

## Welcome Opening Remarks

### Approval of November Minutes

- Minutes Shared in the recent newsletter, if you are not receiving these, please let us know.
- Regan motioned to approve, Robert Knotts Seconds
- approved minutes by no show of hands

### Treasurer's Report

This budget is at the beginning of December, there are updates from the Turkey Trot and Fall Appeal

Any questions contact Michele

### Fall Appeal

- Funds go to support all the activities that Michele just spoke about
- We are pleased to report over 70 donations
- We did not reach our goal, but it is a challenging time, but we we brought in \$17,962
- We build the budget based on needs and typical annual expenses, making adjustments accordingly (electronic directory vs printing)
- We will continue raising funds passively (Continuing Restaurant Nights & evaluating other partnerships with local businesses to share proceeds, Silent auction in the spring)
- We can receive donations anytime throughout the year if you missed the opportunity to donate, you can always do that through Memberhub, we can drop the link the chat.
- We are without a fundraising chair, and we are looking for fundraising committee to collaborate on what would work
  - No experience necessary, but we know there are experts out there can that can share their knowledge
- If interested, Contact Michele Dixey [treasurer@dmacpta.org](mailto:treasurer@dmacpta.org)

### Turkey Trot

- Smashing Success
- \$2,850 in sponsorships
- Net retained for PTA \$95,37
- 135 families, 252 students
- Collected 1300 food donated to ALIVE!
- Great energy from the kids,
- Fastest runner 8:32
- 2nd & 4th grade earned Pjs and a movie this Friday as largest donating classes
- Love your feedback if you have any

- Thanks for all the participants and the sponsors

### **Cookies for Teachers - Cookie Swap**

Teachers and Staff will fill boxes of sweet treats from 10 am - 2 pm on Friday!

Topped our goal of 80 bakers with 5 drop off locations in our community:

Drop off details:

Wednesday & Thursday (anytime)

- The Garrahan House, 707 Braxton Place, 22301
- The Pfister House, 3718 Templeton Place, 22304
- The Gore House, 670 W Timberbranch Parkway, 22302
- The Upham House, 85 Arell Court, 22304
- The Cullum House, 2000 Braddock Court, 22304

Options to drop off at school on Thursday and Friday

Thursday:

- Morning Drop-off - Bus or Carpool Lane
- Afternoon/Evening After School Pick-up (Campagna)

Friday:

- LAST CHANCE: Send with student in morning

Emily: We are really excited and thankful for all, we have drop off locations on the slide

Nuts- just need to label them, we will keep them separate for teachers with allergies

If you would like your container back, please label it and we will get it back to you

### **Day of Service**

Opportunity for parents to become involved

- Douglas MacArthur Stars traditionally celebrate and gather on MLK Day to recognize its designation of a National Day of Service.
- January 17, 2022 - Seeking 2 volunteers to plan the volunteer service activities for the students.
- Past activities have included celebrations and decorations with the Sunrise community, we are looking for new opportunities and ideas
- We will likely use Volunteer Alexandria to find some age-appropriate activities for our community to help
- Chris Upham - volunteered for Day of Service committee chair

### **Class Liaisons Program**

We are trying to improve the communications and reach some families that we might not have reached in the past.

Thank you to those who have signed up

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4eaaae2ba0f85-parent>

Role of the Liaison(s):

- Connect families, We know that there are families that can't join the meetings, but there are ways to get involved
- Communicate with Families, Teacher, and PTA: We want to hear from families what they need want to see done
- Assist (as requested) the Teacher: Not looking to create more work for the teachers

We still need volunteers for:

- K: Kelley, Jackson
  - 1: David, Harmatz
  - 2: Pantaleon
  - 3: Christy (sub)
  - 4: Rougier
  - 5: Goodwin
  - 5: Turkstra
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- Directory has 80% of the families who have opted in to share their information
  - Organized name and grade, but not by class because of privacy issues
  - Share the Teacher's Favorite things: teachers have filled out, includes more than the grade level teachers, you'll have the link to that

**Important Dates:**

January 2: School Resumes

January 10: PTA Board meeting with Superintendent - we will discuss status of the Rebuild, other topics that people are interested in discuss, please pass it along

January 10 (week of): PTA Community Meeting

January 17: Martin Luther King Day of Service (No School) - If you can't make it that day, we will also offer age-appropriate service ideas to participate in on your own that week as well

January 24 - 28: Principal's Appreciation Week (Statewide)

January 27: End of Second Quarter

January 28: No School

January 10 - Meeting with the Superintendent, Status of the Rebuild, other topics that people

Other Announcements:

Bill: The contract negotiations are ongoing but they hope to have the in a place (January 6) where the Board will be able to vote and updates will come to the community following that