

Lamar PTA Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2022  
Lamar Conference Room

**Present:** Kathy Stayer, Sara Leimkuhler, Mark Merriman, Amanda Culbertson, Lindsie Hudzina, Melissa Arrowood, Ashley Bryant, Stacy Cocke.  
**Virtual:** Rhonda McCracken, Brittney Buckner.  
**Absent:** Cindy McAvoy, Theresa Hammons.

Called to Order @5:32 pm by President Amanda Culbertson

**President's Report-Amanda Culbertson**

- Teacher and Staff Requests:  
Josh Ogle requests a Music Stand for Band-\$335.50.  
Mr. Merriman described its usefulness and need.  
Kathy Stayer motioned for the school to purchase the needed stand, and PTA will Reimburse.  
2nd-Stacy Cocke. All In Favor.  
**OUTCOME: APPROVED**
- Literacy Night Teachers Have Requested 200 Smore Kits for October 20th.  
Premade Kits on Amazon will run around \$300 plus tax.  
Motion made by Ashley Bryant for the school to purchase due to tax exemption and PTA will Reimburse.  
2nd-Kathy Stayer. All In Favor.  
**OUTCOME: APPROVED**  
Melissa will email Tammy all of the info tomorrow 10/12/2022 to get them ordered and on the way.
- Audit Submission to State PTA Was Accepted With No Errors.
- Next Audit Committee Will Consist of:  
Stacy Cocke, Brittany Buckner, and Melissa Arrowood.  
Time and Date: T.B.A.  
Motion to Approve Committee: Ashley Bryant.  
2nd-Lindsie Hudzina All In Favor.  
**OUTCOME: APPROVED**

- Principal Appreciation Month-  
(Mr. Merriman excused himself from this discussion.)  
Motion made by Melissa Arrowood to purchase Dinner and A Show Tickets to either Barter or Jonesborough Repertory Theater to Show Him Our Appreciation of His Support.  
2nd-Kathy Stayer. All In Favor.

**OUTCOME: APPROVED**

- Reward Celebration and AttenDance Were Fantastic.
- Huge Shoutout to Mr. Meizenzahl for his DJ skills at the AttenDance.

**Fundraising Report-Amanda Culbertson for Lindsie Hudzina**

- All missing items have been delivered.
- Mr. Merriman made the suggestion to stop having non-perishable items in our fundraisers. We will discuss further.
- Possibility of Kid Creation Art Fundraiser-Will Table and Discuss Further.
- Color Run/Walkathon-We will need to check with the Related Arts team and see if they are planning to host one as their spring fundraiser.

**Secretary's Report-Melissa Arrowood**

- Minutes from 9-13-2022 were discussed.  
Motion to approve minutes from September 2022 Meeting made by Lindsie Hudzina.

2nd-Ashley Bryant. All in Favor.

**OUTCOME: APPROVED**

**Treasurer's Report-Ashley Bryant**

- Current Balance \$15,843.29
- Outstanding Payments:  
AFG Check \$5,744.80

Motion To Approve:Kathy Stayer

2nd: Stacy Cocke. All In Favor.

**OUTCOME: APPROVED**

**Teacher/Parent Rep.Reports:**

K-2 Teacher Rep-Rhonda McCracken-

- ❖ Great Response from Teachers About the AttenDance.

K-2 Parent Rep-Brittney Buckner-

- ❖ Great Response from Parents About the AttenDance.

3-5 Teacher Rep-Kathy Stayer-

- ❖ Teachers Loved the AttenDance and the EPIC Popcorn.

3-5 Parent Rep-Theresa Hammons-Absent

6-8 Teacher Rep-Cindy McAvoy-

- ❖ ETSU Sorority Donation To The Middle School.
- ❖ Very Thankful for the \$50 Bi-Monthly Donation to the Giving Lockers.
- ❖ Mr. Merriman brought up that the food pantry supplies are dwindling.

We will check with Chelsa Flannary about the need to restock.

6-8 Parent Rep-Stacy Cocke-

- ❖ Mentioned the need for better communication, regarding sports, physicals, etc.
- ❖ Discussed that several parents do not know the names/faces of the adults in the building. Melissa suggested a "Thankful Thursday" social media post with a staff headshot and a small blurb to let parents know who we are and what we do in the building.

All-

- ❖ We will be featured in this year's yearbook. We will reach out to Chelsa Flannary. She is in charge and find out when our photo needs to be submitted. Mr. Merriman approved this.

### **Membership Report-Lindsie Hudzina**

- We currently have 22 additional members.
- MemberHub has created a great way to get additional members this year.
- Mrs. Green's 4th Grade Class Won the Membership Pizza Party-We will get this scheduled asap. Office will order the pizzas and PTA will reimburse.

Motion-Melissa Arrowood

2nd-Ashley Bryant. All in Favor.

**OUTCOME: APPROVED**

### **Principal's Report-Mark Merriman**

- CTE STEM Grant To Convert Middle School Chrome Lab
- Entire School Was Cleaned Over Fall Break
- Female Inmates Painted and Males Worked Outdoors

- School Board Visit Went Well-Randomly Visited Classrooms, and are very aware of the playground situation.
- If the playground is replaced it may be a ASK Donation Situation where we are required to come up with a percentage of the total cost.
- Foster Sign Project is Waiting On Approval.
- Mrs. Scott is Retiring in November.
- Carolyn Bailey is still out on leave.
- Mrs. Carney is returning in October.

#### **Assitant Principal's Report-Sara Leimkuhler**

- TVA Grant-Team of Students and Teachers.
  - ❖ Students will vote on the project: Outdoor Learning, Greenhouse, or Courtyard Garden.
- Mock Election for 6-8th-Help promote civic learning.
- DC Trip-Currently has 88 students going-Deposit of \$80 due Oct. 31st.

#### **Old Business-Amanda Culbertson**

- Mega Party will be scheduled with Field Day. We will coordinate with the Related Arts Team.
- PTA now has a locked filing cabinet in the small conference room off the mail room. Front office has the key.
- Currently getting a quote from AIM insurance to see about updating our policies.
- Chromebook for PTA Officers-Discussed the need to have one device for everyone with easy access in the locked filing cabinet. Will purchase Chromebook with Cover and Warranty Policy for PTA use. Melissa Arrowood will handle the purchase and getting the Warranty Policy, PTA will Reimburse.

Motion:Kathy Stayer

2nd:Stacy Cocke. All in Favor.

**OUTCOME: APPROVED**

#### **New Business-Amanda Culbertson**

- Discussed getting PTA shirts to wear for events, volunteering and for our yearbook photo. Shirts are \$15. Discussed board purchasing or individuals, the consensus was for individual purchase. The Board will

get Amanda the money for their shirt and she will purchase it as a whole group.

Motion:Brittney Buckner

2nd:Kathy Stayer. All in Favor.

**OUTCOME: APPROVED**

At this time there is no further business.

Motion to Adjourn by Lindsie Hudzina.

2nd-Ashley Bryant. All In Favor.

**OUTCOME: APPROVED**

Adjournment @ 6:46 pm by President Amanda Culbertson.

Signed,

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Melissa Arrowood  
2022-2023 Lamar PTA Secretary

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Date