



**Urbana Middle School PTSA
General Membership Hybrid Meeting Notes
Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

In Person Attendees:

Rachel White, PTSA

Alicia Remez Guerrette, PTSA

Blaire Guard

Caroline Dutossi

Weyata Tylor

Zoom Attendees:

Tricia Brdecka, Assistant Principal

Angie Bruhn, PTSA

Preeti Menon, PTSA

Jessica Renner, PTSA

Kim Kyle

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Welcome Remarks by Rachel White

Present and Approve

- January 2023 Meeting Notes presented by Preeti Menon – Vote on the approval of the last general meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were published on the UMS PTSA website and emailed to PTSA membership ahead of the March meeting.
Meeting Notes Approval: Caroline Dutossi – motion to approve; Weyata Tylor – seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval.
- Treasurer's Report
 - January - PTSA had no financial activity
 - February - PTSA had no financial activity
 - Balance \$8,683

SGA - 8th grade dance forthcoming

Events & Subcommittees Updates

- Diana Thurston RN, UMS Health Room and Hearing and Vision Screening
 - Scheduled for March 16th & 17th from 8 am - 2 pm
 - Re-screens on April 20th
 - All sign-up slots filled
- Staff appreciation, chaired by Elismary Rodriguez Carrasquillo and committee members, Patty Hude and Bry Lou
 - May Teacher Appreciation, 1st full week of May - more information forthcoming
- Membership committee - co-chaired by Rachel White and Alicia Remez Guerrette
 - 4 new members, total 225



- Reflections, chaired by Krissy Benson
 - Several students going to State
 - Reflections certificates are signed and will be going home with students soon
 - Reflections Open House Gala on April 25th
- Trucks 'N Tunes, chaired by Jessica Renner and Patty Hude
 - Date: May 19th
 - Activities: Laser tag/gaming truck, Carnival Games, etc
 - Food trucks - Authentic Mexican, Grilled Cheese Please, & Kona Ice
 - low-cost Pizza slices by PTA
 - Collaborate with UHS students to volunteer
- Spiritwear, co-chaired by Angie McCloud and Caroline Altuner
 - 8th Grade shirts with students names
 - 8th Grade signs (approx 380 students) - not sure if we'll have them and unsure if there's interest; signs pick up has been a challenge in the past. Deadline to respond to Jane at Safe & Sane is tomorrow.
- Nominating Committee
 - Upcoming Elections - no nominating committee and need candidates
 - Alicia Remesz Guerrette and Rachel White will be returning as board members
 - Rachel to post a call for candidates on UMS parents FB page, FoF & twitter
- Technology
 - Website Update- Change over to memberhub from the website and PWR for PTSA member sign ups; PTSA will save approximately \$300/year; need to move all the documents and content to memberhub.
 - Rachel to put together a pros and cons list.
 - Put it up for vote at the next meeting.
- Heritage Night, chaired by Kena Desai
 - Date: March 21st, 5:30 - 8:30 pm (set-up time 4 pm)
 - Raffle Prizes
 - Trifold and Artifact displays from various countries
 - Partners
 - Urbana Library
 - Bar-T
 - KICKS Karate
 - Author Signings
 - UHS Safe & Sane
 - Performances
 - African Drums performance
 - Bollywood performances by UHS Dance Club, Urbana Naach and Urbana Rockers (collaboration between students from SuES, UES & UMS)
 - Chinese Yo-Yo performance
 - Irish Dance performance (tentative)
 - Karate demonstration by KICKS Karate



- Rock & Roll performance by Let There Be Rock
- Spanish Dance by UHS Spanish Honor Society (tentative)
- Step Dance by UHS Step Team
- SIGN UP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ba9a82ea5fec43-urbana#/>

Principal Remarks

- Spring Testing Cycle
 - ESSA results, earned a 74.9 which makes UMS a 4 star school
 - 92% percentile for ranking
- 8th Grade Move-up Date - Friday morning meeting to finalize the 8th grade events, including move-up date, yearbook signing date, and other 8th Grade Celebrations
- Online Safety Presentation - Mr. Kibler and Mr. Joshua Moskowitz, PE & Health Teacher will be meeting with Jeff Lourinia to discuss next steps in order to get the presentation set up for the school.

Adjournment: 8:06 pm

NEXT PTA MEETING: May 9th at 7:00 PM in UMS MEDIA CENTER & VIRTUAL