

**Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School (TRES) PTA, Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**TRES Media Center**  
**October 10, 2018**

President Kathy Broadbent called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Minutes from the September 12, 2018 General Membership Meeting were accepted without changes.

**WELCOME / NEW INTRODUCTIONS / PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Kathy Broadbent, President

- Welcomed new chairs in attendance, Chrissie Lazaris (Memory Book) and Mandy Campbell (Community Outreach co-chair)
- Membership numbers are still low. Approximately 60% of the families that had joined by this time last year. In addition, our TRES family has expanded this year, so we should be well ahead of last year's numbers. Need to continue to publicize membership and donations.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Victoria Budich, Treasurer

- See attached report.
- Current membership funds deposited as of 9/24/18: \$8,576.69.
- Please continue to push membership so TRES' PTA-funded programs and events can continue
- Upcoming expenditures - School Directory and Talent Show
- Ongoing expenditures – Academic Enrichment, Classroom Enrichment, Health & Wellness and Hospitality
- Emphasized reimbursement process. All reimbursement requests must be delivered w/ their original receipt or invoice before reimbursement can be processed. No receipt = No reimbursement.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** – Dr. Tiffany Tresler, TRES Principal

- TRES was very happy to partner w/ the PTA for a very successful 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration / Retriever Rally held on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff Updates:
  - Jill Hilbert (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher) will be returning October 22<sup>nd</sup>!
  - Mike Doran (Katie Higgins' intern from last year) has been selected to fill the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade vacancy position.
  - Upcoming events / initiatives:
  - Dandelion Night – October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm (school fundraiser and community building opportunity)
  - Veteran's Day Ceremony – Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Parents are encouraged to attend this very special event – very nice way to start off the day. Active duty and veteran family members are invited to participate (and are encouraged to come in uniform). TRES will be accepting donations (cash and checks) toward a Veterans' organization. Additional information will be relayed via the next Retriever Report.
  - Yearbook Art Contest – Theme is "20 'Pawsome' Years" ☺
  - Encourage kids to sit w/ someone new

- Outreach:
  - Elephants and Bees – Kids are excited. Dr. Tresler will be sharing the below link to a Power Point presentation that provides more information on this wonderful outreach project:  
<https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/86946/pages/elephant-and-bees-fundrasier>
  - 2018 Coat Drive (Collection Dates October 8<sup>th</sup> – October 19<sup>th</sup>)
  - Upcoming: Change Matters

#### **PTACHC MEETING REPORT – Jianning Zeng and Nicole Koonce, Delegates**

- See attached notes provided by Dayton Oaks Elementary School PTACHC Representative
- Highlights:
  - PTA Survey – Approximately 120 people have responded so far; encouraged any who have not taken survey to do so. Will put a link to the survey on the TRES PTA website.
  - Several volunteer opportunities are still available. Go to the PTACHC website ([www.ptachc.org](http://www.ptachc.org)) for information on the available opportunities.
  - Meeting on 9/20 for the High School overcrowding issue. Removed 3 options. Made add'l progress. See summary on website. Did not approve motion to explore redistricting options for SY 2019.
  - Posted 2019/2020 Proposed Academic Calendar
  - JumpStart Program was explained and discussed with questions answered by Dr. Caroline Walker. Go to [www.hcpss.org/jumpstart](http://www.hcpss.org/jumpstart) for more information.
  - BOE rep, Christina Delmont Small discussed o/crowding. Public hearing on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Encouraged people to vote.
  - Provided an introduction to the history and current state of APFO and why it matters to us. Go to [www.ptachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/APFO-Basics-Oct.-1.pdf](http://www.ptachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/APFO-Basics-Oct.-1.pdf) for more information.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Box Tops – Allura Slater**

- As of today, approximately 4000 Box Tops (\$400 worth) have been counted towards the Fall 2018 Box Tops submission.
- The class that brings in the most Box Tops by Friday, October 12th will receive an extra recess with Dr. Tresler.

#### **Community Outreach – Mandy Webb & Dianne Egrie**

- Elephants and Bees:
  - Check out the Power Point presentation that provides more information on this wonderful outreach project:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bliyqYdyMK2LZhpmwJfYoRRIQBaVfvAx/view>
  - Donation Link: <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/tres-eb>
  - TRES hopes to raise \$5500 to provide a community in Africa w/ a 1.25 acre beehive fence, fence maintenance, honey, safety for elephants and more!
- Coat Drive: Runs until October 19<sup>th</sup>. Donate items even if you think they are not up to par. Taking all sorts of items, including coats, gloves, jackets and hats *in all sizes!*

**Cultural Arts** – Leslie Toussaint

- Cultural Arts Assemblies dates have been selected:
  - Friday, November 16, 2018: Skher Brown and the Dancing Warriors Ensemble.
  - January 29, 2019: Shakespeare for the Young to perform "The Tiniest Tempest" at our January 29th assembly.
  - March 22, 2019: Trying to find a vendor to provide a STEM-themed program. Board suggested reaching out to Meteorologist, Justin Berk. All other suggestions are welcome!
  - Registered to attend the HoCo Arts Council's Cultural Arts Showcase on Friday, October 12 to get ideas for future assemblies.

**Family Socials – Retriever Rally** Julie Patrone & Rachel Jean Baptiste

- Retriever Rally 2018 / 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was a great success! Everyone had a wonderful time!

