

**McLean High School PTSA**  
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**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

October 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (McLean High School Library)

Attendees: Elizabeth El-Natter, Savitha Parvataneni Sagar, Sue Ellen Beggs, Fernando Sabio, Sooa Kang Kwon, Connie Howell, Sandra P. Buteau, M Jai Sipper, Nan Yang, Julie Smith, Be, D D, Ezowoko Family, 274 362 569 62, Hui C, Karen Leiser, Lisa Kristin Miller, MLee, Molly Sebastian, Nicole Brose, Pamela Williams, Phubinh Nguyen, Rachel Hunter.

**Call to Order:**

The General Meeting of the McLean High School PTSA was called to order by the President, Elizabeth El-Natter, at 7:00 p.m. in the MHS Library, and she confirmed that a quorum was present.

**Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:**

The minutes from the PTSA general meeting on September 13, 2022, were reviewed and approved as stated unanimously.

**Welcome Remarks:**

President Elizabeth El-Natter introduced McLean High School PTSA's Executive Committee and thanked VPs' efforts including Fernando Sabio for Communication, Savitha P. Sagar for Programs, Fundraising with Connie Howell, Treasurer Sue Ellen Beggs, and Secretary Sooa Kang Kwon. She thanked the committee chairs, Olivia Ma (Membership), Nan Yang (eNews), Emma Blankenbaker (McLean Matters), Veronica Scozia (Hospitality), and Kimberly Wells (Grants) for their hard work and efforts to kick start the year's activities. Elizabeth sent congratulations and special thanks to Dr. Reilley for National Principal Appreciation Month in October. Elizabeth presented activities such as Therapy Dog Visits on October 6, led by Health and Wellness, Custodian Appreciation and weekly Friday Breakfast station sign-up organized by hospitality committee, as well as School Supply Drive organized by McLean Matters that brought in 100 backpacks and 70 graphing calculators for students in need.

She asked for volunteers and emphasized their importance to programs including after school programs where students can earn service hours. She asked parents to step up for officer positions for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Programs Update:**

VP of Programs, Savitha P. Sagar, highlighted Reflections Art Competition, speaker events for students and parents, health & wellness activities, and Senior Grad Party fundraising through White House Christmas Ornaments and Senior Graduate yard signs.

Savitha explained the school's efforts to bring the Department of Justice's school S.P.I.R.I.T program to engage students on identifying priorities and engaging students, staff, and parents in resolution and implementation. Elizabeth requested a motion to transfer funds allocated for Ethics day to support the S.P.I.R.I.T Program, Sue Ellen moved a motion for approval, seconded by Connie Howell.

**Fundraising Update:**

VP of Fundraising, Connie Howell, asked for parents' support via direct donation, Employee Matching Program, Business Partners, and Event Sponsors. She explained about Reward programs and encouraged parents to enroll in partner programs such as Amazon Smile and *causenetwork*, Harris Teeter, and Office Depot.

**Treasurer's Monthly Report:**

Treasurer, Sue Ellen Beggs provided an overview of YTD performance through the end of September 2022. She explained that the PTSA spending was \$6,833, or 18% of the total Community budget. She emphasized that the \$8,904 revenues mostly came from incoming memberships and donations, as well as rebate programs and sponsorships. Sue Ellen also mentioned the expenses totaling \$7,546 were for Celebrate McLean, processing fees, and insurance.

**Closing Remarks & Adjournment:**

Elizabeth El-Natter brought to everyone's attention that the PTSA is at under 50% of its revenue goal and needs help from everyone. She asked the members to encourage their friends who have kids in Mclean HS to join the PTSA and for everyone to donate to the PTSA. The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 7:21 p.m. on October 13, 2022. She introduced guest speaker TutorSmart.

**Guest Speaker:**

The Keynote speaker was Dr. Dan Pharm at TUTOR SMART, who gave a speech, *Studying Smart and Prepare for College*. He guided parents and students to achieve the perfect balance for optimal results through positive learning with excitement and hope, not stress.