MCCPTA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

February 22, 2022

Meeting Held on Zoom

Cynthia Simonson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and quorum was established. The agenda was adopted and the minutes from the January 2022 Delegates Assembly were accepted as posted. Cynthia read the PTA Mission to begin the meeting.

***Informational Updates*** began at 7:06 pm.

**National/MDPTA Update/Delaware PTA –** Cynthia provided background on Maryland PTA and National PTA then transitioned to an update on Free State PTA. Free State now has 501c3 status but the IRS has not granted Free State the ability to have local PTAs under the Free State umbrella. Many local PTAs and MCCPTA are out of compliance unless they individually filed with the IRS to get 501c3 status.

* Options: if Free State gets blanket 501c3 within 27 months of MD PTA being out of compliance then all locals are considered valid 501c3 entities; a local can file for 501c3 status on its own; locals can move under DE PTA for 501c3 coverage and then move back under Free State
* Rochelle Fink has the information on how to transition to the DE PTA, this must be done by 3/31/22.

**LOWV Candidate Forum –** April 25, 2022 at 7 pm, MCCPTA will co-host on Zoom. Nick Bassey will be the moderator. There will be a questionnaire sent to the candidates prior to the forum.

**Antitrust Townhall –** February 23, 2022 from 6 – 7:30 pm. MAEC (contractor) using MCCPTA’s feedback to create a survey for students, parents and the community.

***New Business*** – began at 7:33 pm.

Francesco went through the budget amendments – COVID 19 Grant of 15K and a budget line item entitled PTA Establishment (reducing our fiscal carryover by 3K to fund the line item). The COVID 19 grant funds cluster wide Vaccination Events. These are designed to be a health fair with a vaccination clinic as described by Laura Mitchell. Laura answered questions on how PTAs can participate and help organize. Laura M made a motion to amend the budget by 15K income and expense for net zero pass through. The Motion is coming from the H&W committee so no second needed; there was no objection; 72 in favor and none opposed.

Francesco made another motion to take $3,000 from MCCPTA’s fiscal carryover to add a line item to support locals that are seeking to start, restart or reinvigorate their PTAs. Miguel M seconded the motion. There was discussion on the motion as to the intent behind it – the idea is to help PTAs back into compliance that may have fallen out due to COVID or other reasons. Other questions centered around the what the process for requesting the money would be, what the requirements would be and which committee would have oversight. Jennifer Young then made a motion to amend Francesco’s motion to strike establishment and limit the use of this funding to only re-establishment, seconded by Frances Frost. There was additional discussion and a vote was taken – 29 in favor, 44 opposed, the amendment proposed by J. Young did not pass. It was suggested that a more detailed plan be brought back in the coming weeks.

Local PTA Bylaws – Free State PTA Bylaws are on the Free State website, locals can download the Word document and proceed to work on them but the information as to where to upload/submit them has yet to be provided.

***Officer Reports*** began at 8:13 pm.

All officer reports can now be found in two places – the meeting materials folder in One Drive for the month of the meeting and on the MCCPTA website: [http://www.mccpta.org/delegates-assembly.html](http://www.mccpta.org/delegates-assembly.html" \t "_blank)

President – Report is in the folder, please review

VP Educational Issues – Rodney, math information night was well attended and well over capacity, a second night was added, please register early for the 2/24/22 presentation.

VP Administration – Rochelle, an email will be sent to locals on how to move under the DE PTA if they choose; another email will go out to all PTAs that are showing as uninsured with AIM’s information and how to proceed; the Nominating Committee has been elected and will begin meeting soon. Any questions reach out to vpadmin@mccpta.org

VP Programs – Charisse, the next 4th Friday Forum is this week; the VaxFacts program is moving along great and seeking nominations for awards during the Celebration of Excellence on May 19, 2022.

VP Advocacy – Laura, discussed more about the VaxFacts program and resources for mental health. Defer to committee reports for the Health & Wellness committee’s letter on masks in schools.

Treasurer – Francesco, shared MCCPTA’s expense report through January 31, 2022, all other reports are in the OneDrive folder.

***Committee Reports*** began at 8:28 pm.

Health & Wellness – discussed the letters already put forward on behalf of MCCPTA. The MDBOE meets the first Monday of every month and anyone can join the meetings but they haven’t taken a stand on masks in schools yet. A letter was approved by the MCCPTA Board in January asking for transparent metrics for the removal of masks in schools. There was a lot of discussion on masking – how to gain community input and information on which experts we are relying on for guidance. Francesco suggested that ExComm look at clarifying the process for how letters go out from MCCPTA when there is a time constraint, Cynthia agreed. Hannah D. stated that CO2 monitoring in every classroom in MCPS will improve health and air quality long term; hydration stations are also coming to every school if they haven’t been installed yet.

Membership – there are over 2,000 members; remember you can’t run for PTA  
 office if your PTA has not paid their dues. Carrie sent an email to all PTA Presidents detailing what they paid last your in dues and what they paid this year. There are 3 membership awards this year at Celebrations. Use the Google form to apply (Carrie will send out), you can only win in one category. Dues are due on or before 2/28/22 for the next tablecloth drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

***Upcoming Dates***:

* April 6, 2022 – BOD Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* April 25, 2022 – League of Women Voters Candidate Forum, 7 pm
* April 26, 2022 – Delegates Assembly Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* May 11, 2022 – Delegates Assembly Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom
* May 15, 2022 – Celebration of Excellence
* June 8, 2022- BOD Meeting, 7 pm on Zoom