



## PTA General Meeting—October 24th, 2023

Attendance - In person in conjunction with 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Performance

Meeting called to order at: 6:18 pm

Meeting adjourned at: 6:27 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 second 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 Executive Board this year.

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 \_6:18\_ 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, per our Bylaws a quorum is 15 members. We have quorum.

**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?    Jen Henry    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 August 22nd, 2023.

**Amy:**

The minutes from the last general meeting held on August 22nd, 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? \_Jen Henry\_\_\_\_\_ seconded

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

All opposed, please say “Nay.” (none)

Minutes approved.

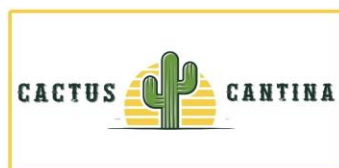
**Mary:**

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

First, our Fun Run this year was a phenomenal success! With the help of our new vendor, Activate, we were able to have a record-breaking fundraising year! This year we raised \$64,562.60, and our school keeps 100% of that money. This was my third year chairing the Fun Run, and to my knowledge, we raised close to \$20,000 more this year than we have ever raised before at Arnold Mill. So, THANK YOU for the incredible support and generosity you’ve shown our school. We are blown away at the success of this year’s program!

With record-breaking fundraising comes exciting ways to support and improve our school. First, the running track that was our fundraising goal is moving along smoothly. We are currently in the approvals process, but we are still hoping to have the track installed by, hopefully, the end of 2023 or early 2024. We are adding a paved walkway to connect the track to the cement pad outside of the gym.

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The new digital sign that is getting installed is also moving right along. We hope to have that installed before Thanksgiving.

And lastly, we would like to officially announce that with the overage of our fundraising money we will be bringing back the much-requested Teacher Grants Program this year. We are working out the details, and we will be communicating with teachers as soon as we can. The Teacher Grant Program will give all teachers an opportunity to purchase items for the betterment of their classroom with PTA money, instead of out of their own pocket. We are excited to be able to support our fabulous teachers in this way.

**Mary:**

Now, I will now ask our Treasurer, Julie Call, to present the Financial Report.

**Julie:**

Julie: The budget and P&L were distributed to members via email. Our main areas of income this year have come from business sponsorships, membership dues, Super Supporter donations, and the Activate Fun Run, which brought in over \$64,500. Total income is \$91,638.19 and total expenses are \$18,570.40. Are there any questions? (pause for comments from the floor)

**Mary:**

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 August 22, 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:

1. Community Partnerships – we ended up having more business sponsors this year than in previous years. We would like to increase the budget from \$11,000 in income to \$14,250.
2. Activate Fun Run – As Mary noted, we were able to raise almost \$65,000 this year; therefore, we would like to increase the budget from \$50,000 to \$64,562.60.
3. Payment Processing Fees (Paypal, Square, Totem, and Venmo) – our estimate is over because we have brought in more money, which in turn generates more processing fees

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for us. With that said, we would like to raise our total processing fee payments from \$1,095 to \$3,025.

4. Membership Dues – We have more members this year than we anticipated, so we would like to increase from \$1,500 to \$1,565.
5. Membership Pizza Party – Since we decided to include one class from every grade level instead of only the top 3 classes, we would like to increase this category from \$250 to \$292.81.
6. Reflections – The annual fee went up from \$25 to \$30.
7. Running Track – We are adding, at teacher and staff request, a connecting sidewalk. This increases the budgeted expense from \$58,000 to \$63,000.
8. Professional Fees – We would like to reduce this category from \$5,000 to \$284.99. This was originally budgeted to possibly pay something the IRS believed we owed from 2020. With the pro-bono help of Ferraro Tax & Accounting CPA, the IRS has finally realized they were in error and removed all fees and interest they were stating we owed.
9. Teacher Givebacks – Because we now have more money to spend, we would also like to amend the budget to increase Teacher Givebacks from \$293.10 to \$25,000.

I move that the budget amendments be approved as presented.

**Mary:**

Thank you, Julie. Is there a second? \_\_\_Amy Adcock\_\_\_\_\_ 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:**

Before we conclude the meeting, I would like to mention some wonderful events we have coming up soon! Bingo night is happening on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-8pm, and our Veteran’s Day program is happening on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, starting with a breakfast at 7:30am. 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 helping out in any way.

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That link is [Arnoldmillpta.org/volunteer](http://Arnoldmillpta.org/volunteer). We cannot do these events without your support!  
Again, it's [arnoldmillpta.org/volunteer](http://arnoldmillpta.org/volunteer).

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, and Misti Bailey, Berkshire Hathaway Realtor. To learn more about our Platinum Sponsors, you can visit [Arnoldmillpta.org/sponsors](http://Arnoldmillpta.org/sponsors).

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

Thank you so much for giving your time this evening!

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

A second? \_\_Jen Henry\_\_ seconded

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

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

Meeting is adjourned at \_6:27\_ pm

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Quorum needed: 15 paid members; quorum achieved.

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# Arnold Mill Elementary School – PTA General Meeting Sign-In

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:15 pm

PTA Members Only

Print Name:

Signature:

Elizabeth Covington

Lisa Sharpberg

Emily Davis

Michelle King

Lauren Durcan

Liz Hughes

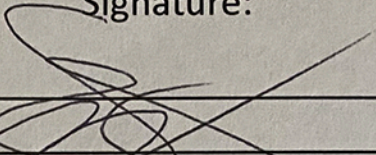
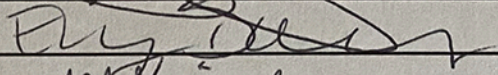
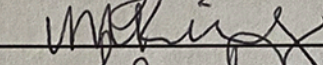
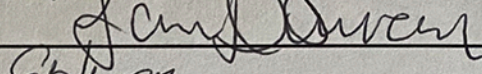
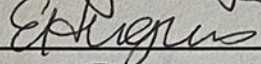
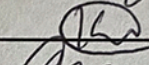
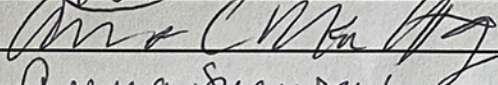
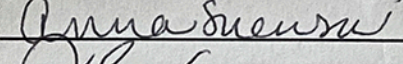
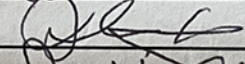
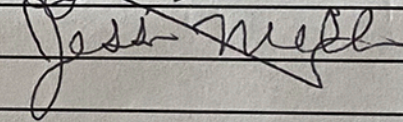
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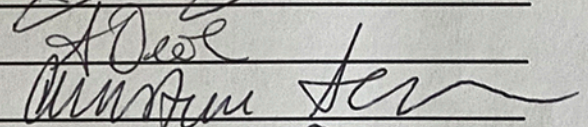
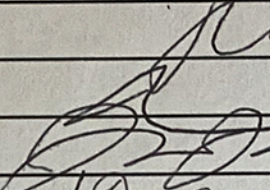
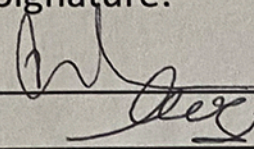
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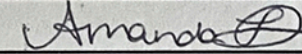
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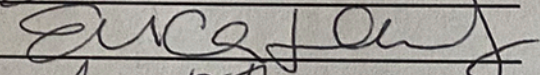
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