

CSA PTA Board Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2017

Jane Leverett called the meeting to order at 8:12. Attendees were Betsy Humphrey, Mayra Powers, D'Nette Dodds, Bill Burger and Jane Leverett.

Jane noted that our October minutes have been posted on our web site and will stand as posted unless corrections are recommended.

There was no treasurer's or director's report this month.

Jane mentioned reports she received from committee chairs that were unable to attend:

From check writing chair Dena Shugart – we are at a soft end to our check writing campaign, although a small note will stay in the newsletter about how to donate as well as how to join the PTA.

From directory chair Merida Carrabba – the printer is working on our directory, it will be ready to be proofed soon, anticipated distribution is mid November. Merida is checking on the price of having our directory available on a web site.

From Spirit Wear chairs – all orders have been filled. We have available inventory for sale on our online store. Water bottles will be on sale this week in the cafeteria.

The SBEF “Ungala” is Nov. 11.

Betsy Humphrey said that the Birthday Bash planning meetings will be the first Friday of every month at noon at Newk's on I-10. She noted that they have some of their positions filled, but can ALWAYS use more hands. She encouraged people to come to the meetings and will send out an invite by eblast. The first meeting is in two days.

Betsy initiated a discussion about the Joy of Giving Fund which was set up by our teacher appreciation team and announced by email and in our PTA newsletter. The fund purpose is to provide a small holiday gift to faculty. There was concern that there have been a lot of donation requests (check writing, Harvey donations, anticipated Birthday Bash donations) and that the PTA board was not even aware of this fund. It was mentioned that we do have a budget for teacher appreciation and perhaps the amount in our budget could be reconsidered. The immediate proposed solution was to remove the announcement from the school-wide newsletter, but allow it to continue through a more narrow distribution list and certainly by word of mouth.

There was a short discussion about rerouting the afternoon carpool line so that parked cars do not get blocked in their spaces. However Mr. Burger convinced the board that the best solution for now is for cars to NOT park in front of the school if they need to leave during carpool time. He said all of the staff have been informed and parents will have to learn. There is plenty parking in the rear.

Jane noted that we have a quorum present and motioned that we approve 3 bylaw amendments. Bill Burger seconded the motion. The board unanimously voted to approve the amendments and send them to the general PTA for a vote.

Cornerstone PTA Amendment of By Laws

1. Article V Section 2A. Local PTA Dues Amount:

Current Bylaw: “ Annual dues for each member shall be three dollars (\$3.00) for the local portion of dues plus state dues as determined by Texas PTA and national dues as determined by National PTA.”

Proposed Change: “Annual dues for each member shall be five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) for the local portion of dues plus state dues as determined by Texas PTA and national dues as determined by National PTA.”

Discussion: The correct amount for local dues now is \$5.50. The change to bylaws will accurately reflect that the local dues are \$5.50 and not \$3.00

5.50 Local Dues
+ 2.25 State Dues
+ 2.25 National Dues
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\$10 Total Individual Dues

2. Article VI Section 2,3,4 5B; VII S1A, IX S3, X S1 President Elect:

Current bylaw: Current bylaws do not provide for a President Elect position. The Texas PTA now allows for a President Elect position.

“President Elect (Articles VII, VIII, X, XII): PTAs may choose to add President Elect as an (elected) Officer position. Note: This option restricts the term limit to one year for both President and President Elect and adds the President Elect as an ex-officio member to every committee. In order to elect a President-Elect, PTAs must adopt the required Bylaws amendment prior to their spring elections the year before the President Elect model takes effect.”

Proposed Change: Add the above President Elect Position to our bylaws.

3. Article VIII Meetings Section 1 B.

Current Bylaw: “The association meeting held in **February** shall be the election meeting.”

Proposed change: “The association meeting held in **May** shall be the election meeting.”

Discussion: This meeting is already held in May, so we are changing the bylaws to reflect what is currently being done.

Announcements – General meeting will be Thursday, December 7 before the fine arts show. The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 13 at 8AM (This is a date change).

Jane adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM.