GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2019

- **Call to order 8:06 AM**

- **Principal - Mr. Dave Wheat**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will takeover the HISD Board of Trustees starting in January and will replace them with a Board of Managers (BOM). Applications are being accepted for BOM positions. There are four community meetings announced to seek input from the community. Voting on Election Day at Lanier was held in a T-building for the first time and it was a safer improvement for students because the front desk cannot check IDs of voters. Mr. Wheat reminded parents that the 6 week grading period ends today. Reminder about failing grades: students have a reasonable opportunity to bring grades up to passing such as doing corrections, new test, etc. Lanier is still searching for a certified technology teacher. There is an investigation of a faculty member that is being handled by the HISD central office. Discussion was had as to how the absence is being managed with substitutes.

- **President – Dr. Arturo Perez**

UIL Academics need parent support, show up and help since they don't have a booster club. There is especially a need for parents to serve as judges. Ms. Rhymes is the school contact if you want to support. Parents spoke to the importance of this program and encouraged all students to join.

- **President-Elect: Jessy Morgenroth**

No report

- **Parliamentarian: Kim Dolibois**

Jennifer Gribble was introduced as the Lanier PTO Secretary candidate. Nichola Welch motioned to approve the nomination, Katerina Kourentzi seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Dolibois explained that the PTO Executive board had voted to remove the line in the PTO by-laws that is redundant about the school's Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMBC) but the general body must also approve. Melissa Marschall motioned to remove the redundancy. Pam Paré seconded the motion. Motion passed with one abstention. A reminder was made that anyone is welcome to attend the SDMC meetings. Please contact Principal Wheat if you would like more information about the SDMC.

- **Secretary: Jennifer Gribble**

No report

- **Treasurer: Kellye Helleck**

Ms. Helleck shared the financial status the Lanier PTO. Variances were noted and discussed.

- **VP Volunteers: Pam Paré**

Dad's Club/Lanier Padres is starting up. Let Ms. Paré know if you want to be added to the email distribution list. The International Peace Festival is coming and volunteers are needed. As always, contact Pam Paré if you want to serve at Lanier.

- **VP Social Events: Adrienne Murry**

The PTO hosted a successful parent teacher social event. Thank you to all that were able to attend and visit with our awesome staff! Teacher appreciation lunches continue each month. There is always a need gift cards to give to teachers for these. We have added a "donate money" online option for those parents that are unable to give gift cards, bring a dessert, or serve the meal. Please consider giving each month.

- **VP Fundraising: Afsheen Davis**

Ms. Davis announced that the Lanier PTO corporate sponsorship program is being finalized and will be seeking sponsors very soon. Contact her if you know a business that would like to support our school. The Commitment to Excellence fundraiser campaign raised approximately $67,000. Thank you to all that donated to our biggest fundraiser of the year. Party With A Purpose (PWAP) will be held in April 2020 and Chris Snyder is chair. Please let him or Pam Paré, VP Volunteers, know if you want to serve on the PWAP team.

- **VP Financial Support: Candace Day**

The audit committee is being formed but we need a few more volunteers. Please let Ms. Day or Pam Paré, VP Volunteers, know if you want to serve.

- **VP Communications: Rebekah El-Hakam**

Sunday night is now the Purple Page distribution day, thanks to new volunteer Diana. Ms. El-Hakam reports that there are some website issues that she needs tech support with. Let her know if you can assist.

- **HISD Liaison: Melissa Marschall**

Ms. Marschall recapped the November 5, 2019 HISD Trustee election results and reminded folks to vote in the runoff in December. Ms. Marschall also discussed the impact of the takeover of the HISD Trustee board.

- **Discussions/Questions/Concerns**

- Rebekah El-Hakam motioned to adjourn. Adrienne Murry seconded. **Meeting adjourned** at 9:03 AM.