MCCPTA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

March 22, 2022

Meeting Held on Zoom

Cynthia Simonson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, quorum was established. Cynthia went over the PTA Mission to begin the meeting. Agenda and Minutes from the February 2022 DA Meeting were approved.

***Informational Updates*** began at 7:05 pm

National/MDPTA/Delaware PTA:

* + Most PTAs do not have their own 501c3 – instead it is part of the (now defunct) MDPTA Group Exemption
  + IRS Moratorium means Free State doesn’t have Group Exemption Option (yet)
* **Action Items**
  + By March 31 – file for inclusion under DE group exemption until Free State has theirs *OR*
  + Visit IRS.gov and set up independent of state PTA organization *OR*
  + MCCPTA BOD voted to do both – move to DE and pursue independent 501c3

MCCPTA Process for Conducting Business:

* + The Delegates –
    - Adopts the Organization’s Advocacy Priorities, Passes Resolutions, Approves Organization Budgets
  + The Board --
    - Carries out the Business of the Organization (as it aligns with the “will” of the Delegates) including approving committee work plans, providing fiduciary oversight,
  + The Executive Committee --
    - Moves the priorities of the organization, responds to immediate concerns, oversees the actions of the Board (which includes committee work) to ensure it aligns with the intent of the Delegates

Election Primer:

* + Internal -- PTA Elections
    - Nominating Committee
    - State of Maryland (charitable orgs) requires 3 officers
    - When signatures change on account, must undergo financial review
  + External -- Candidate Forums
    - PTAs may not endorse/promote candidates
    - May hold forums (invite all candidates)
    - May hold “voter registration”
    - May support ballot measures (with some exceptions)
    - MCCPTA/League of Women Voters – April 25 – Opportunity to Engage
    - Please visit pta.org/electionguides for more information on candidate forums, appearances, and questionnaires

***New Business*** began at 7:25 pm.

MCCPTA Statement on Sexual Abuse – Sally McCarthy went over the meaning of the statement; three comments/edits were received prior to the DA on the Google document that was given to provide and opportunity to submit; the intent is for an up or down vote on the statement. Joe S. raised the question of whether or not to name the accused individuals in the statement. FP moved to vote; it was seconded by Miguel to move the Statement forward with the suggested edits – 61 in favor, 0 opposed.

Year Round Education Discussion – FP opened the discussion, there was a lot of discussion on the issue, which resulted in FP agreeing to write a resolution to take back to the locals to amend the advocacy priorities. This would be sent to the locals for a potential vote at May DA meeting.

Vax Grant Amendment – Laura Mitchell – The Advocacy Committee moves that this body authorize the MCCPTA Executive Board to accept funds and amend the “Grants” revenue and expense budget lines equally, for any additional “We Can Do This” funds granted by National PTA through October 2022. Seconded by Lima A., there was no discussion, 63 in favor, 0 opposed.

***Officer Reports*** began at 8:04 pm.

President – will file a report very soon. Had a meeting with MCPS HR regarding principal hiring, temporary part time hires, the bus depot move to Rockville and electric busses, operating budget review and continuing to sit on COVID advisory board. Case rates are only on the dashboard. LOWV Education Forum – Nick Bassey sent an email asking for questions for the candidates, please submit.

VP Educational Issues – there is a change in HS graduation requirements, there are four tests that count as 20% of a student’s grade for those classes beginning next year, this year students just have to sit for the tests. However, all of this is still in flux and continuing to change, it is likely the tests will not count towards the grade.

VP Admin – continue to follow SOCA requirements and file reports. Have your local determine if moving under Delaware; begin to gather a nominating committee if your locals haven’t started yet; if interested in AVP or CC position let those currently holding those positions know.

VP Programs – shared the template for a newsletter she is putting out with 4th Friday information and other updates; continue to nominate for Awards at Celebrations (Daria is chair of Awards Committee); went through the outline of Celebrations - $7,500 budget, sponsorship packages, if you have questions or want to help please reach out.

VP Advocacy – report in the meeting folder, gave a VaxFacts update. Health & Wellness Committee indoor air quality discussion within MCPS and state; and requirements for study for later bell times for secondary schools. Mental Health committee is working on getting mental health information out to students (crisis hotlines) and emergency response guides for PTAs. April 28th from 9 am to 3 pm is a Youth Mental Health Forum. Operating Budget testimony is coming up soon.

Treasurer – all documents are in the materials folder. There was a discussion on the Celebrations budget and which line item the money is coming from out of the budget. Laura M made a motion to add $7500 to expenses for Celebrations, Nick Bassey seconded – 38 in favor, 5 opposed, amendment passes.

***Committee Reports*** began at 8:56 pm.

Bylaws Committee – Bylaws template is on the FreeState website under “About”. All locals need to update their bylaws by June 1, 2022. Send all questions to [bylaws@mccpta.org](mailto:bylaws@mccpta.org). There will be a vote on the new MÇCPTA Bylaws at the May 11, 2022 DA meeting, there is no new content, just a new template.

Membership – 86 PTAs qualified for the membership challenge, Olney ES wins the tablecloth. The following PTAs win the $25 Giant gift card – Kingview MS, Blair HS, Mill Creek ES, Springbrook HS, Cold Spring ES, Churchill HS, Oakland Terrace, Clarksburg ES, Luxmanor, Kennedy, Newport ES, Rock Creek Forest, Rosemont, Rustin ES and Poolesville ES. Please nominate for Celebrations!

Health & Wellness Committee – no update.

**Upcoming Dates**:

* April 6, 2022 – BOD Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* April 25, 2022 – LOWV Candidate Forum, 7 pm
* April 26, 2022 – DA Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* May 11, 2022 – DA Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* May 19, 2022 – Celebration of Excellence
* June 8, 2022 – BOD Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.