

**THES PTA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 4:00 p.m.**  
**THES library**

Present: Eliza Platts-Mills, President; Regan Ellmer, Vice President; Lisa Robertson, Principal; Dave Lamkin, Treasurer; Gretchen Otto, Secretary; Jonna Ball, Fundraising; Lisa Etzel, 2nd grade teacher; Cesar Benavides, DB.

Eliza called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Eliza moved and Lisa seconded a motion to approve the minutes .... motion carried.**

**Principal's report:**

In the middle of the MOY assessments and student council goals.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Jonna moved and Regan seconded for mini-grant for Mary Friedman not to exceed \$100 for photojournalism—*motion carried.*

Jonna moved and Lisa seconded for mini-grant for Amanda Moore for “teacher certification training” in the amount of \$1250—*motion carried.*

Dave has paid state sales taxes already!

Discussion of allocation of funding for T-shirts: \$3300. Will be on next year's budget but just planning ahead for Kristy. Also, still have a lot of yard signs!

Discussion of funding for extra snacks for kids who might not be getting any dinner when they get home. Our PSS also needs donations of various things.

Dave is finalizing the treasurer manual and he has two folks who might be interested in taking over the position when his term is up.

**Advocacy Team report:**

BASTA continuing to work with Travis Park residents to assist them in organizing a tenant's council. They are getting responses to maintenance requests; repairs on the upswing. Also addressing issue of mgmt inspections. Tenants will have a steering meeting 1/10 and general meeting 1/24. Lucero tenants met with new mgmt, working on inspection scheduling.

Work on detention folders also continuing, with help from Wildflower who has hired two consultants from undocumented community to help with the effort. They have been meeting, sharing ideas, planning new approach to have appointment times. Plan to meet with PSS's from all 3 local schools. Expect to have another Know Your Rights meeting in February at Wildflower, more info TK.

Reminder from Eliza that AISD has a Refugee Family Support Office who can help our refugee families who are having trouble get services or translation help. Direct families to our PSS and she can connect them.

NEXT ADVOCACY MEETING: TUESDAY JAN 23

### **Thunderboard Report**

TB continues to work on revising and improving the descriptions of our pillars. Still finalizing Multicultural Engagement pillar (was DL).

A couple members of TB interested in getting involved with effort to preserve Blunn Creek headwaters and use the land for educational purposes.

Meetings happening about use of pork in our cafeteria; improvements are being discussed and implemented regarding being sensitive to contamination issues, making sure options are available like plain cheese pizza.

### **I Heart THES fundraising drive:**

Feb 12-16! We need lots of volunteers. Two people inside every morning at the table and also someone every day who can go out into the drop off and pick up lines. Jonna will create a signup sheet. 7:30am-8am.

We got a big donation already for I Heart THES! \$3500!

Sponsorship levels have been adjusted slightly and descriptions expanded. Marketing plan has been created that includes a detailed schedule as we ramp up promotions. Reminder stickers! Slogans! Robocalls! Fliers fliers fliers.

Discussion of local businesses who might do a profit-sharing fundraiser for us in case Home Slice doesn't work out.

Everyone should think about possible business donors and invite them to donate via email. Jonna will send a pre-written email we can use.

### **Upcoming Events Check-In/Planning:**

Review of Tamalada and Cultural Festival: fantastic! wow! appreciation for everyone who participated and organized these events.

Plan for Spring 2018 Events:

- February 15th PTA Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders performing. Quick report from Thunderboard re revised school pillars and fundraising and will feature 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade PBL projects. Eliza will do fliers. May need another person to help with planning that week.
- Young Writers Workshop – need volunteer to coordinate with Erin Walter—Gretchen will be PTA contact person on this event, 2/22
- Young Artists/Scientists Workshop in March – Regan is point person, has met about merging the two events and beginning the planning.
- Spring Beautification – Colin will be contact person to coordinate with Ben Apple? Sat 2/24
- Discussion of new board members for next year—we've got some exciting possibilities that folks will follow up on.

-Discussion of PTA Goals for Rest of Year... we didn't get to this. (Refreshing Play Areas,  
Spanish/English Informal Conversation as Prime Time)

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.**

**Minutes by Gretchen Otto, Secretary**

**Approved 2/16/2018**