

Paul Duke STEM PTSA General Meeting
May 5, 2020
Zoom Conference Call

Call to Order: 6:34 p.m.

Call to Order: President, Andrea Antonowich, welcomed everyone. There was a quorum so the meeting proceeded.

Attendees: Andrea Antonowich, Tina Budnitz, Tisha Tomsik, Tracey Shell, Leonard Jack, Jr., Dr. Wetherington, Helen West, Marti Kenworthy, Connor Kenworthy, Laurel Berenguer, Valerie Harris, Christine Pulliam, Archana Mehta, William Tomsik, Todd Tomsik, Kerima Haynes, Nathan Haynes, Nicole Syvertson. We have a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance (Andrea Antonowich): The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes (Helen West): The minutes from our February 5, 2020 General Meeting are posted on the PDS PTSA website. There were no corrections to the minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

Financials (Archana Mehta): As of April 30th, our current income was \$38,212.48 and our current expenses were \$16,072.14 for a bank balance of \$22,140.34. Through our Unlock the Future campaign, we have purchased the new Wall of Achievement celebrating the academic accomplishments of our current and future students and funded calculators for students to check out and use from home.

Announcements (Tina Budnitz):

Since our last General Meeting in February, our PTSA has been actively engaged with our students and staff.

- Five of our PTSA student members, placed at the state level for Reflections with theme of "Look Within":

Sarah Jane Von Hagen - Grade 9 - Music Category - 2nd Place

Maddy Strudwick - Grade 10 - 3D Art Category - 3rd Place

Cameron Swann - Grade 10 - Film Category - 3rd Place

Joshua Sellem - Grade 11 - Music Category - 3rd Place

Nathan Haynes - Grade 12 - Music Category - 1st Place

Congratulations to these students! Next school year's theme is "I Matter Because."

Announcements & Upcoming Events (Tisha Tomsik):

- We held our Leap Year Social at the end of February which included celebrating our inaugural graduating class. Look for Trivia Night coming back in the fall and a spring social second semester.
- PTSA held our second coffee with Dr. Wetherington. In light of our current situation, this was held via Facebook Live. We will hold our next PTSA member coffee in the fall. This is a wonderful way to hear about the state of Paul Duke STEM.

2020-21 Executive Board Elections (Andrea): The next order of business is the election of the 2020-21 Paul Duke STEM PTSA Executive Board.

(Helen West read,) “Per Article VI, Section 1: The officers of this PTA/PTSA shall consist of: one (1) president or two (2) individual co-presidents; 1 vice president(s) or individual co-vice presidents; 1 secretary; and a treasurer.

In accordance with GA PTA, qualifications for Executive Board candidates include

- Knowledgeable about and adheres to the Vision, Mission, Purposes and basic policies of PTA.
- Willing to attend continuing training for PTA.
- Prior experience in either PTA or other organizational work.
- Is ethical and has a sense of justice and fairness.
- Exhibits enthusiasm for PTA.
- Willing to make PTA a high priority in his or her schedule.”

Andrea Antonowich called on the chair of the Nominating Committee, Leonard Jack, Jr., to read the report.

(Leonard Jack, Jr.): “Thank you very much for your

service. Thank you also to Dee Childers, Jordan Mai, and Heather Niemann.”

“Lauren Berenguer has been nominated for the office of Co-President. Are there further nominations?”

“Valerie Harris has been nominated for the office of Co-President. Are there further nominations?”

“Tina Budnitz has been nominated for the office of First Vice President. Are there further nominations?”

“Tisha Tomsik has been nominated for the office of Second Vice President. Are there further nominations?”

“Christine Pulliam has been nominated for the office of Secretary. Are there further nominations?”

“Brendan Sheppard has been nominated for the office of Treasurer. Are there further nominations?”

(Pause)

“Hearing none, the nominations are now closed for the offices of Co-President, First VP, Second VP, Secretary, and Treasurer.”

There was a vote, and the “ayes” agreed unanimously.

Laurel Berenguer has been elected Co-President of Paul Duke STEM PTSA.

Valerie Harris has been elected as Co-President of Paul Duke STEM PTSA.

Tina Budnitz has been elected as First Vice President of Paul Duke STEM PTSA.

Tisha Tomsik has been elected as Second Vice President of Paul Duke STEM PTSA.

Christine Pulliam has been elected as Secretary of Paul Duke STEM PTSA.

Brendan Sheppard has been elected as Treasurer of Paul Duke STEM PTSA.

Outgoing officers were thanked for their service.

The Nominating Committee was thanked for their service.

Adjournment (Andrea): 6:45 p.m.

Secretary's Signature: Helen West (digital signature)