

Duval County Council of PTAs
General Meeting
August 19, 2014

School Board	The Honorable Becki Couch welcomed everyone and introduced the current school board members.
Call to Order	The general meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs was held in the Cline Auditorium at the Duval County School Board on Tuesday August 19, 2014. The president, Margaret Godke, called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM. The secretary was present.
Parliamentarian	Mary Lobello explained that the yellow cards each person received at registration will be used to write down questions for the Superintendent. Each question should be of importance to the entire group, not child specific. At the appropriate time, Mary will then call the person who wrote the question to stand, state their name, school, and question. Only one question per person will be allowed due to time constraints.
Meditation	The meditation was given by Margaret Godke for Karen Ramirez.
Quorum	A quorum was established.
Minutes	The audited minutes of April 2014 were approved as corrected.
Correspondence	Ann Gipalo sent thank you and congratulations notes to all of the old and new FLPTA Board officers.
Treasurer's Report	Jenifer Morgan reported that the beginning balance on May 1, 2014 was \$77415.81. Receipts totaled \$2818.32. Disbursements totaled \$16245.39. Balance on hand May 31, 2014 was \$63988.74. Beginning balance on June 1, 2014 was \$63988.74. Receipts totaled \$680.01. Disbursements totaled \$4400.73. Balance on hand June 30, 2014 was \$60268.02. Beginning balance on July 1, 2014 was \$60268.02. Receipts totaled \$10.12. Disbursements totaled \$120.45. The balance on hand July 31, 2014 was \$60157.69. Last year's audit was performed by Patricia Beeman, Karen Nuland, and Jenifer Morgan. The checking account beginning balance was \$15710.55. Receipts totaled \$38996.64. Disbursements totaled \$41893.43. Ending balance was \$12813.76. The savings account beginning balance was \$34598.00. Receipts totaled \$29987.00. Disbursements totaled \$17130.74. Ending balance was \$47454.26. Check signers this year include Jenifer Morgan, Mindy Eisman, Mandi Welch, and Gretchen Lynch. Margaret Godke reminded all that the budget is posted on the county website.
President's Report	Margaret Godke reported on her activities from June 3-August 2, 2014. Report is attached. Margaret welcomed everyone, especially those who had never attended a general meeting before. She introduced the County Council elected officers and committee chairs. She displayed the trifold calendar of this year's activities. In order to receive membership cards this year, each local unit must

register with Florida PTA. Units should also register with National PTA to receive their kit of materials. A directory of all local unit presidents will be available next month. The goal this year for general meetings is for everyone to leave with a great idea for a community program, a PTA program, and a health and safety program. PTA 101 has also been added for a training tip at each meeting.

1st VP

VP PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: Karen Nuland introduced our community program speaker, Angela Nixon, who spoke on behalf of the Save Jax Libraries campaign to inform attendees about the library straw ballot proposal on the August 26, 2014 election ballot.

2nd VP

VP LOCAL UNIT DEVELOPMENT: Victor Melone reminded everyone that we can work in schools because we have been invited. There is a PTA president and treasurer's blog now on Facebook for local units to use. He is also starting a Frequently Asked Questions section.

3rd VP

VP LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Juliann Gaus-Graeser passed around a sign-up sheet for parent representatives on various committees throughout the school year.

1st VP

Karen Nuland introduced our health and safety program speaker, Dot Mathias, who founded the eyeglass fund in conjunction with the Duval County vision screening program. Duval County screens more children than any other county in Florida. The eyeglass fund helps parents in need whose children are referred for glasses after vision screening. Over 67,000 students received vision screening in Duval County last year.

Committee Reports

BUSINESS PARTNERS: Kim Sheldon reported that Krispy Kreme doughnuts is offering up to 5 dozen glazed doughnuts to PTAs holding their first meeting before September 30, 2014. Each PTA in attendance received one coupon. Kim is in contact with the Jacksonville Suns, Jacksonville Jaguars, Jacksonville Zoo, and Treehill for membership benefits. She has already secured benefits with Sweet Frog, Pizza Palace, Tropical Smoothie, RPM, and Latitude 360. She is open to ideas and contacts. Please let your membership know about these great benefits.

