

McLean High School PTSA
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General Membership Meeting Minutes
Dec 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and welcome remarks - Karen Leiser

The General Meeting of the McLean High School PTSA was called to order by President, Karen Leiser, at 7:02 pm on Tuesday, Dec 17, 2024.

Approval of Sept 26, 2024 meeting minutes - Monica Shah

The minutes of the last general meeting that took place Sept 26, 2024, were approved by consensus. Motion was led by Marie Lee and second by Xian Sun.

Programs Report - Anshu Matilia

Kimberly Wells, chair of the Grants Committee, provided an update on MHS grants focused on student enrichment and materials for various programs. Grants are focused on impacting the most students, appropriateness of funding from PTSA, and sustainability of the program. This year, the Grants Committee approved \$12.5K across the fall and winter cycles and the Science Enrichment funding line item is \$1.8K. In addition, Kimberley invited new volunteers to get involved as she will be retiring after this year.

Anshu Matalia provided an update on the Hospitality Committee. Events are listed in the newsletter and upcoming events include three administration appreciation events in February. In addition, McLean Matters had a remarkable amount of donations totaling \$25K in gift cards, to help 120 students in need. Also, Anush highlighted therapy dogs visit the first Tuesday of each month, the next one being Jan 7th

Pam Williams shared that the teachers really appreciate the birthdays. The mock SAT has been a very popular event and there are several sessions to come in the new year to include practice AP exam sessions too. Finally the ANGP (All Night Grad Party) is meant to provide a safe and fun environment for seniors on the night of graduation, June 3rd at the school. Lastly the ornament fundraiser sold 844 ornaments this year which is on target for what was budgeted. Ornament funding goes towards the ANGP. Pam will seek parent volunteers in the new year.

Treasurer & Fundraising Report – April Nguyen & Xian Sun

April Nguyen provided a budget update as of Nov 30th. Highlights includes being able to raise 90% of our target fund raising, close to \$46K. Most of that funding is coming from donations and the Thanksgiving Giving Back campaign. Expenses disbursed have been 39% to date, but many expenses will be coming after the new year so it's on track with what we'd expect.

Communications - Marie Lee

No update.

Principal Dr. Reilly's Briefing

- Journalism students were recognized for their 1st Amendment press award.
- Cell Phone update: Last year 61% of students claimed they were not distracted by cell phones. This year, that has gone up to over 80% and that's attributed to the cell phone pilot which is going very well.
- Ericka Senegar talked about the Food for Neighbors program which is active in over 47 schools in Northern Virginia. Roughly 300 students at MHS have been identified to be eligible for free and/or reduced lunch programs. Ericka asked for the PTSA to partner with the Food for Neighbors program to help facilitate and grow the program to include drivers (5 times a year) for pick up and funding/donations to build out the pantry & infrastructure. The food pantry is available for all students. Another request is for more community members to become food donors. PTSA board offered to have a smaller mtg to discuss the needs and how the PTSA could best support.

Presentation - FCPS Free Online Tutoring: Varsity Tutors

- Access: Through Schoology, you must access the Clever platform.
 - In the upper navigation pain, there is an icon that looks like four boxes and a diamond
 - Launch Clever, select Varsity Tutors
 - Students can pick a particular subject, chat with a tutor, get assistance with essay writing and much more.
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- Additional Contact Information
 - [Overview of Varsity Tutors](#)- FCPS Page
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 - Varsity Tutors Services for all students, Contact Kristine Choi-
onlinetutoring@fcps.edu
 - Varsity Tutors for students with 504 and IEPs interested in seeing if they qualify for the additional "high dosage tutoring": agcahuantzi@fcps.edu

Adjournment

Kimberley Wells passed a motion to adjourn and Pamela Williams seconds the motion. The meeting was concluded around 8:06 PM.