

LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH PTSA 2020-21

February, 2021 ZOOM MEETING

Call to Order @ 12:00

January Minutes approved

Budget Review/Treasurer's Report – Megan Eves

- Final disbursement of Angel Tree donations made in January – another \$200 in Wal-Mart gift cards delivered to Ms. Moore to support Central families.
- Thank you letters and contribution information for tax purposes were sent in December & January via e-mail to all individuals who donated \$50 or more for whom the Treasurer has contact information. People who donated via Venmo—no e-mails are included with Venmo donations, so the Treasurer requested contact information via Venmo. If you donated \$50 or more and want a letter for tax purposes but don't have one, please contact the PTSA Treasurer (Megan Eves) at LRCH.Treasurer@gmail.com.
- Overall, when targeted campaigns are included (Project Period, Angel Tree) the PTSA has met the donations goal for the school year. We still lag in Pass the Hat donations (\$10,351.81 received vs. target of \$16,000), but without any in-person events at Central, over \$10,000 in donations is a remarkable commitment from our community.
- Expenses are well below budget (\$10,917.26 spent compared vs. \$26,200 budgeted). That trend will likely continue.
- Several teacher grants were awarded in 2020, but there was still enough in the PTSA account to cover the costs. That means there is a full budget to allocate grants in the spring semester.
- 4th quarter 2020 Amazon Smiles donation = \$179.89 received February 21; total of \$416.04 for the school year. If you haven't set up your Amazon account to generate donations for Central, please do that today! 4th quarter 2020 donation total from Kroger is expected soon.

Arkansas Legislative Update - Clarke Tucker

- Clarke reviewed several bills being presented in the Arkansas House of Representatives and Senate, including a sales tax exemption for the sale of goods or services by a PTA; one to extend reading proficiency deadline; creating flexibility for school districts to set calendars, hours.
- Clarke is sponsoring a bill to a school to adopt an approved bilingual or dual-immersion program.
- Central High junior David Ronnel promoted a bill that was presented to require that Holocaust education be taught in schools.

Principal's Report - Nancy Rousseau

- 460 children signed up for ACT. Make-up day is March 9 for 11th graders who didn't get to test today. Thank you to the parents who helped prepare classrooms for the ACT.
- Graduation will be held at War Memorial. No other senior activities will be held this year. All seniors will get yard signs.
- Thank you to Jenny Bradford, Jennifer Ronnel and Mary Ann Seibert for their work on teacher grants.
- Encouraged everyone to use [amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=ain_smile).
- Global Affairs editor has started an international commission on loss of learning during the pandemic. Mrs. Rousseau is on the commission of 50 countries, including 3 people from U.S. Mrs. Rousseau and Jay Barth created a committee to meet about this on a local level. Arkansas is going to be at the forefront of this issue.
- Swim tournament this weekend and basketball games pushed ahead a week.
- At least 95% of the staff has gotten second vaccine. The remainder will get their second shot on Thursday.

Committee Reports

Student Council - Anna Yates & Cecilia Schneider, Co-Presidents

- The Social Media and Senior Class committees are working on virtual engagement activities, including a mentoring program for freshmen that will enable them to meet virtually with older students.
- A Black Lives Matter mural has been started
- The Student Outreach committee, along with Mr. Williams and Mr. Burrleson, is creating a virtual program to encourage students to get involved at Central.
- Ms. Cameron in library announced that the student council presidents have been nominated for a ViPS award.

Teacher Grants - Mary Ann Siebert, Chair

- Seven grant applications totaling \$3,400 were received this spring: The committee recommends funding all except flags and flag poles, which the Tiger Foundation will fund. Mary Ann thanked the grant committee members.
- Jennifer asked for discussion and motioned to approve. Mary motion, Jenny Bradford seconded. Vote was taken by show of hands; Grants were approved.
- Along with last semester's grants, the PTSA has given \$7,100 to teachers and staff at Central.

Nominating Committee - Beth McAlpine, Chair

- Beth presented the slate for the 2021-2022 officers: President: Jenny Bradford; President Elect: Latriana Robertson; Corresponding Secretary: E.W. Swann; Recording Secretary: Danyelle Walker; Treasurer: Megan Eves.
- The slate will be voted on at the April meeting.

PTA Council Report - Kim O. Guinn

- The local Sam's Club is providing a \$50,000 grant to provide gratitude meals for LRSD staff and fund future projects.
- LRSD Teachers of the Year for each school are listed on district's website, lrzd.org. The Council encourages everyone to use the hashtag #lrzdtoy20-21 on social media to promote the winning teachers.
- The Council is seeking nominations for officers to serve two-year terms. The deadline to submit nominations is March 1 and can be given to Kim or Jennifer.
- The next School Board meeting is Thursday, March 11.
- Guest speaker Sarah Scanlan spoke at the Council/s meeting about the Emerge Arkansas program.
- The Council announced the [BEaPIG](#) program to make sure all PTA chapters are in good standing.

ViPS & State PTSA Awards Committee, Stella Cameron

- Stella shared the PTSA's award nominees:

Arkansas PTA Awards

Administer of Year - Mr. McGee

Teacher of Year - Mr. Doer

Champion of Children - Clarke Tucker

Nurse - Ms. Stalls

- The PTSA was entered for safety, communication, outstanding PTA and award of distinction.
- ViPS Awards (There will be a virtual ceremony in April. ViPS website invites anyone to make a nomination.)

Community Resource Award - The Clinton Foundation

Stellar Volunteer - Mr. McGee

Student Volunteers - Student Council

Leadership Award - Wendy Glove

Partner in Education Award - Carla Kenyon

Jane Mendel Award - Jennifer Ronnel

Tonya Hooks, Alumni Association

- The Tiger Foundation has a new slate of officers: Chair - John King; President - Byron Freeman; Treasurer - Benjamin Lincoln; Secretary - Tonya Hooks
- The Foundation donated \$950 to the Central High band \$950. It is accepting funding applications
- Donations to the Foundation can still be sent via Venmo.
- They are hoping to do a virtual fundraiser in September.

Jennifer reminded everyone to submit their volunteer hours.

1:05 meeting adjourned.