

## **Fairfax County SEPTA**

SEPTA Board & Delegates

General Membership & Board Meeting 7pm-9pm (6:45 set up)

Dunn Loring Center (PRC building)

2334 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring, VA 22027 Entrance 2

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### **I. Call to order, Quorum Count & Approve Agenda**

- A. In attendance: Diane Cooper-Gould, Cathy Greulich, Ninsa Perez, Caroline Kenney, Lisa Locke, Ami Todd, Lissy John, Norm Hall, Rich Hem, Rachna Heizer, Laura Allen, Cheri Belkowitz, Lindsay Latham
- B. Norm moves to approve the Agenda, 2nd by Cathy-Unanimously Approved.

### **II. Approve Minutes 1/24-They are not finished we will have those at the next meeting.**

### **III. Announcements**

- A. 2/20 (Tues) Second Meeting with SEPTA and DSS 2-3pm went well. Ms. Johnson asked that we bring one item that we as an organization request DSS to focus on improving.
- B. 3/7 College Planning for Neurodiverse college students
- C. 3/20 Gen. Mem Meeting and Bylaws Vote-still waiting on Fairfax HS to get back to Lindsay with a confirmation of the room.
- D. 4/30 Gen Mem Meeting and Elections
  - 1. Lindsay confirmed that we have the Cafe at Gatehouse for this meeting. There is another group in the space until 630pm. We have a hard out at 9pm.
  - 2. Rachna suggested Ellen Augusta to do a presentation on the new Diploma standards and ESY. Everyone agrees, Rachna will get Ms. Augusta's information over to Cathy to set that up.
  - 3. 6/2 for Awards Ceremony-This is a Saturday and we hope to hold it from 4pm-7pm. We are looking to host with food and performers. Lindsay suggested Annandale HS
- E. Cathy Greulich as new Events Co-Chair with Ami

### **IV. Membership Forum (3mins per speaker)**

### **V. Election of Nominating Committee**

- A. Lindsay moves that we form a Nominating Committee for the elections to be held on April 30th. 2nd by Ami-Approved Unanimously

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B. Ami moves to appoint Norm Hall, Ninsa Perez, Joanne Walton to the 2018 Nominating Committee. 2nd by Caroline.

1. Amended to add Tina Baldera. 2nd by Joanne
2. Approved Unanimously

**VI. Treasurer's Report-Attached.** Moved to approve by Norm, 2nd by Cathy-Approved Unanimously

### **VII. Committee Reports**

#### A. Awards

1. Mini Grants application is on Google Docs. These are rolling nominations, the amount is specifically vague and not limited because as we continue to fundraise, we can continue to give more back.
2. The application will be posted on the website and emailed out to everyone. For the monetary grants, the teacher or paraprofessional will need to be a member of SEPTA.
3. The grants are awarded for projects or training. The application includes a section where you explain and when you are done you have to file a report with SEPTA with pictures, video and description of the event/training.
4. Added-to ask if the person applying for the grant is willing/able to accept a partial award on the project. We might not be able to pay for an entire project, but we can certainly help if it's a large ask.

**VIII. Events-** Please reach out to Ami and Cathy when you are planning an event for your committee to avoid overlapping. Ami requests that if you need refreshments for your event that you give her a two week notice and at least a week with an estimated head count.

#### **A. Executive Committee**

1. We discussed narrowing our focus because we are overloaded with events and people are starting to get burned out.
2. Start thinking about what role you would like to play next year. Each person on the executive committee will be reaching out to the chairs to discuss what they would like their plans to be for next year.
3. Lindsay will not be running for Secretary again. Ami does plan to run for Treasurer again.
4. If the bylaw changes are approved by the membership, Diane would like to run for President and Brooke would like to run for Vice President. If they don't pass then Brooke will take over in May and we will need to elect a President Elect.

**IX. New Business (Please prepare your motion wording BEFORE the meeting)**

**A. Motion to approve Awards categories and forms/plan-** Rachna moves “**Mini Grant Application is approved as written to distribute to the membership.**” 2nd by Ami, Approved Unanimously

1. Rachna moves- “**The end of the year awards, timeline and categories are approved as written.**” 2nd by Joanne, Approved Unanimously

**B. Vote to approve Advocacy statement re: budget (can we advocate for budget?)**  
This needs further discussion but it is agreed that we will finalize a statement to send out to our membership.

1. Norm Moves “**SEPTA calls for full support of the 2019 advertised budget of Fairfax County, including the increase in the real estate tax rate of 2.5 cents per \$100,000. We will release a statement and call to action.**” 2nd by Caroline, Approve Unanimously

a) Tuesday will be the vote from the Board of Supervisors on the cap for the a potential tax increase.

b) April 10, 11, 12th there will be public hearings with the Board of Supervisors and encourage our membership to speak on fully funding the advertised school budget.

**C. Motion to create a SEPTA priority for FCPS DSS-**This needs further discussion. But Laura Allen would like to discuss support from DSS Leadership on programs like a Buddy Program or Buddy Bench at every school. Having an outreach to the Principals from DSS might help in collaboration with the PTA’s on starting these programs to and move forward toward inclusive environments.

**D. Motion to approve POW for Yoga for All fundraiser 5/5-** Joanne Moves “**That we have a fundraiser for Yoga for Good class on May 5th.**” 2nd by Ami, Approved Unanimously

**E. Discuss POW for Spring Fling, Motion re: Spring Fling 4/28-**This has been tabled for a Fall Event/Fundraiser. There was concern that there wasn’t enough time to properly plan it out. There was discussion about making it a free event and collecting really great prizes for raffles and auction items.

**F. Discuss Group Calendar issues/solutions-**Ami is going to create a mock calendar and see if she can figure out how not to sync it so that everyone can see each others personal calendars.

**X. Adjourn-9pm**