

Special Board Meeting

1/30/19

In Attendance:

Mo, Nadia, Andrea, Lanie, Shannon, Robin, Jeff, Mark, Courtney, Amanda

[Side Note: Can we provide some money for Zander? There are multiple funding sources but we'd like to give him \$250 toward his expenses. We all agree this is important donation for us to make and we will promote his GoFundMe.]

Mo calls the meeting to order.

We all saw response of people in the general meeting and the parent email. Mo got clarification on the vote. Whatever happens, we will report to the General Body at the next meeting and we will maintain full transparency. Concerned that our good work has come to this and that our reputation is currently tarnished by the belief that we have a dysfunctional PTSA. Danser asked if we would postpone tonight's vote and Mo said no, but that he could come or send a representative because she did not want to override our (the board's) decision to vote tonight. Mo noted that we should be aware of the repair we need to do now and that this vote will have a huge impact on how we move forward with that repair. She invited Mark here tonight as our new parliamentarian, not to throw something new at us, but because he has experience in managing people and has already made positive suggestions, including that we limit comments to a certain time frame (perhaps 3 minutes) so we can keep our meetings purposeful.

Andrea – notes that the benefit of having Priscilla involved is that she's been in many different PTAs when things fall apart, yet we didn't follow her suggestions. We should take her advice more seriously next time. When she's giving her expertise, we should take advantage of her experience.

Lanie – has spoken with Isis, the other candidate for treasurer. They had a good, productive conversation. With Isis's background and experience with regulatory compliance and willingness to follow our by-laws, Lanie is withdrawing her name and giving Isis her full support. Lanie would like to be the one to introduce her at the Feb 8 meeting. She had invited Isis to come tonight to meet everyone, hear the time frame for the audit, and to schedule the bank visit but Isis was unavailable to make it tonight due to a work commitment.

Lanie makes motion to vote for Isis for treasurer, Amanda seconds it.

Mo – calls for vote. Motion carries unanimously. Isis is our new treasurer.

Andrea – audit – we need to vote on the committee before we can go forward with the required special audit. Andrea has volunteered to work on this audit. Myron Polster (Robin's husband) has also volunteered. Andrea reached out to Christine Hall, but at the time of this meeting, she has not yet confirmed so we need an alternate. Anise may be a good option, but Andrea has suggested Shannon. Shannon notes that she doesn't have a financial background but she's good with paperwork and keeps spreadsheets (as does Myron).

Lanie makes motion for Andrea, Myron, and Christine to serve on the audit committee, with Shannon as the alternate. Seconded by Nadia. Mo calls for vote – approved unanimously.

Andrea also notes that we need to figure out when we (Angela, Mo, Isis, and Courtney) can all meet at the bank to change the check signatories. Angela is available Feb 7 or 8 in the morning. Mo is available on the 7th or 14th. We need to reach out to Isis. Mo will call to let her know she was voted in and ask her about those dates. *See note below.**

I (Courtney) speak to our positive attitude this evening and express my hope that we can continue to move forward with this same attitude. I also suggest that we take any additional interpersonal concerns out of our board meetings in order to maintain our productivity.

Robin notes her concern that apologies are in order and that she (like Mo) has received concerned emails from the general body. I suggest that it may be best if we showed our unity rather than making a mea culpa.

Andrea makes a motion to ensure that Nadia can be reimbursed during the audit, Mo seconds it and calls for vote. Motion is unanimously approved.

*Not 100% sure that Angela has to be there at the bank for change to check signatures – when Mo went, the former president didn't need to be there. Mo just needed the minutes showing that she was voted president. Due to the three-day requirement, we will have a brief phone meeting of the board on Saturday to approve the minutes so that Mo and Isis can go to the bank.

Andrea makes a motion to amend the budget to give Zander \$250, Lanie (and Jeff) seconds it. Mo calls for vote- unanimously approved.

Andrea makes motion to adjourn, Nadia seconded. Mo adjourns the meeting at 6:38pm.