

PTA General Meeting August 22nd, 2023

Attendance - In person in conjunction with curriculum night.

Meeting called to order at: _5:50____ pm

Mary:

We'll begin the meeting in just a few minutes. Please ensure you have signed in on our attendance sheet.

Mary:

Good evening and welcome to Arnold Mill's first general PTA meeting of the year. We are happy to be able to conduct this meeting in person this year, along with inviting you all back for in-person curriculum night for the first time since 2019!

My name is Mary Ma, and I am the PTA President. Before we get into our formal business, I'd like to take a moment to start by thanking you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend this meeting. I would also be remiss if I didn't thank you for your support and for joining our wonderful PTA. All of this would not be possible without you the parents, the Arnold Mill Faculty & Staff, and last but certainly not least, an amazing group of board members. That being said, I would like to introduce our 2023-2024 AMES PTA Executive Board:

- VPs Jen Henry, Allison Repic, Megan Caputo, and Andrew Millard
- Treasurer Julie Call
- Secretary Amy Adcock
- Teacher Representative Erin Whitley

We promise not to keep you too long, but we do have a few items of formal business before we can kick off our year!

As this is a meeting of the PTA, only current members of the 2023-2024 PTA may vote.

I am pleased to call this meeting of the Arnold Mill PTA to order at _5:50____ pm

Our first order of business is to establish quorum. Our secretary, Amy Adcock, will now determine if we have a quorum. Amy, do we have a quorum?

Amy:

Yes, we have quorum.

Mary:

Thank you, Amy.

Our first order of business is to Approve tonight's meeting Agenda. This was provided via the Parent Square app, as well as posted in our PTA Facebook group. Are there any changes to the agenda? (no comment from the floor)

May I have a motion to Approve the Agenda? – _Amy Adcock_____ motioned to approve
A second? _Allison Repic_____ seconded

All in favor, please say "Aye." (unanimous)

All opposed, please say "Nay."

Agenda approved.

Our Secretary Amy will now present the minutes from our last general meeting on March 7th, 2023.

Amy:

The minutes from the last general meeting held on March 7th, 2023, were provided on our AMES PTA website. Does anyone have any corrections? (no comment from the floor)

If there are no corrections, may I have a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes? _Julie Call_____ motioned

A second? ___Megan Caputo_____ seconded

All in favor, please say "Aye." (unanimous)

All opposed, please say "Nay." (none)

Minutes approved.

Mary:

Now we will review the 2022-2023 audit. This was posted on the AMES PTA website and linked out on our Facebook page. Does anyone have any questions concerning the audit? (no comment from the floor)

Moving on, our next piece of business this evening is to review and vote on the proposed budget for 2023-2024.

Our major fundraising goal this year is to put an asphalt running track in our field area. This has been talked about and on the Arnold Mill wishlist for many years now. This will add to the usability of our outdoor areas throughout the entire school year—PE activities, field day activities, Spring Festival, community use, and more. We are excited to finally make this a reality.

Also, earlier this spring, school administration came to us with a request to update the digital sign at the school entrance. The digital sign that is there currently has been there since the school opened in the late 90s. We have decided to use some of our carry over funds to finance this upgrade. Once installed (hopefully mid-October) the sign will be twice as big, full color, with

upgraded software, technology, and usability. It will be similar to what you see at Little River or Mill Creek and River Ridge.

That being said, I will now ask our Treasurer, Julie Call, to present the Treasurer's Report.

Julie:

Julie: The budget and P&L are posted on our website, and were sent out via Parent Square and our PTA facebook group. As Mary said our big ticket expenses are the running track and the digital sign upgrade. Most of our income will come from the fun run and our PTA events like Bingo Night, school dance, and Spring festival. (Review current P&L)

Questions from floor welcomed:

Mary:

Are there any additional questions from the floor? (no comment from the floor)

May I have a motion to approve the budget? _Amy Adcock_____ motioned

A second? _Allison Repic_____ seconded

All in favor, please say "Aye." (unanimous)

All opposed, please say "Nay." (none)

Budget approved.

