

Cornerstone PTA General Meeting December 7, 2017

President Jane Leverett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and noted that we have a quorum.

In attendance were Jane Leverett, Treasurer Meredith Moore, Historian Jennifer Major, Parliamentarian D'Nette Dodds, Principle Jill Wright, and approximately 200 Cornerstone parents and staff members.

Meredith Moore gave a brief treasurer report for the month of November. Starting balance \$32,735.45, \$1575.43 in deposits, \$17,090.03 in withdrawals, ending balance \$17,220.85. There is currently \$47,157.84 in our savings account and we earned \$4 in interest.

Jane announced that our main order of business is to vote to approve three amendments to our bylaws. Details and exact wording are available on the back of the Agenda that was distributed and are also attached.

1. Increase local dues to \$5.50 instead of \$3.00 (Article V Section 2A)
2. Add a President Elect position to our executive board (Mainly Articles VI and IX)
3. Change the month of our election meeting from February to May (Article VIII Section 1B)

Jennifer Major made a motion to approve these changes, Meredith Moore seconded. There was no discussion raised. Jane asked for a vote by show of hands of current PTA members. The motion carried unanimously.

Jane advised the membership to read the announcements printed in detail on the agenda but highlighted a few. The Harvey gift card program raised almost \$4000 in gift cards for our families affected by the hurricane. They have almost all been distributed and were greatly appreciated. We raised \$10,000.00 in our annual check writing campaign to help support all items in our general budget. Directories have been distributed. You should have gotten one if you ordered. The staff appreciation committee has arranged several holiday treats this year, which were not mentioned out loud because they are a surprise. Jane asked the members to thank/patronize Goode Co BBQ and Target. Both businesses helped generously with this program. Spirit Wear is still available on our web site. Our 20th Anniversary Birthday Bash and Fundraising Auction is coming in the spring on Friday April 6th.

Jane called for adjournment at 6:37.

PTA Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Amendment of By Laws - The current bylaw is shown first, the proposed change and layman's explanation is shown next.

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

\$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.