

Area I Gwinnett County Council of PTAs



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## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Area 1 Council General Meeting**

Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 6:30 pm

**Britt Elementary School, 2503 Skyland Drive Snellville, GA 30078**

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 pm. Angela Banks-Spain established a quorum was met per council bylaws (at least 11 PTA/PTSAs local unit council representatives).

13 schools were represented (*Anderson-Livsey, Annistown Elementary, Arcado Elementary, Britt Elementary, Brookwood Elementary, Brookwood High, Centerville Elementary, Camp Creek Elementary, Nesbit Elementary, Norton Elementary, Nesbit Elementary, Shiloh Elementary, Shiloh Middle*).

Britt Elementary PTA Board and Principal Melissa Madsen introduced themselves. Area 1 Council thanked them for hosting the event.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The audience collectively recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Wytaria Henley did a special acknowledgement of guest presenters **Tynettia Elrod** (GA Parent Teacher Association, Legislative Chair) and **Taiwannika Walker** (District 12, Secretary/Treasurer)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Secretary Report**

The secretary report was presented from the School of Information Meeting (08/30/16, Brookwood Elementary). There was both a motion and second motion to accept the minutes as read.

#### **Treasurer Report**

The current treasurer report was presented. It was approved and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was made to accept as presented.

Current Balance (on hand): \$10,513.72.

Expenses (11/0/16-01/10/17): \$1,729.13

Income (11/9/16-01/10/17): \$1, 541.08

#### **Committee Reports**

**Youth Services:** Vice President, Evelyn Shelton, gave a report on the "Giving Back" Initiative. FEMA grant funds were used to support this effort. Its purpose was to actively involve Area 1 elementary, middle and high school students in the work of our Council through volunteerism within the community of Gwinnett County and Metro Atlanta.

Socks of love: Volunteers made 100 toiletry bags. 50 were given away to the homeless and 50 given to a Gwinnett county homeless women and children Shelter. Evelyn mentioned there are a few remaining funds to support local area schools.

Anderson Livsey mentioned they had a parent at their school that lost their home to fire. Arcado mentioned the nurse at their school clinic needed underwear/athletic shoes.

Both schools were encouraged to provide additional detail to Area 1 via email ([secretaryforare1@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryforare1@gmail.com)). Upon receipt of information, Evelyn will reach out to the local unit to discuss next steps.

**Reflections Program:** Reflections Chair, Shantelle Grace, gave an update on the Area 1 Reflections Exhibit that took place 11/13/16 at Parkview High School. 100 entries moved on to the State of Georgia Exhibition. For a complete breakdown of Placement Report, please visit our website at [www.area1gwinnettpta.org](http://www.area1gwinnettpta.org). Visual arts and photography entries that did not move to State are on exhibit at Snellville City Hall until April 6, 2017. The address is 2342 Oak Road SW Snellville, GA 30078.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**By Laws Amendment:** The by-law amendment was presented during the School of Information meeting on August 30, 2016. The purpose of the amendment is to amend the term of elected officers from 1 year to 2 years. This is in alignment with both the District and State terms.

A copy of the bylaws were shared during the meeting. A 2/3 vote of those present voted to amend the bylaws. Per Leadership Resource guide, the amendment becomes effective upon receipt of approval from Georgia PTA. The Bylaws Amendment form was prepared and submitted to Georgia PTA via US mail on January 11, 2017.

**2017 Nominating Committee:** Representatives from 3 local units volunteered to serve on the committee. They were Nesbit Elementary (Virginia), Britt Elementary and Shantelle Grace. A brief overview of their roles and time commitment was discussed. The Call for nominations deadline is April 15, 2017. Information will be posted on the website. All local units were encouraged to nominate stellar leaders from their school.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** The date has been confirmed. The 2016-2017 End of the Year dinner will be held May 2, 2017. A request for space has been submitted to Shiloh High School. We are awaiting confirmation from Community School Director, Dr. Pope.

**Calendar of Events:** Area 1 Council presented a calendar of events for the period of January-May 2017.

**Benefits of PTA Membership:** Membership recruitment was actively encouraged/promoted. Membership is vital to promoting the mission of every child one voice. Other membership perks includes partnerships with Papa Johns', Staples, Coldwell Banker and other national partnerships such as Magical Memories and Walt Disney World Parks.

**Guest Presentation:** Tynettia Elrod, Legislative Chair, Georgia PTA presented on 2 topics: Opportunity School District-What's Next? And Good Standing, What does it mean?.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Minutes prepared by Angela Banks-Spain.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wyfaria Henley  
Wyfaria Henley, President-Print Name

Angela Banks-Spain  
Angela Banks-Spain, Treasurer-Print Name

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