



Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
August 18, 2021
Zoom Online Meeting

The executive board meeting of the Hanover County Council of PTAs was called to order on August 18, 2021 at 6:30p.m. via a Zoom online meeting. An online meeting was held due for safety concerns subsequent to the continued spread of the coronavirus COVID-19. A quorum was established.

Executive Board Members Present:

Katie Sprouse, President	Christina Whitehouse, VP of Communications and Membership Chair
Madison Metro, Treasurer	Ashley Owen, Secretary and CoE/Volunteer of the Year

Katie Sprouse welcomed all board members/chairs that were present. Katie ascertained with the executive board that a quorum was established.

Agenda

There were no recommended changes to the agenda.

Treasurer's Report (Madison Metro)

Madison Metro presented the Treasurer's report. The recent audit was approved by the HCC board and uploaded to VA PTA. The HCC will be using Money Minder this year as discussed at the previous HCC meeting.

Presidents Report (Katie Sprouse)

Katie described the Saturday August 7 Auditpalooza as successful with 6 PTA's attending.

Katie discussed her recent meeting with Hanover County Superintendent Dr. Gill and Assistant Superintendent of Community Engagement and Legislative Affairs.

At this time, the Hanover County Council will plan to hold meetings at different schools throughout Hanover County. If future COVID-19 safety protocols are established and prevent the use of schools, then the meetings will be held at libraries throughout Hanover County. A Zoom will also be available for attendees.

Katie addressed the recent dissolution of Liberty Middle School from the PTA made by a group of LMS parents. The Principal of LMS was unaware of this. Hanover County Council will offer support to the Principal and school to determine if PTA can be reinstated.

Currently the Hanover OWL School has a PTO, however the VA PTA will now allow online schools to have a PTA. Katie will address this with OWL administration and assist if there is interest in changing to a PTA.

The theme for the September HCC General Membership meeting will be "Back to Basics". School PTAs will be provided with information about the HCC, Awards including Certificate of Excellence, Volunteer of the Year and the National School of Excellence, the SOA/Bylaws Form, the Reflections program and answers to any questions.

Dr. Gill will be acknowledging the schools awarded with the VA PTA School of Excellence recognition at the September 14 School Board meeting. This is exciting because Hanover County had 10% of all of the School of Excellence recognitions in all of Virginia.

The VA PTA eliminated Power Plates and the Citizenship Essay and is developing "kits" for local PTAs.

Bylaws Report (Katie Sprouse)

The VA PTA has updated the required Bylaws for local units, creating a single page document with banks that must be filled in. The HCC executive board reviewed the changes and made updates to the Bylaws. The board discussed changing board terms from one year to two years. These will be presented to the General Membership at our next meeting.

Vice President of Communications and Membership Chair (Christina Whitehouse)

Christina sent an email out to local Presidents and Treasurers with information about National PTA Memberships, VA PTA Memberships, MemberHub tips, a SOA form reminder and Reflections information.

Certificate of Excellence/Volunteer of the Year (Ashley Owen): Ashley will provide an overview at the September General Membership Meeting of each Award and encourage local units to apply for each as well at the VA PTA School of Excellence Award.

Annual Banquet: The executive board discussed having local units decorate the centerpiece tables at the HCC banquet and having units vote on their favorite tables for a prize if the dinner can be held at the Hanover Center for Trades and Technology School.

Meeting adjourned 7:11 pm.