



## PTA General Meeting—March 7, 2024

Attendance - In person in conjunction with Kindergarten Performance

Meeting called to order at: 6:15 pm

Meeting adjourned at: 6:28 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 third and final general PTA meeting of the year.

My name is Mary Ma, and I am the PTA President, and these are the other members of our current Executive Board.

We appreciate you joining us tonight and promise not to keep you too long, but we do have a few items of business to vote on this evening. As a reminder, only current members of the 2023-24 PTA may vote.

I am pleased to call this meeting of the Arnold Mill PTA to order at 6:15 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, there is a quorum present.

**Mary:**

Thank you, Amy.

Our next 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, and emailed to members. Are there any changes to the agenda? (pause for comments 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 October 24th, 2023.

**Amy:**

The minutes from the last general meeting held on October 24th, 2023, were provided on our AMES PTA website. Does anyone have any corrections? (pause for comments 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? \_\_Mary Ma\_\_\_\_\_ seconded

All in favor, please say “Aye.” (unanimous)

All opposed, please say “Nay.” (none)

The minutes will be filed for audit.

**Mary:**

Next, we’ll move on to the President’s Report:

We’ve had a very successful year thus far. I’d like to give a quick rundown of our successes from the year.

- We installed a beautiful new digital sign at the front of the school. It has already helped us better communicate out to families.

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- We raised almost \$65,000 during our Activate Fundraiser last fall (\$15,000 above goal), and with that money we were able to install a quarter mile asphalt running track. That was installed just after Thanksgiving break, so it's been in use for a few months already.
- With the extra \$15,000 that was raised, we awarded over \$18,000 in Teacher Grants. Teachers were able to be reimbursed for supplies or classroom materials, to the benefit of every student here at AMES.
- We also were really excited to bring back a Grandparents-style event in The "Grand" Event that took place just a couple of weeks ago. It was a "Grand" success, and we are already looking forward to it again next year. More info in just a minute I promise, but we're also bringing back a parents event this year!

We've broken some records this year also. We have 448 PTA members currently, which is a 26% increase over last year! For reference, our benchmark is a 2% increase year over year. We also sold a record number of tickets for the school dance—almost 150 more than last year. Of course we already talked about the record amount of fundraising dollars we raised during our Activate Fundraiser. We have had what feels like higher than usual interest and engagement in all of our events and volunteer efforts, so thank you to all of you for showing up and supporting our PTA and our wonderful school time and time again!

Looking ahead, as we approach the end of the year, make sure you have these events marked on your calendars:

- Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation photos are tomorrow!
- Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up. We'll be celebrating our incredible teachers March 18-22. Be on the lookout for that schedule coming out in the Sunday Mustang News Blast email or it's already been posted in our Facebook group.
- Spirit Night on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, and Canyon's Fresh Grill from 4-close.
- In April we are going to host a Lunch with Loved Ones event during your child's normal lunch time. The date for that event will be April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for more info to come about that.
- And then finally our biggest event of the year, our Spring Festival, is scheduled for Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm. More info to come as well!

We've got a lot of exciting things still to accomplish this year. And because ALL of our events and fundraising efforts have been so successful, we still have a little bit of money to spend this year...which means the Executive Board would like to announce a second teacher mini-grant in the amount of \$100 per teacher. Teachers will be receiving more info about that in the next couple of weeks. AND, we are going to be purchasing rolling recess carts for each grade level,

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stocked with age appropriate recess balls for all students to use. Hopefully within the month, those will be ready as well!

**Mary:**

Our Treasurer, Julie Call, will now present the Treasurer's Report.

**Julie:**

Julie: The budget and P&L were distributed to members via email. {Julie to insert budget and P&L highlights}

**Mary:**

Are there any questions? (pause for discussion) Hearing none these reports will be filed for audit.

Thank you, Julie. Will you please now present the budget amendments?

**Julie:**

There are a few budget income and expense categories that have gone over budget from what was approved at our last meeting on October 24th, 2023, by our general membership. To reconcile these categories, we must hold a vote this evening to make these budget amendments. The expense and income categories that need adjusting are the following:

{Julie to insert budget categories needing amending}

I move that the budget amendments be approved as presented.

**Mary:**

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Thank you, Julie. Is there a second? \_\_Allison Repic\_\_\_\_\_ seconded

Is there any discussion? (pause for comments from the floor)

Hearing none, all in favor, please say “Aye.”

All opposed, please say “Nay.”

The motion has passed. The budget amendments are approved.

**Mary:**

Our next item of business is the election of officers for the 2024-25 school year. Our Secretary, Amy Adcock, will read Article 6, Section 5 of our PTA’s bylaws pertaining to officers and their election.

**Amy:**

Article 6, Section 5 of the Arnold Mill PTA bylaws states:

“The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of individuals to be officers of this PTA/PTSA:

- a. Each officer shall be a member of this local PTA/PTSA.
- b. No officer may be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
- c. A person who has served in an office for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office; and
- d. No member shall serve as a council president while serving as a local unit president.”

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**Mary:**

Allison Repic, representing the Nominating Committee, will now present the slate of officers.

**Allison:**

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations:

- Mary Ma, President
- Julie Call, Treasurer
- Amy Adcock, Secretary
- Jennifer Henry, VP #1
- Allison Repic, VP #2
- Meghan Caputo, VP #3
- Andrew Millard, VP #4

**Mary:**

We will now ask for any nominations from the floor. Are there any further nominations?

*(no comment from floor)*

If there are no further nominations, I declare the nominations closed.

**Mary:**

All those in favor say “Aye.” (unanimous)

All those opposed say “Nay.” (none)

The Ayes have it, and these members are elected.

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**Mary:**

Before we conclude the meeting, I would like to urge you all to please make sure you have joined the AMES PTA Facebook Group and that you read the AMES Mustang News Blast that is an email from our wonderful Principal's Secretary June Landers that goes out every Sunday at 5pm. This will ensure you are in the loop about upcoming events, deadlines, and all AMES news that we know you don't want to miss.

I would like to thank you all again for attending our meeting tonight and for supporting our PTA and our wonderful school. I'd like to thank our Platinum Business Sponsors also: Area 51: Aurora Cineplex & The Fringe Miniature Golf, Cactus Cantina with locations in Alpharetta and Holly Springs, Misti Bailey—Berkshire Hathaway Realtor, and Ferraro Tax & Accounting CPA. To learn more about our Platinum Sponsors, you can visit [Arnoldmillpta.org/sponsors](http://Arnoldmillpta.org/sponsors).

We have reached the end of our agenda. Is there any additional business at this time? (no comment from the floor)

Are there any announcements? (no comment from the floor)

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

A second? \_\_Allison Repic\_\_\_\_\_ seconded

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

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

The Ayes have it. Meeting is adjourned at \_6:28\_\_\_\_\_ pm

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