I. Call to Order:

The PTA held a December Meeting.

Met on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at Clemens Crossing Elementary School in the Media Center.

Dani, President, called the meeting to Order at 7:03 pm.

II. Roll Call:

Present

<u>Guests</u>:
**see attached attendance sheet,

Excused

Absent

III. Minutes:

- 1. Dani, President, presented the minutes of the November and December 2019 meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.
- 2. Christy Pine made a motion to approve the minutes, and Risa Carlson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. President's Report:

- 1. Dani, President,
 - a) Agenda on PTA website.
 - b) Directory available HCPSS family file.
 - c) Need nominating committee for next year's PTA committees. By February's meeting it should be finalized and voted on. We need three people for our Nominating Committee.
 - d) The current PTA president at Bryant Woods Elementary School reached out to Dani and invited our members that are transferring there next year to join them for their Magic Night. If you are interested ask for dates.
 - e) Will host a Meet and Greet at 6:30 pm for families transferring from Swansfield Elementary School.
 - f) Raised over \$1,200 for blessings in a backpack. Have extra backpacks. We will raffle off, most likely at the carnival.

V. Administrators' Report:

- 1. Mr. Cosentino, Principal,
 - a) Swansfield is having an information session for families coming. Bryant woods also having one on the same day.
 - b) Report cards come out in the beginning of February.
 - c) Math conferences are the 13 & 14th.
 - d) Kindergarten registration opens in March, dates are found in the cougar comments.
 - e) Will be out next week for mission in the Dominican Republic. Mission is through Lifetouch Memory Mission.
- 2. Mrs. Hurd, Assistant Principal,
 - a) Testing coming up for English language learners

VI. Treasurer's Report:

- 1. Dani, on behalf of Liz, Treasurer,
 - a) Can't be here, has standing commitment. Sent updated budget for all to see.
 - b) Book fair is not in there and there are some more numbers that need to be adjusted.
 - c) Please look over and ask question

VII. 1st Vice President's Report:

- 1. Christy, 1st Vice President,
 - a) Skate Night this Saturday, 4:30-6:30pm.
 - b) Need waivers in from parents ahead of time in order for kids to participate. And \$4 cash for rentals.
 - c) Need volunteer to help sign kids in.
 - d) Talked about doing bake sale for Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby. Derby is scheduled for Feb 5th at 6:30 p. (Snow date Feb 12th.) Proceeds will go to Swansfield amazon wish list.
 - e) Looking for volunteers Parent Partners

VIII. 2nd Vice President's Report:

- 1. Eileen "Lea", 2nd Vice President,
 - a) Mr. Fisher is in charge of the tutoring program. Each grade decides what is most beneficial for each grade. Times are from 3:55-4:55. All kids have been chosen. 4th grade letters went out today.

IX. PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) Report:

- 1. Karen, PTACHC Rep,
 - a) Meeting was long.
 - b) Had county council member and 2 board members
 - c) If you want to write to the county council they really like to hear from public.
 - d) Jen mallo: budget process is starting.
 - e) First public hearing for budget is:
 - f) First public meeting for county council is:

X. <u>Committee's Report:</u>

- 1. Christine, Paw Print Press,
 - a) Not here
 - b) Having a hard time getting started this year.
 - c) 3rd grade is started writing their drafts.
 - d) Lea, 4th grade should work out well because we just finished our memories.
- 2. Suzanne, International Night
 - a) Changed the date to March 13th, but still showing 12th on the calendar. International Night will be on Friday the 13th.
 - b) Right now we have a feature country, we have chosen Ireland. Reached out to local Irish dance group but they are going to donate a performance for 20 mins. Looking for something to fill the other half.

- c) Lookin into finding Irish story tellers.
- d) Will probably put out a sign up to host a table to represent a country. Sign up will probably come out in February. We would like to have it in the gym.
- 3. Suzanne, Cultural Arts,
 - a) Andes Manta, from Ecuador. Will be here on March 26th
 - b) Smithsonian Discovery Theatre, Science of Spring, April 20th
 - c) Still looking for a 3rd group.
- 4. Vanessa, School Play,
 - a) Already passed out 100 flyers for 4th and 5th grade. Will be printing 50 more to now open registration for 3rd grade.
- 5. Christina, Family Fit Night,
 - a) Pilates demo.
 - b) Reached out to Zumba instructor, we are looking to find someone to give a 30 min class.
 - c) We also have fitness trainers coming.
 - d) Looking to have health professionals there too.
- 6. Rachael, Staff Appreciation
 - a) Conference dinner is on Feb 13th at 5p.
 - b) Not catering this time, setting up sign up genius to donate food.
 - c) Will need help with set up and clean up.
- 7. Louise, Grants,
 - a) Traveling couldn't be here.
 - b) Selected for Horizon Mental Health grant for \$600 grant.
 - c) Last year grant allowed us to provide self calming kit for each grade level.
 - d) Mrs. Rogers showed children and teachers how to use them.
 - e) Jan 22 at 6pm we are required to send someone to attend.
- 8. Andrea, Awards,
 - a) Application for Mrs. Billingsley was sent.
- 9. Alex, Spring Carnival,
 - a) Hasn't started yet.
- 10. Vanessa, on behalf of Jennie, Restaurant Nights,
 - a) Modern Market approved, February 4th, from 5 8 pm.
 - b) Chick-fil-A, February 17th. Will receive 20% back ALL DAY
 - c) On the Border approved, March 18th, from 11am 10pm.
 - d) Mod Pizza approved, April 14th, 10:30am 10pm.
 - e) Jason's Deli approved, May 6th, from 5 10pm.
 - f) Chick-fil-A, May 26th.

XI. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

Vanessa Beltrán, Recording Secretary