



Stevens Forest Elementary PTA  
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2016-2017

# STEVENS FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

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## PTA General Meeting- 5/3/17

**Quiana Holmes called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the media center.**

### **Board Members present:**

President - Quiana Holmes  
Vice President for Membership – Lena Kennedy  
Treasurer – Jessie Patterson  
Vice President for Fundraising – Jessica Mahajan  
Vice President for Programs – Krista Threefoot  
Recording Secretary - Daphne Harrington  
PTACHC Delegate – Jacqueline Jacobs

### **Administrators and Teachers:**

Principal – Ernesto Diaz  
Assistant Principal – Tracey Albright

### **Board Members absent:**

Corresponding Secretary - Jonathan Edelson  
PTACHC Delegate – Reg Avery

### **General Membership Present:**

See attached sheet.

It is established we have a quorum

### **Reading and approval of the meeting agenda:**

1. Motion to approve the agenda
2. Vote: approved the agenda

### **Reading and approval of the Meeting Minutes: 4/5/17**

1. Motion to approve the minutes
2. Vote: approved the minutes

**Monthly Highlights:** Quiana Holmes

Dinner & Auction - Thank you to Jessica and the committee members, like Diane Imbach, for all of the hard work on the auction. It was a big success and a lot of fun.

Teacher Appreciation week- Teacher appreciation week is still in progress, but thank you to Krista for the work she's put into it, and so far it has been very successful.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jessie Patterson

The current PTA balance is \$16,867.05.

The only thing that is deposit from the auction is the money from the credit cards via Pay anytime (\$2,782.08). Jessie has not deposited any cash and checks yet because she is waiting for the flowers sale to be finished this week. She will deposit everything on Friday.

She paid SFES \$254.00 for the Simulated Congressional Hearing lunch.

**Nominating committee** – Board Elections – Lena Kennedy

**2017 SFES PTA Nominating Committee**

**Chair:**

Lena Kennedy

**Committee Members:**

Krista Threefoot

Jonathan Edelson

Erin Miller

Jessica Mahajan

Here is the slate of officers the Nominating Committee has put forth for a vote at the General Membership Meeting on May 3rd:

President: Krista Threefoot

Treasurer: Jessie Patterson

VP of Fundraising: Jessica Mahajan

Recording Secretary: Miriam Bell

1 PTACHC Delegate: Samuel Pearson-Moore

2 PTACHC Delegate: Lena Kennedy

Here are the positions with no nominations:

VP of Membership

VP of Programs

Corresponding Secretary

The committee was unanimous in voting for each one of proposed nominees. The 2017 Nominating committee would like to thank all the nominees for their willingness to serve and we are excited to get to work.

The Recording Secretary (Daphne) read Article VI Officers and Their Election of the bylaws. She read Section 2 of Article VI before the President, Quiana, started the process.

The privilege of nominating from the floor is extended to members of the association who are present, whose dues are paid, and who have been members of the association. A qualified member may nominate his or her self.

Nominations do not require a second, only the nominee's consent.

The President asks:

For additional nominations for all positions in the order in which they are listed in the Bylaws for Local PTA/PTSA before closing nominations for all elected offices and then proceed with the election; or

For additional nominations for each position, one at a time, in order which they are listed in the Bylaws and then proceed to elect the officer after nominations are closed on each position.

The President states,

"\_\_\_\_\_ has been nominated for President, are there further nominations for President?"

(Pause)

"\_\_\_\_\_ has been nominated for Vice President, are there further nominations for Vice President? (Pause) This procedure is used for each office.

The President then says,

"Are there further nominations for any of these offices?" (Pause) "Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed. The bylaws state that where there is one nominee for an office, the ballot may be dispensed with and the election held by voice. Is there any objection to this procedure?" (Pause) "Hearing none, the following are presented for election \_\_\_\_\_ for President, \_\_\_\_\_ for Vice President, etc. "After all offices have been presented say the following: "All those in favor say aye, those opposed say no."

The President states,

"The ayes have it and you have elected the following officers."

Officers are elected by a majority vote of those present, providing the quorum as stated in the bylaws has been met.

Voice Vote

If there is but one nominee for any office, the ballot vote for that office may be dispensed with and the election held by voice vote, as described above.

