

PTA General Meeting—August 27, 2024

Attendance - In person in conjunction with K-2 Curriculum Night

Meeting called to order at: 5:47 pm

Meeting adjourned at: 5:56 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.

My name is Mary Ma, and I am the PTA President. I'd like to quickly introduce the other members of our Executive Board.

- VPs Jen Henry, Allison Repic, Megan Caputo, and Andrew Millard
- Treasurer Julie Call
- Secretary Amy Adcock
- Teacher Representative Tasha Stancil
- Principal Mr. Dan Fuller

Thanks for coming tonight! We'll try to make this quick! As a reminder, only current members of the 2024-25 PTA may vote.

I am pleased to call this meeting of the Arnold Mill PTA to order at 5:47_ 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? – _Allison Repic_____ motioned to approve.
A second? _Amy Adcock_____ 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, 2024.

Amy:

The minutes from the last general meeting held on March 7th, 2024, were provided on our AMES PTA website and emailed out to members. 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? _Mary Ma_____ motioned

A second? __Jennifer Henry_____ seconded

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

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

The minutes will be filed for audit.

Mary:

Our next order of new business is the adoption of our Annual Audit report.

Julie:

The annual financial audit of the 2023-24 school year was completed over the summer and the books were found to be correct and in good order. A copy of the audit was emailed to all current members. I move to adopt the audit report.

Mary:

It has been moved that the “audit report of the 2023-24 fiscal year be adopted”. Are there any questions? (none) A motion to approve? Amy Adcock motioned.

Do I have a second? _Allison Repic_____ seconded

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

All opposed, please say “Nay.” (none)

The Ayes have it so the Audit Report has been adopted and will be filed with our permanent financial records.

Moving on, our next piece of business is to review and vote on the proposed budget for the 2024-25 school year.

Our major fundraising goal this year is to make several playground updates and enhancements. A few of the items we are currently quoting to hopefully include are:

- Resurfacing, restriping, and updating the basketball courts
- adding a hoop to the bus lanes for those grades that recess there
- adding soccer goals
- benches around the track
- restocking recess carts that PTA bought for each grade level last year

Another portion of our fundraising dollars will go toward Teacher Grants. This allows each full-time certified teacher to buy things needed for their classrooms with PTA money instead of out of their own pocket. Both the teacher grants and the playground enhancements benefit all of our students here at Arnold Mill, and we will be excited to see their little faces when the improvements are completed later this year.

I will now ask our Treasurer, Julie Call, to present the Treasurer’s Report.

Julie:

The budget and P&L were distributed to members via email.

As Mary said our big-ticket expenses this year are the Playground Enhancements and Teacher Grants. Most of our income will come from the Activate fun run and our PTA events like Bingo Night, School Dances, and the Spring festival.

We have budgeted income of \$114K and expenses of \$113K. Our goal is to spend everything we receive this year on the students, minus a very small carryover amount.

Including \$5K of carry-over funds from last year, we currently have a net income of about \$10K. The majority of this has come from PTA memberships, community partnerships, and parent sponsorships.

Mary:

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

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

A second? _Meghan Caputo_____ 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.

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

First, a quick note about the upcoming Fun Run. We are working with Activate again this year, after a very positive and successful campaign last year. This year’s campaign will kick off on Monday, September 23rd, and the Fun Run will take place on Friday, October 4th. Expect all the usual fun again during those two weeks!

Events—we have some wonderful ones planned for the year. Upcoming events we don’t want you to miss out on are:

- The “Grand” Event on September 4th and 5th. Deadline to register for that is this Friday, August 30th.
- The K-2nd Grade Glow Party! Tickets are on sale now through Friday, September 6th. Come find our table after going to homerooms and you can buy your tickets tonight!

Volunteers—We are still looking for a Dad to lead up our Dad’s Club Committee.

Responsibilities would be organizing dads to attend carpool on Friday mornings where Fun Dads give out High Fives and Big Smiles to greet kids at dropoff.

We also need a Legislative Chair. This is someone who is responsible for keeping members informed about legislative issues that affect children and education, and for motivating members to take action on those issues.

And finally, we need a Family Engagement Chair. These responsibilities are to help strengthen, support, and sustain the involvement of parents in the lives of their children.

Please come talk to us if you’re interested in any of these positions.

Now, the moment we've all been waiting for is finally here. But before I announce our pizza party winners, I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who joined PTA this year. We have a total of 436 (402 last year) members currently, which is up about 108% from this time last year. And, if you haven't joined yet, it's not too late. You can still join at arnoldmillpta.org.

Ok, just to remind us all, the winners of our Pizza Party Membership Contest are the classrooms with the highest percentage of PTA memberships as of this morning.

These are your 2024 pizza party winners:

In 5th grade, our winner isMs. Stancil's class

Our 4th grade winner isMs. Pitkins' class

Our 3rd grade winner isMs. Fuss' class

Our 2nd grade winner isMs. Pfaff's class

Our 1st grade winner isMs. Baldwin's class

Our Kindergarten winner isMs. Bell's class

Our REACH & COMMUNICATION winner isthere was a tie....Ms. Tate and Mrs. Reynolds' classes.

Congratulations to all of our winners! The Pizza Party is this Friday!

We have reached the end of our agenda. Are there any additional announcements or questions? (no comment from the floor)

And with that, may I have a motion to adjourn the meeting? __Allison Repic_____ motioned
A second? __Jennifer Henry_____ seconded

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

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

The Ayes have it. Meeting is adjourned at _5:56_____ pm

Thank you for joining us tonight! Come see us the PTA table!

Quorum needed: 15 paid members; quorum achieved.

