



PTA General Meeting—March 6, 2025

Attendance - In person in conjunction with Kindergarten Performance

Meeting called to order at: 6:16 pm

Meeting adjourned at: 6:26 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 2024-25 PTA may vote.

I am pleased to call this meeting of the Arnold Mill PTA to order at 6:16 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, 2024.

Amy:

The minutes from the last general meeting held on October 24th, 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? _Allison Repic_____ 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’ve broken our membership record yet again this year. We have 461 PTA members currently, which is almost a 3% increase over last year—beating our 2% benchmark goal.
- We raised almost \$64,000 during our Activate Fundraiser last fall (\$4,000 above goal), and with that money we were able to make some updates to our recess areas. Just over winter break, we had several items installed: 7 new basketball hoops including one by the bus lanes, a new bench and sunshade, a new set of soccer goals, and a deck box full of balls of all kinds. In the coming weeks as the weather warms up and stays more even temp, we will also be getting the basketball court resurfaced and restriped. We are just waiting on the weather at this point to cooperate.
- Back in the fall we awarded nearly \$10,000 in Teacher Grants. With this money teachers were able to be reimbursed for supplies or classroom materials, to the benefit of every student here at AMES.
- A couple of new things we did this year were:
 - Outdoor Movie Night with Despicable Me 4 back in October over by the gym
 - Our Hospitality Committee hosted Coffee, Cocoa, and Treats for our staff members on Valentine’s Day

- And, we split our school dances by age group so that we were better able to accommodate all students wanting to attend. The K-2 Glow Party was back in September as a back to school event and the 3rd-5th Grade Disco Party is actually next week on the 13th. Tickets are currently on sale for that dance through tomorrow, and then will also be available for purchase at the door. So don't miss out on that if you have an Arnold Mill 3rd-5th grader also!

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

- Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up. We'll be celebrating our incredible teachers March 17-21. That schedule has been sent out via the weekly Email Newsletter and also posted to our Facebook Group. Ms. Amy who is our hospitality chair has come up with a fun Fiesta theme for this year, so go take a look at that schedule, and get those dates on your calendars.
- Annual Art Show is on Thursday, March 20th from 4-7pm in the gym.
- Spirit Night on Thursday, March 27th at Buffalos' Cafe from 5-10pm.
- And then finally our biggest event of the year, our Spring Festival, is scheduled for Friday, April 11th, 5-8pm. More info to coming soon about that!

That concludes the President's Report.

Mary:

Standing in tonight for our Treasurer, Julie Call, who was unable to attend, will be Vice President Allison Repic, who will now present the Treasurer's Report.

Allison:

Allison: The budget and P&L were distributed to members via email. We have a current income of \$98,804.26, which consists of \$16,000 in direct public support, \$75,000 in fundraising income and \$8,000 in school support income. We have current expenses of \$38,494.49, which consist of \$11,000 in expenses related to fundraising efforts, \$4,000 in hospitality events, \$7,000 in operating and program expenses and \$17,000 in items to support the school. This leaves us with a current net income of \$60,309.77. We plan to spend the most of this net income before the end of this school year with the majority of it going towards playground enhancements.

Mary:

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

Thank you, Allison.

Mary:

Our next item of business is the election of officers for the 2025-26 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.”

Mary:

Amy Adcock, representing the Nominating Committee, will now present the slate of officers.

Amy:

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations:

- Julie Call, President
- Amy Adcock, Treasurer
- Allison Repic, Secretary
- Meghan Caputo, VP #1
- Lisa Stonebraker, VP #2
- Casey Szekes, VP #3
- Samara Pillar, 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. Congratulations and thank you for your willingness to serve.

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.

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 __6:26__ pm

Quorum needed: 15 paid members; quorum achieved.

