

LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL
PTO GENERAL MEETING
CAFETERIA
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

POSTING OF COLORS: - Lamar JROTC

CALL TO ORDER – Bonnie Clements, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 and welcomed all those attending. She then introduced the Executive Board, noting the change in Treasurer from Kristin Tillman to Liz Toy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Bonnie presented on behalf of Laura Rosenfield, Recording Secretary, the minutes of the last General Meeting dated May 9, 2011. Laurie Geston moved to approve the minutes seconded by Erin Donohue. Minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bonnie Clements went over the current balance sheet, explaining that the Fine Arts Booster Club, Student Council, and Buildings and Grounds' disbursements were monies that the PTO was just "holding" until needed and it was not the PTO's money. Bonnie also mentioned that the newly re-organized balance sheets are more transparent.

APPROVAL OF 2011-2102 BUDGET - Liz Toy, Treasurer, recapped last year's profit and loss statement and then Liz presented the proposed budget \$40,262 for 2011-2012. Bonnie Clements called for the vote. Erin Monaghan move to approve the budget and Amy Reid seconded. Budget was approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION–Bonnie reported for Fran Callahan that the companion piece at the corner of Westheimer and Eastside has been completed and the Alumni Association is now concentrating on the fencing project on Eastside and W. Alabama. They are looking for volunteers to serve on the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee.

COLLEGE NIGHT-Bonnie reported that College Night will be held from 7-8:30 on October 12.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM – Bonnie reported that the Japanese students are coming October 4-10 and asked everyone to consider hosting a student. There will be 11 girls and 7 boys of which 6 girls and 3 boys have been placed. Bonnie said there are sign-up sheets if anyone is interested in hosting any of the students.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: PTO membership is currently at 224 families and looking for as much participation as possible. PTO is still looking for volunteers to fill the open positions for: PTO Press Committee/Directory and Website Coordinator.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – Dr. McSwain thanked everyone for being there. He told everyone that this is his 25th year as a high school principal. He spoke about the importance of parental involvement and thanked the PTO for all their efforts, encouraging parents to get involved. He reiterated the importance of PTO and its continued support of Lamar High School. Dr McSwain told parents that statistics show that the single most influential factor in a teen's life is what parents say and do. He told the parents by being at the meeting tonight they are letting their children know how important their education is to them. He also encouraged grandparents to attend Grandparent's Day on September 27th and said that they were welcome to come and eat lunch for free with their grandchild any time.

ADJOURN – Bonnie Clements adjourned the meeting at 6;21, and handed it over to Dr. McSwain to talk about Open House instructions.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Rosenfield
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