

McDonogh #35 Parent Teacher Organization Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
McDonogh #35 Library – 4000 Cadillac Street

Attendees: PTO Officers: Lynn Pittman (Vice President), Dave Cash (Recording Secretary), Ronald Magee (Sergeant at Arms); Trenise Pittman (Corresponding Secretary), Courtney Taylor (Parent Liaison); Charminetta Alexander (parent), Brooke Faber (parent), Kenneth Taylor (parent)

Vice President Lynn Pittman called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

Introductions and Purpose

Those present introduced themselves:

- Charminetta Alexander, parent
- Ronald Magee, Sergeant at Arms
- Brooke Faber, parent
- Trenise Pittman, Corresponding Secretary
- Lynn Pittman, Vice President
- Courtney Taylor, parent liaison
- Kenneth Taylor, Jr., parent

Discussion of Agenda Items

Vice President of the read the agenda items for the evening.

Trenise Pittman moved and Charminetta Alexander seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting.

Carried unanimously

Trenise Pittman moved and Ronald Magee seconded to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting as written.

Carried unanimously

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Reading of the Financial Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Vice President Pittman reported that our current balance, according to our most recent bank statement of April 30, 2019, is \$2,609.88. She also reported that, since the last financial report, she gave Treasurer Zanda Dandy \$300 from the car wash fundraiser.

Trenise Pittman moved Charminetta Alexander seconded to accept the financial report.

Carried unanimously

Reports

Car Wash – VP Pittman reported that we have made \$840 so far, but we expect to make \$1000 when all tickets being held in reserve are sold.

Spring Fling/Appreciations – VP Pittman reported on our recent events, where we honored custodians, cafeteria workers, data manager, parent liaison and secretary. We also had a slide show to honor all who work at McDonogh 35. We then provided a DJ and food for all students and an hour to relax. The events were a success.

Upcoming Tasks

Ideas to Present to InspireNOLA – The following ideas were presented:

- needs from InspireNOLA:
 - obtain an organizational chart, with names, from top to bottom, so we know where to go
 - communicate with parents to keep them informed on all matters and activities
 - make sure Title I funds are used for parents and that parents have a say about how those monies are spent
 - establishing contact with parents of incoming freshmen
 - establishing contact with parents of elementary students to recruit to McDonogh 35
 - a three-year plan for McDonogh 35
 - need a school calendar
 - consistency with the uniform policy, with very specific requirements and make certain items included in their budget (such as school-branded outerwear)
 - clarity about the process for parent background checks
- fundraisers:
 - car wash fundraiser
 - silent auction
 - some kind of fall or spring fest on the field
 - parking cars and shuttling people for Jazz Fest and/or Voodoo Fest with concessions
 - school-shirt Friday (\$1 dress-down day)
 - clappers, license plate, cushions, magnets, bumper stickers to be sold by parents
 - fish fry, crawfish boil (maybe in combination with spring fest)
- student engagement/recognition:
 - essay contest
 - college research contest
- faculty/staff engagement/recognition:
 - appreciations ceremony
 - teacher appreciation breakfast
 - parents' choice faculty/staff member of the month
- building the PTO
 - parent recruitment rally (possibly at orientation or during freshman academy)
 - mandatory PTO dues and/or volunteer hours be required of families

PTO Officer Elections – VP Pittman noted, that according to our bylaws, we will elect officers for the PTO at the regular meeting in June. Ronald Magee suggested that we push off the election until the fall, when we have new members, in case any of them would like to serve as officers.

Open Floor Discussions

Dave Cash announced that because he was not offered a job by InspireNOLA, he has secured a job at the Rooted School for next year. He said that he has really enjoyed working with the PTO for the last two years and teaching at McDonogh 35 for the last six years.

Ronald Magee moved and Charminetta Alexander seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted: Dave Cash, Recording Secretary.