**Fifth Grade Activities** – Cathie Boarman & Joanna Werner

- Booked buses and location (Cedar Lane Park)

**Health & Wellness** – Francoise Jakobsson

- 1<sup>st</sup> Walking Wednesday held today (2<sup>nd</sup> graders got rained out)

**Hospitality** – Jennifer Jacobs

- Provided hospitality items for Back to School Nights and cupcakes for the Retriever Rally.

**International Night** – Jeannette Balciunas & Miranda Butzlaff

- Date set for March 15<sup>th</sup>. Will hold a committee meeting in December to go over a plan and solicit event ideas. Committee will start formal planning in January.

**Membership** – Sarangi Parikh

- Membership numbers are low compared to this time last year:
  - Family Memberships: 134
  - Individual Memberships: 27
  - Staff Memberships: 29
- Will post member names on TRES website and continue to spread the word that members will receive a copy of the TRES directory if they sign up by Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Memory Book** – Chrissie Lazaris

- First meeting w/ Strawbrigde. Signed contract last week. Will be set up similarly to last year. Now have the ability to include a placeholder for activities held in March or April and can submit during final walk-through w/ Dr. Tresler. Placeholder will be put in for Retriever Run. Set up special Gmail account for 5<sup>th</sup> grade baby pictures. Hope to have first volunteer committee meeting by next PTA meeting. Just will need photos. Dr. Tresler will send link w/ some pictures. iPhone pics can be submitted, but may be rejected based on quality. Deadline for hardcopy is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Retriever Run – Theresa Cassino & Theresa Riley**

- First committee meeting was held on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. Interested parents are welcome to join so please contact Theresa Cassino ([tcassion@gmail.com](mailto:tcassion@gmail.com)) if you are interested in serving on the committee.
- Meeting Highlights:
  - We still do not have approval from the county police for our permit or confirmation on the date.
  - We still need volunteers to lead various areas (Obtaining race sponsors, soliciting donations, race-day volunteer coordinator, arranging race timing, start/finish line DJ/announcer)
  - We are planning a pre-race dinner/packet pickup night at Grotto's in Columbia for May 2 (Thursday before race). Grotto's will do this as a fundraiser for PTA so a portion (20%) of the proceeds will go to the PTA plus it should be a fun family night. We also plan to have Kona Ice or Carmens on site for post-race treats and these organizations will donate a portion of funds to the PTA. (We will also have packet pickup at the school on Friday).
  - We will be opening registration in January 2019 to try to catch people with New Year's resolutions. This is a great goal race! We will also be offering a virtual option this year for those who can't make the date and encouraging posting on social media when they do the virtual Retriever Run (we still need a good hashtag).
  - We would like to continue the TRES 20th anniversary celebration at the Retriever Run and will be trying to invite alumni and the community.
  - We are looking for connections at Under Armor to contact them about possibly donating shirts or getting discounted shirts for the race. If anyone knows someone who works there please let us know!
  - We want as much connection to the school community as possible. We will be reaching out to teachers about how we can do this. Some ideas: teaching running stretches in gym, making posters in art class, having student musicians/singers perform the national anthem at the start.
  - Race Sponsors: If anyone has a connection to a local business that might want to be a sponsor for our race please let us know. We also would like to get a good description of what the PTA will use the funds raised for so we can help encourage sponsors/donors.
  - The Ulman Cancer Fund has 2 timing clocks they are willing to loan us as well as a start/finish arch.

### **Spirit Wear – Jen Levy**

- Changing things up this year by providing an online store. Store will be open on-line through the end of school year. Ship as you order. Twice a year will have free shipping. Otherwise shipping is \$7.00. Can pick out 12 different designs and can see how design will go on the item you selected. Hopefully up and running in 3 weeks. Will publicize. Tons of 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary shirts left over. Will be setting those up as well as other left-overs at live events.

### **Staff Appreciation – Jaime Luse & Andrew Jacques**

- October is Bus Driver Appreciation Month. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, TRES bus drivers each received a gift bag with a \$5.00 Dunkin Donuts gift card from the PTA
- Underbudget by about \$20.
- Will provide dinner for teachers and staff on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> during Parent / Teacher Conferences.

**Student Directory** - Joanna Werner

- Hopefully to printer by October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Talent Show** – Jeannette Balciunas

- Registration is closed. 53 Acts (42 Solo, 10 Group, 1 Staff)
- Auditions next week (October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>). Using Sign-up genius to schedule time slots.
- Collecting musick for vocal and dance acts.
- New email account: [TREStalentshow@gmail.com](mailto:TREStalentshow@gmail.com)
- Need volunteers to assist with Monday auditions from 3:30 – 6:00 pm.

**Volunteer / Room Parent Coordinator** – Stephanie Rea

- Working on gifts of gratitude program.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mrs. Haag informed the group of the “Fix the Fund” (Question 1) on the November voting ballot. Educators are urging voters to vote “yes” to ensure that casino revenues go to increasing public school funding. See <http://www.fixthefundmd.org/> for more information.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Kennedy, Secretary

## **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

### **BOARD**

Kathy Broadbent  
China Williams  
Erica Haycock  
Victoria Budich  
Jennifer Kennedy  
Nicole Koonce  
Mandy Webb  
Leslie Toussaint  
Julia Patrone  
Jeannette Balciunas  
Chrissie Lazaris  
Theresa Cassino  
Jen Levy  
Andrea Jacques

### **TRES**

Tiffany Tresler  
Heather Moraff  
Kelly Haag

### **GUESTS**

Minh Duong  
Tam Vo  
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