



TJ PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

05/26/2022 at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Attendees:

Executive Committees: President Yvette Rivers, First Vice President Li Yang, Second Vice President Jun Wang, Treasurer Neelam Janardhan, Corresponding Secretary Hanning Chen, Secretary Laura Marschoun. Committee Chairs: Academic Support Committee Haiyan Richter, College Outreach Committee Parvathi Rachakonda, and Diversity Committee Michele Hyde.

Others: Parliamentarian Mr. Steven Berke.

Other TJPTSA Members (~54)

Location: In-person meeting at TJ Cafeteria

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Welcome: Yvette Rivers
- II. Agenda Adoption: Yvette Rivers
- III. Approval of 4/21 GM Meeting Minutes (3 mins)
- IV. SGA Report: Leon Jia / Rushil Umaretiya (15 mins)
- V. Treasurer's Report: Nell Janardhan (5 mins)
- VI. Proposed Budget Revision (5 mins)
- VII. Committee Announcements (5 mins)
- VIII. Officer Election (60 mins)
 - A. Adopting rules
 - B. Nomination of candidates
 1. Nominating committee slate
 2. Nominations from the floor
 - C. Candidate statements
 - D. Balloting
 1. Voice vote for uncontested offices
 2. First ballot for contested offices
 3. Second ballot (if necessary)
- IX. New Business (5 mins)
- X. Adjournment

Call Meeting to Order

- A quorum was determined to be present and the president called the meeting to order (@7:00).
- The president noted the presence of Parliamentarian, Steven Berke, and that it was the last General Membership meeting of the year and that elections would be held.
- She, on behalf of the board, thanked the TJ Parents and Volunteers for all the help this year.
- The president reminded the assembly of the meeting rules:

- Please be respectful and courteous at all times. This includes refraining from any kind of insults.
- Raise your hand to request to be recognized. Please do NOT interrupt our presenters.
- Only speak when the chair recognizes you.

Agenda Adoption

- The proposed agenda has been sent out and published on the website a few days prior.
- The First VP moved to approve the proposed agenda and was seconded by the Second VP.
- The Secretary moved to limit debate on the agenda to five minutes and was seconded by the Corresponding Secretary.
- This motion was not debatable. The chair raised the motion to the general membership. By a show of voting cards provided to members upon sign-in, the motion to limit debate on the agenda to five minutes passed.
- The president opened the floor for discussion of the proposed agenda. Ms. Sawant moved to prohibit any video recording of the meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Monaco. Discussion was held and the president called for a vote. 27 members voted in favor of the motion, 15 voted against. The motion to prohibit any video recording of the meeting passed.
- As there was no further discussion, the president asked the assembly to vote for the main motion. By a show of voting cards, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of 3/24 GM Meeting Minutes

- The draft minutes were sent out via email and have been available on the website. Since the minutes had been distributed in advance and there was no objection, the minutes were not read aloud during the meeting
- As there were no corrections to the 2022-04-21 TJ PTSA GM Meeting Minutes, the minutes were approved as presented.

SGA Report - Lion Jia

- SGA outgoing-president presented the year-end SGA [report](#).
- SGA Focus of the year: Bringing our community back together; Making SGA the best possible; Reviving school spirit; and Steering into a new future of TJ
- This year's challenges: Began the year with no sponsors; No experience with how SGA functioned in-person; SGA had to work time and time again to reinvent and really build from the ground up.
- Recap of SGA Events and Programming:
 - TowardTJ (Summer): received enormous support from TJ community, teachers, students.
 - Freshmen Welcome Events: Scavenger Hunts and Orientation
 - Homecoming (Fall): The biggest event of the year, was adapted around lockdown regulations. Huge outpouring of school spirit.
 - Constitutional Changes: Conducted referendum for a new Historian position, new voting system - Ranked Choice and other internal restructuring.
 - Developed a roadmap document on how to do events, protocols for getting permissions, etc. which will be distributed in all the class councils and 8th period clubs.
 - Winter Bash: A new event for the SGA. Marked the start of a more meaningful relationship with the PTSA.
 - Ping Pong Tournament (Early Spring): another successful event.
 - Middle School Leadership Conference: Attended by middle schools across Fairfax, Loudoun, Arlington, and Prince Williams. Conducted different activities to build leadership skills.
 - Talent Show: record breaking for participation.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week

