soncerae Yeager
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- 12.Unknown
- 13.Natalie Kukla
- 14.Kelly Latona