



TJ PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

11/3/2022 at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Attendees:

Executive Committees: President Yvette Rivers, First VP of Programming and Events Pratyush Nutalapati, Second VP of Membership and Fundraising Yehong Zhou, Third VP of Communications Laura Marschoun, Treasurer Neelam Janardhan, Secretary Qingying Lu.

Committee Chairs: Academic Support Committee (ASC) Chair: Haiyan Richter; ANGP Committee Chair: Mary Alice Heretick; College Outreach Committee (COC) Chair: Parvathi Rachakonda; Diversity Committee (DC) Chair: Michele Hyde; Hospitality Committee (HC) Chair: Colleen Bucher; Health and Wellness Committee Chair: Renee Rodriguez

Others: SGA President Rushil Umaretiya

Other TJPTSA Members (65)

Location: Zoom Meeting

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Welcome: Yvette Rivers
- II. Agenda Adoption: Yvette Rivers
- III. Approval of 9/12/22 GM Meeting Minutes (5 mins)
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Nell Janardhan (10 mins)
- V. SGA Report: Rushil Umaretiya (10 mins)
- VI. Committee Reports (45 mins)
 - A. Academic Support - Haiyan Richter
 - B. ANGP/Senior Celebration - Mary Alice Heretick
 - C. College Outreach - Par Rachakonda
 - D. Diversity - Michele Hyde
 - E. Health and Wellness - Renee Rodriguez
 - F. Hospitality - Colleen Bucher
 - G. Committee Questions & Suggestions
- VII. Unfinished Business (5 mins)
- VIII. New Business and Announcements (5 mins)
- IX. Adjournment

Call Meeting to Order

- A quorum was determined to be present and the president called the meeting to order (@7:01).
- The president reminded the assembly of the meeting rules that were sent out in advance and highlighted a few of them:
 - Please be respectful and courteous at all times.
 - Use the Zoom function "Raise hand" to request to be recognized.
 - Only speak when she recognizes you.

Agenda Adoption

- The proposed agenda has been sent out and published on the website.
- The Third VP moved to approve the proposed agenda and was seconded by the Treasurer.
- The Third VP moved to limit debate on the agenda to ten minutes and was seconded by the Treasurer.
- By 98% votes in favor and 2% abstained, the motion to limit debate on the agenda to ten minutes passed.
- The president opened the floor for discussion of the proposed agenda.
- As there was no discussion, the president asked the assembly to vote for the main motion.
- With 96% votes in favor and 4% abstained, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of 9/12/22 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 2022-09-12 TJ PTSA GM Meeting Minutes, the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report - Nell Janardhan

- PTSA Revenue: 68% of revenue goal so far; exceeded membership dues goal; SAT/ACT fundraiser will be reflected in the next report
- Expense \$7,400 YTD against budget baseline of \$50,000
- Nell showed YTD expense break-out
- Members can reach out to Nell for questions

SGA Report - Rushil Umaretiya

- Homecoming recap – a blast; highest turnout in a decade; 700 tickets sold
- Winter Bash – 12/09; movie, Trivia, Dinner, etc.; look for parent volunteers
- Pride Flag - LGBTQ inclusive initiative
- End of semester town hall – opportunity for student representatives and teachers to discuss issues and concerns
- Food waste: ordering a new refrigerator
- Commons Redesign – give students opportunities to design commons

Committee Reports: Committee Chairs

- Academic Support - Haiyan Richter
 - Navigating TJ Kickoff (completed)
 - Coffee with Counselors on 12/2 (in-person)
 - Navigating TJ Math & Science Parent Panel on 1/19 (Virtual)
 - Counselor Appreciation Week (Feb 7 – 11)
 - Navigating TJ Humanities Parent Panel on 3/2 (Virtual)
 - AP Event early May

- Members: Partho Banerjee, Elaine Lin, Sharon Sidhu, Lilie Wang
- ANGP/Senior Celebration - Mary Alice Heretick
 - To be held for whole night on 6/10/23
 - Cleanups this weekend; more info on PTSA website
 - Call for volunteers
 - Subcommittees: food, decoration, fund-raising etc.
 - Identifying subcommittee chairs
 - ANGP kickoff meeting in Jan. 2023
- College Outreach - Par Rachakonda
 - Co-chair: Julia
 - 230 parents participated in the alumni and parent panel
 - More panels by alumni and parents in Jan, March, and June
 - Financial aid: FCPS resources; Gather info from other schools in the area
- Diversity - Michele Hyde
 - Hosted Hispanic Heritage Month celebration
 - Hosted Diwali celebration
 - Recruiting planning volunteers for future celebrations
- Health and Wellness - Renee Rodriguez
 - Co-chair: Deborah Bagocius
 - Support two student led groups through funding and parent volunteering
 - Minds Matter: Stress Less Laugh More Week
 - TJ Mental Health Coalition
 - Monthly visit by therapy dogs
 - Annual Mardi Gras party
 - Events for teachers: Chili Cookout
 - Events for parents: held 9th grade book club
- Hospitality - Colleen Bucher
 - Thanksgiving Luncheon – thanksgiving from around the world; call for food donation from parents using signup genius
 - Call for holiday gift card donations for teachers
 - Valentine’s Day
 - Teacher appreciation week – call for food donations for luncheon
- Virtual Coffee with Principal on 11/11
 - Questions can be sent to PTSA anonymously
 - Main take-aways will be shared
- Committee Questions & Suggestions
 - A 2026 parent commented that she didn’t receive the news on Hispanic event until the day of the event. The Diversity Committee chair noted that the event was very close to the start of the school year and the PTSA didn’t get the distribution list for 2026 before the event. Will look into how to better distribute the information in future years.
 - Question: How will the \$1,500 in marketing be used? Answer: there’s not a plan for this yet.

- Question: Is ANGP only for seniors. Answer: it's only for seniors. Requires volunteers from all classes. Great opportunity for under class parents to learn.
- Question: Will Diversity Committee host Black History month and Asian Pacific Islander Month? Answer: yes for Black History Month and no for Asian Pacific Islander Month since we will celebrate Lunar New Year.
- Question: Is there a date for Cherry Blossom? Answer: No. The original date conflicts with a competition Japanese teacher and students will participate in.

Unfinished Business

- N/A

New Business and Announcements

- Meeting attendees are encouraged to join PTSA.
- Free tutoring service offered by FCPS: tutor.com

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned @8:21 pm

Minutes Prepared by Qingying (Ally) Lu, TJHSST PTSA Secretary.

Minutes Approved as X Presented or Amended on January 12, 2023