The following is the slate of nominees which were nominated and elected by the above procedures:

President: Krista Threefoot

VP Membership: no nomination

VP fundraising: Jessica Mahajan

VP Programs: Quiana Holmes

Treasurer: Jessie Patterson  
Recording Secretary: Miriam Bell  
Corresponding Secretary: Valerie Barr  
PTACHC delegate 1: Samuel Pearson-Moore  
PTACHC delegate 2: Lena Kennedy

### **VP of Membership – Lena Kennedy**

#### **Books for Bobcats**

Lena met with the media teachers about Books for Bobcats.

The plan is to follow the same structure as last year.

We will have the teachers make selections for each of the students in their class at \$5ish per book per student for Kindergarten and PreK. The older grades will have selections within their age group and price range put out on the tables to choose from. Once the selections are made, the media teachers will put a label inside the book with the child's name and then will ring all the books up at one time. Lena will be going in to help the 1st graders and 2nd graders make selections. After the books have been chosen and paid for, Lena will add a label to each book stating it is from the PTA and then the teachers will give them out.

### **VP of Fundraising – Jessica Mahajan**

Dinner and Auction Recap – There was a discussion about how the night went, what worked and didn't work and a breakdown of how much money was made at each of the sections. There was more discussion about how to improve the event in the future and increase attendance. Mrs. Albright commented that 1 key element is working on getting the kids excited and wanting to come.

BJs – This is the final collection period for BJs membership.

### **Principal's Report – Mr. Diaz**

We are in the middle of staff appreciation week, but thank you so much for the treats and flowers so far. The staff really appreciates it.

There is a brief discussion about the superintendent situation.

Dr. Foose went to a Principals' meeting in the morning yesterday and announced her resignation. Mr. Diaz shared this news with SFES staff and the BOE did appoint an acting Superintendent, Michael J. Martirano. Dr. Martirano previously was a state superintendent in WV, a Superintendent at Saint Mary's School district, administrator at HCPSS, etc.

Now there is an acting superintendent, the BOE will either continue a search for a permanent new superintendent or they might hire the current interim superintendent. Mr. Diaz does not have any ideas at this point on Dr. Martirano's feelings on ESM. Now the budget is back in the hands of BOE.

Howard County Health Dept. sent signs to schools advertising the bike and walk to school day, which is on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The county held a poster contest for students to design a poster to advertise the program. The winner of the contest is to receive a free bike and bike helmet. Someone from SFES won the poster contest and will be getting a bike and helmet.

Every student will receive a flashing reflector to encourage the biking to school on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Safety for biking: make sure the bike is in good working order; wear helmets for safety, etc.

A crossing guard question came up about the situation at the corner of Stevens Forest Road and Santiago Road. There is no spot mapped out for a guard at this time, but if they hear feedback from enough sources they could change that. If SFES wants to advocate for area students, the additional crossing guard at Santiago Road would be a good platform. Tracy Downard will follow-up and get a name as a contact person to use to advocacy.

**VP of Programs** – Krista Threefoot

Teacher Appreciation Week – There was a miscommunication with dates this week as far as which day is which treats, but the week is still working very well.

Flowers – We didn't ration the flower sale this year as much as we have in the past, this year we did ½ Tuesday and ½ Wednesday and sold out completely Wednesday. This worked very well with very few students who didn't get an opportunity to buy any flowers. If there were any students who didn't get an opportunity to buy any flowers and still would like to do so, the students can tell their teacher and the teacher will make a list and get it to Mrs. Albright, who will send the totals to Krista to purchase more for only those students.

Friday lunch – Claudia has been working hard to reach out to the Spanish speaking community to have them supply food for the lunch on Friday. It seems like there should be plenty of food.

**Closing Remarks** – Quiana Holmes

**The meeting is adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Board of Education Meetings, 4&7:30 p.m.

May 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: Books for Bobcats and Tie-Dye Week

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – Night of Excellence, 6:30**

Board of Education Meeting 4:00 p.m. (no evening meeting)

**May 19<sup>th</sup> – Schools Closed for Students**

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Interim Progress Reports Issued

**May 29<sup>th</sup> – Schools Closed for Holiday**

May 31<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Simulated Congressional Hearing

June 5<sup>th</sup> - PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

June 7<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.