

# FREE HOME PTA GENERAL MEETING

August 24, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:38PM by Kristin Hornsby

## WELCOME

Kristin Hornsby, President, welcomed attendees and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kristin introduced the remainder of the Executive Board: Co-Vice President Meagan Jacob, Co-Vice President Kim Cochran, Secretary Sarah Cobb, and Treasurer Sarah Paulk. Kristin thanked all attendees who had already joined. She invited those who had not yet joined to do so using Memberhub through August 31. A membership table was located outside of the cafeteria.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### **Establishment of Quorum -**

Sarah Cobb, Secretary, was asked to establish a quorum with more than 15 members in attendance. After a count, it was established that we had quorum and could conduct business.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes -**

Sarah Cobb then presented the last general meeting minutes from April 14, 2023. The minutes were present for viewing and also uploaded to the Free Home PTA website. There were no corrections made to the minutes. All were in favor with no opposition, so the minutes stood as adopted.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Sarah Paulk presented that The Annual Financial Report for the year ended May 31, 2023 and the audit of the 2022-2023 school year is complete. It has been filed with the county and state. On to the proposed PTA budget for the 2023-2024 school year. It was present for review. The starting balance was \$20,224.74 and the current balance is \$29,114.31. Several items on the proposed budget will be reevaluated after Rocket Run contributions are received. These items include academic resources, school assemblies, school improvement, student recognition, and teacher grants. Additional funds may be allocated to a planned Winter Event as well. The new STEM class already received funds to help start the year, but will receive more through academic resources and teacher grants. There was a motion on the floor to approve the proposed budget by Kim Fowler. Because it is coming from the Executive Board, there is no need for a second. There was a vote to adopt the budget as presented. All were in favor with no opposition, so the proposed PTA budget for the 2023-2024 school year was adopted and will be filed and posted per Georgia and National PTA Bylaws.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Communications and Involvement**

Parents received the PTA Calendar of Events at Meet and Greet or the first day of school. Copies were also available at the meeting. Parents will receive emails from PTA and Room Moms as long as they completed a pink permission to contact form. Room Moms met the previous Friday and will contact parents regarding volunteer opportunities in the classroom. PTA activities and events will be shared via email, the PTA Facebook page, and PTA sign up. More opportunities will be added throughout the year. There are numerous ways to be involved such as ordering items from Amazon, decorating classroom doors, or counting flyers. Any support is needed and important.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### **National PTA School of Excellence**

Free Home Elementary School PTA was recently named a National PTA School of Excellence. Only 302 schools nationwide and 29 schools in the state of Georgia received this honor. This is the highest honor a local PTA can receive.

### **National PTA Reflections**

Entry forms were provided at the meeting and are posted on the PTA website homepage as well. This is a great opportunity for students to celebrate the arts. Each year there is a different theme, and this year's theme is "I am hopeful because". Categories include Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. All grade levels K-5th are encouraged to participate. The submission deadline is September 29th. You may send the submission to school with your child. There will be a labeled Reflections entry box in the lobby.

### **Rocket Run**

Rocket Run is on September 14th. Students and teachers will all receive a free shirt that will include our Titanium and Diamond Partners on the back. This is an in-school fun run for students. The School Fundraising goal is \$15,000. This is the only fundraising event for the year. The individual and school rewards were presented. A flyer with a cash/check donation form on the back will be sent home with students on Friday. Students will run during their regular specials time. Parents are invited to attend Rocket Run. Teachers will send this information soon. Parents will need to check in at the parent check in station. A limited number of adult and child Rocket Run shirts for sale. Coach Furstenburg reminded parents to pack a change of shoes and plenty of water.

## ADJOURNMENT

There were no questions or comments from anyone in attendance. Kristin asked for a motion from the floor to adjourn. There was a motion by Julie Peppers and a second by Loren Marshall. All were in favor with no opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55PM.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 31 - Final Orders for Spirit Wear Due  
September 14- Rocket Run  
September 29 - PTA Reflections Entries Due  
November 3 - Fall Carnival