

# Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs General Meeting January 24, 2017

## Call to Order

The General Meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs was called to order at 9:32 am by President Karen Nuland. The meeting was held in the Cline Auditorium of the DCPS School Board Building on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Recording Secretary Ann Gipalo recorded the minutes.

## Attendance

There were **57 members** representing **34 local units** in attendance.

## Meditation

Judith Pratt gave the meditation (The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear) and led the pledge of allegiance.

## School Board Member Honorable Lori Hershey

Ms. Hershey has had a child in DCPS for 20 years. The schools are only as strong as the community that supports them.

## Executive Committee Reports

### Minutes

The minutes from the November 2016 General Meeting were approved as written.

### Corresponding Secretary

Melissa Daniels reported:

- a. Wrote thank you notes for the November General Meeting Speakers.
- b. Sent Sympathy Cards to Board Members and Florida PTA on loss of family members.
- c. Assisted in the editing of a Jacksonville Public Education Fund flyer.

### Treasurer's Report

Jenifer Morgan reported the November Treasurer's report for Cathy Guiler as follows:

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| Starting Balance – November 1, 2016  | \$ 52,745.66 |
| Total Receipts                       | \$ 1,124.12  |
| Total Disbursements                  | \$ 1,487.24  |
| Ending Balance – November 30, 2016   | \$ 52,382.54 |
| Starting Balance – December 1, 2016  | \$ 52,382.54 |
| Total Receipts                       | \$ 239.31    |
| Total Disbursements                  | \$ 253.30    |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2016   | \$ 52,368.55 |
|                                      |              |
| Ending Balance for Operating Budget: | \$ 17,887.17 |
| Eyeglass Fund                        | \$ 13,444.93 |
| Scholarship Fund:                    | \$ 4,689.97  |
| Teacher Supply Depot                 | \$ 939.51    |
| Inactive Local Units Escrow Fund     | \$ 11,465.39 |

The November and December reports will be filed for audit.

### **President's Report:**

- a. Westside High School was chartered in December.
- b. Englewood HS will be re-chartered this month.
- c. The FLPTA Legislative Conference will be held March 26-27 in Tallahassee. At our General Meeting in February we will present the legislative priorities for FLPTA.
- d. Florida PTA Convention will be in July and they are asking for Workshop suggestions.
- e. The Board of Managers elected 2 people and 1 alternate to the Nominating Committee at our January Board meeting. We will elect 3 more people today from the General Membership.
- f. Our Student Leadership Academy has begun with 50 students from high schools across the entire county. They will be taking their field trip to Tallahassee to meet with legislators in March.
- g. Local Units: Now is the time to elect YOUR nominating committees!

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

Felita Tutt introduced the following featured programs by Local Units:

- a. Diana Elenz, president of Mandarin HS PTSA: For the Love of Reading: From February 1 – 13 the PTSA is collecting donated books and on February 14 will be giving them all away FREE to students.
- b. San Jose Elementary and Thomas Jefferson Elementary have implemented MindUp Curriculum and Art Therapy, including Deep breathing exercises, fidget toys and dialogue

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

Jenifer Morgan reported:

**Good Standing Report:** of 137 active local units

- a. There are 85 local units in Good Standing
- b. 14 units only have 1 strike
- c. 16 local units need to update their bylaws.
- d. Please pay your state and National dues every month.
- e. Elect your nominating committee this month or in February.
- f. Check your budget and see if you are on track, or need to make any adjustments.
- g. Invite your past presidents to your Founders Day celebration in February.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President - Leadership**

Celita Wilson reported:

- a. DCCPTA has a grant for any local unit that would like to attend FLPTA Legislative Conference in March. Apply!
- b. National PTA Convention will be in Las Vegas in June at the Paris Hotel.
- c. DCCPTA also has a grant to attend the FLPTA Convention in July. Apply!
- d. So far, FLPTA only has ONE application for its High School scholarship! They give away (4) \$2000 scholarships. Please pass the word to high school students to apply. They MUST be members of their school PTSA and the PTSA must be in good standing.
- e. Please download the app VoterVoice; this is the app FLPTA will be using this year to send legislative alerts while the Florida Legislature is in session, starting March 7.

**Dr Dana Kriznar – Chief of Staff for Dr. Vitti**  
([kriznard@duvalschools.org](mailto:kriznard@duvalschools.org))

Dr. Kriznar took questions on the following subjects:

- a. School Choice Application deadline vs. magnet School acceptance letters
- b. Schools are blocking Google – students can't complete their History Fair projects
- c. Gifted program stakeholders meeting – anyone can come.
- d. Field trip busses are not showing up – and problems with the driving of some of the drivers – aggressive and unsafe
- e. Thank you for hosting the School Choice Expo!

## **Committee Reports**

### **Awards**

Mandi Welch reported:

- a. Please pick up Right Foot Awards if you haven't already.
- b. San Pablo Elementary received FLPTA Bronze Early Bird award.
- c. Gold Early Bird Awards:
  1. Douglas Anderson SOTA
  2. Loretto
  3. Julia Landon
  4. Bartram Springs Elementary
- d. Charter for Westside High School.

### **Communications**

Jennifer Oliver reported:

- a. Contact her ([sausage8046@aol.com](mailto:sausage8046@aol.com)) if you are not receiving our Constant Contact Newsletter.
- b. Please let her know what information you would like to see in the newsletter, the Facebook blog and the website.

### **Life Memberships**

Vicki Drake reported:

- a. These awards can be presented at the Presidents' and Principals' Luncheon.
- b. Certificates and pins cost \$75 each; Bricks and brick pins are \$100.
- c. You have a choice of a certificate and pin OR a brick on the brick pathway at the state office and a brick pin.
- d. National PTA also has National Life Memberships.
- e. \*\*\*\* Ask FLPTA to have the certificate and pin sent to Vicki Drake, 17305 Eagle Bend Blvd. Jacksonville FL 32226 \*\*\*\* if you would like the membership presented at the P&P.

### **Reflections**

Anita Edwards reported:

- a. We had 199 submissions for county level judging.
- b. 67 Awards of Excellence winners were sent to Florida PTA for state level judging.
- c. Please pick up the entries for your school that did not advance today.
- d. **The Reflections Award Ceremony will be Tuesday May 16.** Personal invitations will be sent to each student with complete details.

## Scholarships

Santhea Hicks-Brown reported:

- a. Florida PTA awards scholarships to students attending 4-year colleges/universities; schools of fine arts; vocational schools and community colleges. Applicants must submit a transcript, a written essay and their SAT/ACT scores. Winners will be notified by May 1.
- b. We have flyers you can post at your school.
- c. **The DCCPTA scholarship application is due April 15.** Winners will be invited to the P&P luncheon.

## Technology

Rick Godke asked everyone to check the website and forward any wants/needs or changes to him.

## Workshops

Priscilla Maas reported:

- a. **Our Spring workshops will be held Thursday April 20 from 9 am – Noon.** Registration begins at 8:30 am. Location is Cline Auditorium and several conference rooms here in the DCPS School Board Building.
- b. **DCCPTA will be offering an award** for all local units that bring at least 5 members who each stay for at least 3 hours.

## Announcements:

- a. MyGateStore.com has FREE Icee cards you can give away as awards. You can request them online – but must give the name of a SCHOOL contact to receive them (not a PTA contact)
- b. DCCPTA will be giving away (2) Family 4-packs of Zoo tickets AND Restaurant gift cards at our Workshops on April 20.

## Handouts:

- a. Discover Duval Schools Flyer

## Giveaways

Celita Wilson handed out door prizes.

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

Signed:

Ann Gipalo

Approved as:

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