Mary:

That concludes the new business portion of our meeting.

On to the President's Report:

First, a Fun Run update-- As mentioned earlier, a new track is our focus for the year. This is what we will be fundraising for during our Fun Run campaign. New this year, you will likely notice that we are utilizing a new vendor called Activate. Here's what they have to say about themselves: "A group of experienced fun run leaders with over a decade of fundraising experience in schools recently started this non-profit. Our belief is simple: a non-profit business model for fundraising is better for schools. There's no percentage-split with Activate; we believe schools should keep 100% of what their students raise from their school community. Students are incentivized and motivated in an inclusive manner, tailor-fit to the unique needs and desires of the school. We work hard to serve each and every school with excellence for their best fundraising experience yet." We are very excited to partner with Activate this year! Be on the lookout for communications regarding our upcoming Fun Run within the next few days!

Speaking of events, we have some wonderful ones planned for the year so please make sure you have joined the AMES PTA Facebook Group and have the parent square app downloaded to stay up to speed on our upcoming events.

We are always in need of volunteers to help make all of our incredible events happen. There is a SignUp Genius posted on our PTA website if you are interested in browsing our volunteer opportunities and signing up. Our most immediate needs right now are someone to chair the Reflections Art Program which kicks off now, and someone to chair the Spring Festival on April 22nd. You can find that signup link at [Arnoldmillpta.org/volunteer](https://arnoldmillpta.org/volunteer) or email us at amesptawebsite@gmail.com if you're interested! And, a HUGE thank you to all those that have already volunteered to chair an event this year! It takes a village, and we couldn't do it without your support!

Now, the moment we've all been waiting for is finally here. Before I announce our pizza party winners, I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who joined PTA this year. We had a record-breaking membership drive this year, with a total of 405 members currently, which is up about 114% from last year's numbers. And, if you haven't joined yet, it's not too late. You can still join at arnoldmillpta.org

Now, because the board was so thrilled with our membership numbers, last week we unanimously decided to change the rules a little bit and award one winner from every grade level. So, instead of only 3 winners tonight, we will announce 7 winners! Just to remind us all, the winners are the classrooms with the highest percentage of PTA memberships as of this morning.

These are your pizza party winners:

In 5th grade, our winner is[Ms. Barker's class]

Our 4th grade winner is[Ms. Talley's class]

Our 3rd grade winner is[Ms. Green's class]

Our 2nd grade winner is[Ms. Wilson's class]

Our 1st grade winner is[Ms. McGowan's class]

Our Kindergarten winner is[Ms. Bell's class]

Our Exceptionalities winner is[Ms. Tate's class]

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Before I conclude my report, I would like to thank you all again for joining our PTA and advocating for your student.

Are there any additional announcements or questions?

Ms. Philpot briefly discussed the Reflections chair and its coordinating responsibilities. She requested any interest to be directed to our PTA.

Thank you so much for giving your time this evening to help us kick off our 2023-2024 school year!

And with that, may I have a motion to adjourn the meeting? _Amy Adcock_____ motioned

A second? _Julie Call_____ seconded

All in favor, please say "Aye." (unanimous)

All opposed, please say "Nay." (none)

Meeting is adjourned at __6:00__ pm

Quorum needed: 15 paid members; quorum achieved.

Arnold Mill Elementary - PTA Member Sign-In

Date: August 22, 2023

Print First and Last Name:

Amy Adcock

Meghan Caputo

Mary Ma

Julianne Call

Abbey Phipps

ALLISON REPIC

Bri Austin

Cy Schurz

Elise Logan

Erin Woodard

Breanna Perno

Miranda Lunsford

Kimberly Frazier

Lauren Rubin

Keela Leger

Brett Wallace

Traci Black

Ash Conklin

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