WORKSHOPS: Amy Barker reported that this year's Fall Leadership Workshop will be on September 27, 2014 at Robert E. Lee High School. Classes in officer training, membership, programs, parent academy, and advocacy will be offered. All information is on www.dccpta.org.

LEGISLATIVE: Melissa Daniel is checking on wi-fi availability in order to hold CAPWIZ sign-ups at our general meetings. She went over the three new resolutions adopted at the Florida PTA convention. The resolutions and position statements are at www.floridapta.org under the advocacy tab. Information on the school board candidates on the August 26, 2014 ballot can be found at www.schoolboard2014.org. Her extended report is attached.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Felita Tutt reported that our Health & Safety Fair will be held simultaneously with our Fall Leadership Workshop at Robert E. Lee High School on September 27, 2014.

HOSPITALITY: Vilma Morgan thanked John Stockton Elementary for the refreshments today. Four more schools are needed to fill general meeting hospitality openings. She also needs volunteers for the hospitality table at the Student Leadership Academy. Food will be provided. She is only looking for volunteers to help at the table from 8:30-9:30 am at Paxon School for Advanced Studies on January 10 and 31, February 21, and March 7, 2015.

REFLECTIONS: Mindy Eisman reported on this year's Reflections theme: "The World Would Be A Better Place If..." The deadline for county entries is Friday, December 5, 2014 at noon. Entries will be accepted at the Duval County School Board Room 613 from 9am to noon that day. You may turn your entries in before this deadline. It is recommended that you set your school deadline at least 2-4 weeks prior to the county deadline. There will be a training class at the Fall Leadership Workshop at Robert E. Lee High School on September 27, 2014. The next theme search is due to the state office by November 14, 2014. Information may be found at www.dccpta.org, www.floridapta.org, and www.pta.org.

TEACHER SUPPLY DEPOT: Gary Kimball informed attendees that the Teacher Supply Depot accepts donations from private and public sources that are offered to teachers and PTA presidents for free. Over 700 teachers were able to pick up free supplies before school started. September 11, 2014 is the next giveaway date for teachers and PTA presidents. Our October general meeting will be held at the depot and all PTA attendees will be able to pick up supplies during that time. Volunteers are always needed. The depot is a great place for students to receive volunteer hours.

TECHNOLOGY: Ann Gipalo has revised our website for easier use. A calendar, common core information, news, updates, and county board contacts have been added. Please let Ann know of any ideas that can enhance the website.

New Business: Jenifer Morgan presented the new budget for 2014-2015 for approval. The beginning balance is \$21787.90. The anticipated income is \$20075.00. The total beginning balance is \$41862.90. Juliann Gaus-Graeser, Margaret Godke, and Jenifer Morgan were on the budget committee.

Action Item: Margaret Godke presented the budget committee's motion for the new budget to be accepted. Motion passed.

1st VP Karen Nuland introduced our PTA program speaker, Gary Kimball. Gary was PTSA president at Frank H. Peterson and hosted a Stop Bullying program. An MHA mentor worked with the PTSA and with HOPE class teachers to address bullying. Social media bullying is extremely high. Making time to listen and taking time to talk about bullying was emphasized. The PTSA worked with teachers, mentors, Title One and SAC members in a collaborative effort to make this program successful.

Karen Nuland handed out 100% membership awards from FL PTA to local units unable to attend the state convention this summer.

PTA 101

Theresa Rogers, scholarship chair, told attendees of the County Council scholarship fund. Last year five \$500 scholarships were awarded to local high school seniors who submitted an application and essay. Donations are needed to keep this funded.

Jenifer Morgan, treasurer, reminded units that their audits need to be completed. Send your 990 form copy to Jenifer at the county level and to the state office as well. Consider budgeting for convention attendees and interim funds for next summer.

The back table of the Cline Auditorium will have local unit mentors available for questions at each general meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Mandi Welch, Secretary

Approved As:

Date: _____ Corrected: _____ Written: _____