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John Champe High School PTSA General Membership Meeting Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Attendees: Madhava Madireddy, Phil Lo Presti, Tonya Williams, Venky Nalluri, Sri Kondeti, Laura TeKrony, Kevin Tyson, Sarah Kinzer, Christina Lewis, Kiesha Robinson, Cheryl Hutchison, Clarence Williams, Claudine Skinner, M. Harper, Patti Lo Presti, Vina Johnson, Kiran Mayi.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm via web-conference.

- II. President's Report
 - a. President Mr. "Reddy" Madireddy welcomed everyone and introduced the Executive Board for the coming year. He asked each Board member to provide a brief intro. SEAC and MSAAC delegates also in attendance.
 - b. Major achievement last year is the sponsorship of the school courtyards renovation. Reddy showed photos illustrating changes. PTSA did most of the funding contributing \$10,000.
 - c. Other achievements included \$2,000 scholarships to students, reimbursements to teachers for expenses, staff appreciation, and acquisition of senior yard signs.

- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the June 30th General Membership meeting were shown on Reddy's meeting slides and without objection were approved by acclimation.

- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Treasurer Mrs. Tonya Williams provided a treasurer's report. Detailing specifics, the carry forward from last year (FY20) is \$7,034.94.
 - b. Audit committee will present a report at the October general membership meeting.
 - c. Budget will be presented for approval at the October general membership meeting.
 - d. Mrs. Williams noted a substantial change with Amazon Smiles program in that in contrast to prior, Amazon customers that utilize the app on their phone or tablet can now participate in the Smiles program that will reward the Champe PTSA with funds. In the past this has only worked while using the website.

- V. Membership Committee Report
 - a. Mr. Sri Kondeti provided an update on membership. There are 72 members as of 9/23/2020.
 - b. Due to the lack of an in-person Back to School Night, we anticipate slow membership recruitment progress this year as well as due to distance learning and lack of onsite parental visitation.

VI. Principal's Report

- a. Principal Mr. Kevin Tyson provided his report. There are 37 new faculty members with over 1,881 students. JCHS has the largest senior class at 613 (up from 580 last year).
- b. In the recent LCPS district survey of parents, 67% of JCHS families chose distance learning over hybrid.
- c. MAP test scores successful: 69% scores. Mr. Tyson expressed gratitude to staff and students for this achievement.
- d. Mr. Tyson and Mr. Madireddy thanked Mrs. Kiesha Robinson for serving as the SEAC delegate, and Mrs. Christina Lewis for serving as the MSAAC delegate this year.

VII. VP Report

- a. Vice President Mr. Phil Lo Presti asked the group for their support in the coming months with several critical efforts.
- b. Most notably, we need everyone's support with membership as it often represents our single largest source of income for the PTSA. Use the links on the School website and members can renew either via the MemberHub site or the E-Form. Keep in mind that parents of both 9th and 10th grade students were likely not involved prior, so we need to help Sri reach out to these families.
- c. We also need help signing up folks to the Harris Teeter TIE (Together in Education) program which provides effective free fundraising for any school that participates. We have 55 families enrolled and have already exceeded \$100 in free money for the current year. This is an easy way to help Champe and there is no cost.

VIII. Communications Director Report

- a. Mr. Venky Nalluri provided a communications committee report. In addition to the notices posted on Twitter and Facebook, Mr. Nalluri also indicated they are working on revisions to the Weebly PTSA website.

IX. Election of Recording Secretary

- a. Mr. Lo Presti offered a motion to nominate Mrs. Laura Tekrony as the new Recording Secretary. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

X. New Business

- a. Motion: SEA-Funds.
Mr. Lo Presti moved that PTSA approve a SEA-funds policy for the current fiscal year. SEA funds are specifically a "Small Expenditure Authority" limited to no more than \$100 to which the President can authorize a small expenditure for an appropriate purpose not covered by existing budget or decision of either the Board or the Membership. Mrs. Williams as Treasurer did not believe this motion complied with bylaws. Motion was dropped but it was noted that this policy was adopted unanimously in the prior fiscal year.

- b. Motion: Lightridge PTO contribution.
Mr. Lo Presti moved that the Champe PTSA authorize \$500 as seed funding for the Lightridge HS parent teacher organization. During the discussion Mr. Lo Presti explained this is typical when a new school is built, as some families associated with the existing PTA move schools forming another organization at the new neighboring school. In the past Freedom HS contributed to Champe's standup and Champe contributed to the standup of both Goshen Post ES and Willard Intermediate. Motion carried on a 11-1-1 vote with 1 dissent and 1 abstention.

XI. Announcements

- a. Mr. Madireddy reminded everyone to help us in our pursuit of new members, Teeter enrollment and use of the Amazon Smiles program.
- b. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00 pm.

XII. Meeting is adjourned at 7:25 pm.