

**Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs  
General Meeting  
February 18, 2014**

**Call to Order**

The General Meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs was called to order at 10:02 am by President Gretchen Lynch. The meeting was held in the Cline Auditorium of the DCPS School Board Building on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. Recording Secretary Ann Gipalo recorded the minutes.

**Attendance**

There were **55** members, representing **29** local units, in attendance.

**Meditation**

Gretchen Lynch gave the meditation and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Executive Committee Reports**

**Minutes**

The minutes from the January General Meeting were posted for members to review prior to the meeting. Changes were solicited from the floor. Receiving none, the minutes were approved as written.

**Corresponding Secretary**

Africia Davis reported she Sent Thank You notes to the following:

Jim Adams on behalf of Janet Adkins  
Earl Jones  
Nicole Spradley on behalf of Lake Ray, District 12  
Mark Lloyd on behalf of Lake Ray, District 12  
Rep. Fullwood  
Rep. Jones  
Sen. Gibson  
Sen. Bean

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mindy Eisman presented the January Treasurer's report as follows:

Starting Balance – January 1, 2014	<b>\$ 66,180.38</b>
Total Receipts	\$ 1,578.50
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,342.12
Ending Balance – January 31, 2014	<b>\$ 65,416.76</b>

The January Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

- a. Every local unit is required to file a Solicitation of Funds application with the Florida state Dept of Agriculture.
  1. 1. You are required to file annually; the date you first file becomes your renewal date the next year.
  2. 2. No fees if you gross under \$25,000; fee if you do gross OVER \$25,000, based upon last fiscal year's total gross.
  3. ALL contributions/revenue must be included.
  - 4. There is a paragraph of copy (available on the state's website) that must now be included in any materials (e.g. Membership forms, donation receipts, ads, etc.)**

## **Founders Day**

Played the PTA Founders Day video. This video is available on our website, or we can get a copy of the DVD.

Acknowledged the past presidents who were in attendance today with a small gift. There is cake outside for everyone.

The following past Presidents were present:

Betty Marty  
 Chris Buckley  
 Pam Kinevan  
 Rose Nettles  
 Melissa Kicklighter  
 Tracy Scott

## **President's Report –**

Gretchen Lynch reported:

- a. Thank you to those who attended the Accreditation Process Information Session. The 20 schools that will be evaluated in detail will be chosen in March, 30 days before the on-site visits begin.
- b. We have several members who served on the Teacher of the Year committee. The TOTY will be chosen May 12.
- c. At the February School Board meeting, they announced that the members will be holding Town Hall meetings in their districts. As soon as we have the schedule we will send an email to PTA Presidents. Please forward this information to your members and encourage them to attend. You can go to ANY of the meetings, does not have to be the one in your district.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Local Unit Mentors**

Mary Lobello reported:

- a. The last President's Exchange will be held on Friday, February 28 at the West Regional Library from 11:00 am – Noon.
- b. The Good standing report is posted on the side wall.
  1. 96 units in good standing
  2. 19 units with one strike
  3. 23 units with 2 strikes
  4. 16 units with 3 strikes

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Leadership Development**

Margaret Godke reported:

- a. She will be passing around a red folder with two signup sheets inside: One for the Focus Group being held by the DCPS Chief of Strategic Planning to get parental input on the customer service parents experience at their schools and through the district.
- b. The second sheet is another signup for those who have a willingness to serve in any capacity on next year's DCCPTA Board of Managers. There is information included about all committee positions on the Board.

## Legislation

Melissa Daniel reported:

- a. The Florida Legislative session begins March 4.
- b. Please go to Florida PTA's website and sign up for legislative alerts from National PTA, and CapWiz, which tells you who your representatives are when you enter your street address and zipcode so you can email them your thoughts on issues and bills.
- c. Florida PTA is holding a Legislative Conference March 16-18 in Tallahassee.
- d. The winning school in our Mini-Grant contest is Sandalwood HS.

