



**MVCS PTA General Membership Meeting  
February 15, 2022  
Zoom**

**Welcome and check-in/Reflections Art - Megan Reing**

Megan welcomed everyone to the meeting while the Reflections art entries played in the background.

**PTA Updates - Megan Reing**

- Plastic film recycling is still happening through April. There are 3 collection bins in the schools. We collected 59 pounds in January and the goal for February is 100 lbs.
- Big Flea is on – we had drop on Saturday. Feb 26, March 19 and April 2 are the other drops- from 10 am to 2 pm on the corner of Mt. Vernon and Hume Ave. Actual Big Flea is on April 30.
- Two specific volunteer needs: Blessings in a backpack – puts together two-days worth of meals and snacks for over 100 kids each week during the school year. 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation celebration planning committee – picnic and graduation.

**Reflections Art Winners – Sarah Amesbury**

Sarah ran through our MVCS and city-wide Reflections Art Winners - congratulations to all of our winners!

**The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria (SFA) - Rosie Wiedemer**

- The SFA is a local nonprofit based in Alexandria City HS. Mission is to help send all kids to college, especially those with financial needs. They start in middle schools talking to kids about the fact that if going to college is for you, then you have the choice and we will help you get there. Finding schools, scholarships, high school classes that count for college credit, and offering financial resources. All money raised by SFA goes to those

with financial needs – and goes up to \$3000 a year for 4 years. Last year awarded over a million dollars in new and continuing funds.

- If you don't have a kid in high school or work at the high school and are interested in reading weekend, March 11-13, please volunteer. Receiving scholarship applications and each have to be read by 3 community members. Last year had 300 applications, so 900 reads. One to two hours commitment. Could use some volunteers so if you are interested please contact Rosie at [rosie.wiedemer@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:rosie.wiedemer@acps.k12.va.us).
- The gala is coming up and not same weekend as Big Flea as in year's past – this year it's April 23. Rosie can provide more information about the gala. Fun fundraiser – biggest black tie in Alexandria and in-person for first time in two years. Email her for more information if you are interested in attending.
- Honor a teacher program – pick a teacher, staff member you really love and you can have a party in their honor. Rosie helps with organizational part of that and people donate to attend. When the party raises \$3,000, a scholarship is created in the teacher's name and the honoree teacher is invited to hand out the scholarship during the award ceremony to a T.C. Titan with financial need.

### **Financial Report – Patrick Smith**

Over \$87,000 in bank, a few outstanding checks will bring that down.

Spent \$54,438

Receipts \$52,863

- Most spending PTAC donation, ALIVE! Donation, Alexandria Tutoring Consortium Donation and teacher supplies. PTAC donations help other PTAs that are getting off the ground, and ALIVE! is the blessings in a backpack program.
- Donations: mainly \$500 from Toyota.
- Vote: Increase program budget from 3500 to 6500 – less than 500 remaining and several events where funding is needed are coming up in the Spring. Kelly Chmielewski motioned to approve, Dana Colarulli seconded. No objections.

### **School Testing Data – Ms. Burrell/Ms. Annett Siminski**

*A few updates first:*

- Summer learning update by end of the month – hopefully not occurring at MVCS since need school for facilities.
- Tutoring and after school program: Tutoring after school for 5<sup>th</sup> graders focused just on science
- Ms. Burrell and Ms. Annett Siminski gave an overview of MVCS school testing data. Please see slides under February 2022 PTA meeting on the MVCS PTA web site for an overview of testing data and an example of teaching curriculum.