

# PTA MINUTES

Maury Elementary PTA, 600 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22301

*Date | time* November 5, 2018 @ 6:15 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Emily Carlsen, President

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## In Attendance

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Emily Carlsen, Victor Powell, Lara Press, Andrea Klores, Jen Henel, Kris Schulz, and PTA Members, Parents, and Guardians

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## Approval of Minutes

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- October minutes will be approved at the December meeting.

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## President's Report

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- Spirit Wear will be delivered this week.
- Bake Sale canceled due to rain, will be rescheduled.
- A draft plan to implement the recommendations from an assessment of programs throughout the ACPS systems is available for review on the School Board website. Open Forums will be held 11/13-14.
- The annual Kindergarten concert at Barnes & Noble event will be Saturday, 12/8 at 11am. Shop at B&N any time that day and mention Maury, and a portion of the sale will go to the PTA.
- The next Maury Dine Out is at Nando's Peri Peri on 12/5 from 5-8 pm.
- Special Service Teachers, Ambyr Hinton and Nicole Kertyzak, presented on how to encourage our children to accept and respect that all students have different learning styles and related resources. The presentation is available for review.

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## Principal's Report

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- Parent-teacher conferences are coming up.
- Ms. Hess presented on ALICE training ([alicetraining.com](http://alicetraining.com)). All Maury staff training will receive practical training under the supervision of the ACPS central office on Thursday, November 8. Mr. Powell will provide details in the newsletter about the student training that will begin on November 19.

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## President Elect's Report

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- Maury will celebrate and honor Veterans Day this Friday, 11/9. If you are a Veteran or know a Veteran who'd like to be part of the morning activities, please email Josie Beets ([josie.beets@gmail.com](mailto:josie.beets@gmail.com)) for more info.

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## VP Communications Report

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- Today is the first attempt at using Facebook Live for PTA meetings. "Like" the video so the PTA can track users.
- The PTA calendar is synced with the ACPS calendar. It's a great resource that can be imported into personal (electronic) calendars. Parents and guardians can also sign up for text reminders.

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## VP Programs

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- The enrichment programs session is halfway through. Requested feedback for spring session. The spring enrichment program schedule will be released in early January.
- Seeking one more volunteer to join the Garden Committee.
- Jean Kim is the contact for anyone interested in Odyssey of the Mind.
- The Book Fair raised \$1,100.
- Maury will have a Del Ray Turkey Trot team running on Thanksgiving.
- Watch DOGS kicked off in September and have 20 dates committed.
- Art to Remember – Don't forget to place your order by 11/9. If you have problems/questions, or your form went missing, please email Melissa at: [melissaschultzbenett@yahoo.com](mailto:melissaschultzbenett@yahoo.com).

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## Secretary's Report

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- Sixteen teachers joined the PTA this year. Three received gift cards in the drawing.

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## Treasurer's Report

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- If you use Amazon, sign up for AmazonSmile and designate Maury PTA as your Amazon charity.

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## VP of Fundraising Report

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- The Maury Gala raised nearly \$44,000, and a few sign-on parties and Top Golf with Mr. Powell are still available. Thanks to all volunteers for their help.
- The Grants Committee provided an update on the Running Brook grant, which will support the construction of a safe play space and fence, hopefully before Thanksgiving. Several more grants are under development and will be submitted very soon.

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## Next Meeting

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The next PTA meeting will be held on December 10, 2018 @ 6:15 PM.

The meeting ended at 7:30 pm.