## Advocacy

Jackie Jones reported for Juliann Gaus-Graser:

- a. She will be teaching the second half of our standard Advocacy training modules at the Student Leadership Academy meeting at Darnell Cookman March 1.
- b. She will be presenting "Working Collaboratively" March 11 at Brentwood Elementary. All are welcome to attend.

## Presidents' and Principals' Luncheon

Amy Barker reported:

- a. The date is Tuesday, May 20 at UNF.**
- b. She needs pictures of local units in action for the slide show. Please send 2-3 from your unit to [president@dccpta.org](mailto:president@dccpta.org).
- c. Also, if you have Lifetime Awards to give out, ask FLPTA to mail them to Gretchen (they have her address) so they can be presented at the Luncheon.

## Vendors Fair

Kim Sheldon reported:

- a. The Vendors Fair will be held before the P&P Luncheon at UNF on May 20 from 9 am – 11:30 am.
- b. ALL ARE WELCOME – scout troops, safety patrols, community organizations, etc. Please publicize this at your school.
- c. There are several new vendors this year.

## Student Leadership Academy

Karen Nuland reported:

- a. They will be holding their last session on March 1 at Darnell Cookman.
- b. The students will be going to Tallahassee on March 12; they have a mock Senate session set up and will be touring the Governor's mansion.
- c. They have over 50 students from every high school (except 2) participating this year.

## **Workshops**

Margaret Godke reported for Sharon Hodges:

- a. Our Spring Leadership Training Workshops will be held TWICE:
  1. **Tuesday, May 13 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm** at the Highlands library branch.
  2. **Friday, May 16 from 10:00 am – Noon** at the Pablo Creek Regional Library.
  3. Both dates we will be offering the following training classes:
    - i. REQUIRED Presidents and Treasurers training.
    - ii. Membership Planning.
    - iii. Executive Board training.

## **Cultural Arts/Reflections**

Rowena Nagales reported for Mandi Welch:

- a. Our Reflections Reception will be held Friday, May 9 at Atlantic Coast High School.
- b. Individual Invitations will be mailed to students' homes in mid-April.

## **Drug Free Duval, Susan Pittman**

Medical Marijuana will be on the ballot in Florida this November.

Drug Free Duval has several concerns about this proposed Amendment to the Florida Constitution:

1. Language in the amendment says it can be used for "**any other condition** for which a physician believes the benefits outweigh the risks."
2. Registration requirements – only 4 required to fill out a form.
3. No ID Requirements
4. Caregiver standards – only have to be 21 years old.

Ms. Pittman's complete presentation is available on DCCPTA's website.

## **PTA 101: Awards**

Patricia Beeman presented information about DCCPTA Awards and applications for this year.

- a. All applications for DCCPTA Awards are on the [www.dccpta.org](http://www.dccpta.org) website under the "PTA Units" tab.
- b. APPLY, APPLY, APPLY!
- c. The Local Unit Achievement awards applications are used to select the PTA of the Year winners.

- d. History Books: Be sure to include on the front page of your book:
  - 1. Copy of your bylaws,
  - 2. Copy of your application
  - 3. Bullet point list of what your unit has done this year.
- e. Be sure to use the PTA service mark correctly.

The following FLPTA awards were presented:

Mayport Elementary	Bronze Early Bird and 100% Faculty
Alimacani Elementary	Silver Early Bird Award
Stanton College Prep	Silver Early Bird Award
Julia Landon College Prep	100% Membership; 100% Faculty; and Grandparent Gold
Waterleaf Elementary	Golden Early Bird

**Announcements:**

- a. **Our next General Meeting will be on March 11.** NOTE – This is NOT the third Tuesday of the month as per our usual schedule – due to Spring Break
- b. We will be holding our Election for next year’s DCCPTA Executive Board at that meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at **11:30 am**.

Signed:  
Ann Gipalo

Approved as:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Written \_\_\_\_\_ Corrected \_\_\_\_\_