- Upcoming: J-Day: A big field day around the entire school, on June 3rd.
- TJ SGA participated in the Superintendent's Advisory Council (SAC)
 - Had discussions regarding TJ with the FCPS CIO and other organizations, like TJ Outreach.
- The SGA outgoing-president reflected on the past year that the SGA is proud of what they did, but regret that more could not be done.
- Due to unforeseen circumstances, the incoming SGA President, Rushil Umaretiya, could not attend the meeting. The outgoing president read the message from Rushil.
- PTSA president thanked Leon and the membership gave a standing ovation to applaud SGA efforts.

Treasurer's Report - Nell Janardhan

- Stated that the budget report showed the actuals as of May 16th compared to the budget adopted in the March 24th General Membership meeting. Report was sent out to members via email a few days prior for advance review.
- Currently, there is around \$90,000 in the bank between the PTSA and ANGP accounts. Stated that after the book is closed on Jun 30th, the projected bank balance would be around \$8,000 on the ANGP account and \$22-25,000 on the PTSA account, due to significant end of year expenses for ANGP.

Proposed Budget Revision- Nell Janardhan

- The treasurer moved to revise the income budget line item for the membership dues from \$24,000 to \$20,000 to account for the PayPal fees of \$4,000. There is no change on the overall bottom line. No second was needed.
- The president opened the floor for the discussion of the proposed budget revision. As there was no further discussion, the president asked the assembly to vote for the main motion. By a show of voting cards, the proposed budget revision was approved.

Committee Announcements

- The ANGP Committee, represented by the first VP, stated that there is still a significant need for parent volunteers to make the All Night Graduation Party for Class 2022, scheduled on Jun 4th 11 pm to Jun 5th 5 am, a safe and fun event for the Seniors.

Officer Election

- The president stated that since she and the secretary have been presented by the Nominating Committee as candidates for the elections, she can not serve as the presiding officer and the secretary can not serve as the secretary during the election.
- The first VP moved to have Mr. Steven Berke serve as the presiding officer for the election and it was seconded by the second VP. By a show of voting cards, the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Berke presided over the meeting.
- The treasurer moved to have Colleen Bucher serve as secretary pro tempore and it was seconded by the first VP. By a show of voting cards, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Adopting election rules**
 - Mr. Berke stated that the rules of the election have been sent to the membership prior to the meeting and he explained the protocol of reading of the Election Rules to the membership.
 - The secretary pro tem read aloud the election rules item by item. Mr. Berke opened the floor for discussion after each rule was read, of which there was none.
 - A vote was taken for the adoption of the proposed election rules and it was passed unanimously.
- The Nominating Committee Chair presented its slate of candidates:
 - President – Yvette Rivers
 - 1st VP of Programming and Events – Pratyush Nutalapati
 - 2nd VP of Membership and Fundraising – Yehong Zhou

- 3rd VP of Communications – Laura Marschoun
- Secretary – Qingying “Ally” Liu
- Treasurer – Neelam “Nell” Janardhan
- Mr. Berke asked for any further nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were made from the floor.
- Each of the candidates gave a statement.
- Mr. Berke thanked Ms. Chen-Richter, Mr. Chen, and Ms. Hyde for their willingness to serve as Chief Teller and Tellers if the needs had risen.
- A voice vote was held for each office.
- Results: The assembly voted for the following candidates for the Executive Committee of the TJ PTSA for 2022 - 2023.
 - President – Yvette Rivers
 - 1st VP of Programming and Events – Pratyush Nutalapati
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- Mr. Berke congratulated the newly elected officers and wished them well.

New Business

- The presiding officer asked if there was any additional business. There was none.

Adjournment

- The PTSA president moved to adjourn the meeting, was seconded and was passed.
- Meeting was adjourned @8:01 pm