

LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL
PTO GENERAL MEETING
ALUMNI ROOM
MONDAY MAY 9, 2011

CALL TO ORDER – Heather Koogler, President, called the meeting to order at 11:33am and welcomed all those attending.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Heather presented the slate for the 2011-2012 PTO Executive Board:

President: Bonnie Clements
President-Elect: Mary Lynn Khater
Recording Secretary: Laura Rosenfield
Corresponding Secretary: Chris Zenner
Development & Resource Coordinator: Pat Arthur
Treasurer: Kristin Tillman

Heather also thanked the Nominating Committee: Katy Burton, Chrissy Demeris, Katie Smith, Christy Wade, Chris Zenner, and Donna Holland, *alternate* for their hard work. Heather then made a motion to accept the new Board seconded by Phoebe Tudor. Call for vote, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – On behalf of Treasurer Doug Culver, Heather announced that there are copies of the current budget with year to date expenses/income.

Class of 2012 held a Fundraiser at the home of the Tudors. 80 people attended at \$75pp and also held an auction that raised \$12,000.

Class of 2013 is working on a Halloween Fundraiser to be hosted by Pat and Ann Arthur for next fall.

Class of 2014 held a Crawfish Boil at the home of Bill and Christy Wade as they kick off their fundraising efforts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Laura Rosenfield presented the minutes of the last General Meeting dated February 2, 2011. Heather Koogler moved to approve the minutes seconded by Lisa Roy. Minutes were approved as submitted.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – Dr. McSwain talked about Lamar's budget for next year. He stated that the State Senate passed a budget that is in line with the district's plans and is about what was expected. He went on to say that Lamar will not lose any programs. Class sizes will increase slightly: Math/Science/English will be in the low to mid 30's (32-35) Social Studies (35-38) Foreign Language, Electives will be higher (40); Health and Speech classes will be giant. There were 12 teachers laid off along with unfilled vacancies for a total of 19 teaching positions, and an additional 10 support staff positions have been cut. Police and security positions were not cut.

Other ways the district is cutting back:

Summer school hours will be available on the Lamar website soon. The summer school week will be four days (Monday-Thursday, schools will be closed on Fridays)
Start times for schools next year could change. The board will be voting on a tiered system for school starts. Lamar hours along with all high schools is scheduled for 7:45am-3:15pm. This is an economic decision based on saving money on Bus Transportation.

The HISD bond work on the new roof and HVAC systems is almost complete.

Upcoming projects in the next 18 months will be:

Replacement of HVAC in North Building; electrical system updates; repairs in East and West buildings.

Performance Hall – reopen Ms. Denny’s room below the stage; add loading dock, lift.

Replace exterior fencing along Alabama and Eastside.

Hallway refurbishment, new door hardware, lowering of ceiling and better lighting.

Repairs in Natatorium.

2012 Lamar will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in 2012. Have spoken with Aaron Spence, Chief School Officer for High Schools, about power washing Lamar’s building(s) prior to anniversary celebration.

Randy Robertson recommended to add a quarterly Maintenance Fund for the PTO Budget/Buildings & Grounds.

ADJOURN – Heather Koogler moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Lisa Roy. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Rosenfield
5/12/11