

# Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs General Meeting January 21, 2014

## Call to Order

The General Meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs was called to order at 10:00 am by President Gretchen Lynch. The meeting was held in the Cline Auditorium of the DCPS School Board Building on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Recording Secretary Ann Gipalo recorded the minutes.

## Attendance

There were **52** members, representing **32** local units, in attendance.

## Meditation

Robert Mitchell gave the meditation and led the pledge of allegiance.

## Executive Committee Reports

### Minutes

The minutes from the November 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: Sent thank you cards to Tammy Boyd, principal at Alden Road for hosting the Board's Holiday lunch; Congratulations cards to Fel Lee for serving as school board chair and Becki Couch, new school board chair.

## Treasurer's Report

Mindy Eisman presented the November and December Treasurer's reports as follows:

Starting Balance – November 1, 2013	<b>\$ 64,310.81</b>
Total Receipts	\$ 4,284.56
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,466.72
Ending Balance – November 30, 2013	<b>\$ 65,128.65</b>
Starting Balance – December 1, 2013	<b>\$ 65,128.65</b>
Total Receipts	\$ 2,609.60
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,557.87
Ending Balance –December 31, 2013	<b>\$ 66,180.38</b>

The October and November Treasurer's reports will be filed for audit.

**The Legislative Committee made a motion** to amend the budget to create a **\$450 mini-grant** for one local unit to send 2 people to the Florida PTA Legislative Conference in Tallahassee in March. The Board did a mid-year review of the budget and found that there was money available for the grant. The motion carried.

Each local unit should also be doing a **mid-year budget review** to see if any adjustments need to be made for the rest of the year. Any changes your Board does decide need to be made, must be approved by your General Membership.

### **Solicitation of Contributions**

Mindy Eisman held a short training session before today's meeting. Click [HERE](#) to see an information sheet on our website and links to Florida PTA's information page and the Florida Dept. of Agriculture with information about this new requirement for every PTA.

**Presidents' and Principals' Luncheon Tickets** are now available. See Mindy to purchase.

### **President's Report –**

Gretchen Lynch reported:

- a. DCC has a Board member serving on the Teacher of the Year, Code of Conduct, and Principal Screening Committees with DCPS.
- b. Please take a copy of Florida PTA's Legislative priorities back to your local unit to share.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Programs**

Rowena Nagales reported that we are in the planning stages for a Lunch 'N' Learn in February on Testing. More information to follow when date and location are set.

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

Mary Lobello reported:

- a. The next Presidents' Exchange is January 28 at 9:00 am at the Panera on Atlantic Blvd.
- b. The last Presidents' Exchange this year will be February 28 at 11:00am at the West Regional Library.
- c. At this time, 88 local units are in good standing; and there are 24 local units with 1 strike.

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

Margaret Godke reported:

- a. She will be passing around 2 red folders for anyone who is interested in serving on DCC next year to provide their contact information, interests and skills.

## **Cultural Arts/Reflections**

Mandi Welch reported:

- a. She has posted the list of district-level winners of Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit on the side wall. The list will also be posted on the DCCPTA website.

## **New Business**

### **Nominating Committee**

At our January Board meeting we elected 2 people to serve on the committee and one alternate. Those people elected were: Mary Lobello and Rowena Nagales

Alternate: Melissa Daniels

At this meeting we need to elect 3 more members from the General Membership. Nominations were taken from the floor and the following people were elected:

Mandi Welch  
Karen Ramirez  
Vilma Morgan

## **PTA 101 – Nominating Committees and Elections**

Gretchen Lynch and Margaret Godke performed a skit that pointed out all of the WRONG things to do when electing a nominating committee and running an election, and how to do them correctly, following your local unit's bylaws.

## **Program**

### **Meet your Legislators**

The following legislators from the Duval County area were in attendance:

Rep. Mia Jones – District 14  
Senator Audrey Gibson – District 9  
Rep. Reggie Fullwood – District 13  
Sen Aaron Bean – District 4

Aides for Lake Ray and Janet Adkins were also present.

Topics discussed included:

Restoration of PECO funds for regular public schools  
Changes to the Voucher program  
An Early Childhood Education bill  
Charter School bills

DCCPTA will post to our website the DCPS Legislative priorities.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at **11:27 am**.

Signed:  
Ann Gipalo

Approved as:

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