



**Newport Mill Middle School PTSA**  
**11311 Newport Mill Road**  
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NMMS PTSA Board Meeting  
September 8, 2020  
Agenda

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- Plans for passing a budget
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Welcome to the digital jungle!

### Intros

Rebekah Kuschmeider  
Ian Butteriss  
Monica Butteriss  
Anne Grey  
Kirstin Goldston  
Dan Rubin  
Alan Heymann  
Kristy Daphnis  
Gloria Carpenter  
Helen Papadopoulos  
Kris Punga

## Open positions

Will be announced in the next newsletter

Laura 6th grade VP cannot fulfill position so we will need to find someone else

Alan will do 6th grade VP if no one else will do it

Need to find a new 7th grade VP to replace Rebekah as she is moving to

President

Kristin will do 7th grade VP if no one else will do it

## Updating county and state PTA records about board

State and County Google forms will be sent by Rebekah

## Plans for passing a budget

### Status update

Anne working with Andrea G

Cannot vote but can propose it

Financials audited for last year

18000 in the bank account as of June 30

Bank statements being sent to NMMS

Reviewed budget from last year. Anne will draft a likely budget for this year and will adjust for the current situation.

Would be good to have a way to create broad categories for general fundraising in lieu of specific events to handle unexpected events. Kristin will help look into this as she has Andrea Gehman's notes.

Anne agreed to produce a draft budget by September 30

It is proposal we have a brief outdoor meeting in October to pass a budget

## Meetings

### Board meeting schedule for first quarter

Can't really have meetings, but can have 'convenings'

We should meet as a board the week before 'convenings'. No need for additional speakers other than maybe internal to answer questions and cut through the noise

### Membership meeting schedule for first quarter

and then have general Zoom meetings for questions for Ms Tsonis.

What we're allowed to do at meetings

Ideas for meetings

## Tiger Grants

Should continue to be a priority. We want teachers to be able to make the most of this opportunity.

Anne: We only used 2,000 of last year's 6,000 raised. We can help pay for online resources, subscriptions.

Rebekah will talk to Ms Tsonis.

The application process is a simple form.

Alan will check if the form is on the website.

## Communications

MemberHub/Listserv: We have the Listserv and now have Member Hub. The question is how do we NOT create more noise? Melissa Reichley should have logins for Alan.

Some people have had privacy concerns with Member Hub. MailChimp works and is robust, plus we are not close to the threshold to require paid service.

How do we convince families to be part of the PTSA?

> Money goes back into the school for assemblies, Tiger Grants, advocacy for the students and their needs. Community building and getting to know fellow parents. Usually we have speakers that can help with parenting/academic issues.

Spirit Wear: Link to spirit wear store in communications. Member Hub actually has a store built into it.

Is there Some way to have parents encourage kids to wear Newport gear? Not all the kids will wear NMMS gear. > Rebekah: Instastyle images posing in NMMS gear.

Rebkah: Monthly newsletter, with notes and links should go out the week before virtual meetings with dates, and what we can do. Registration link, spirit wear link.

Alan has control of the site, and can add what we need to the site

## Questions? Concerns?

Organize a School Spirit Day?: Gloria: Could we come up with some way to win a school spirit shirt/bookmark after meeting some kind of goal?

Rebekah: If we do this it needs to be well defined/well planned, but not with onerous planning. Sharing a photo? Raffle to win a hoodie, rather than a merit item? Also we should check with Jessica to ensure that we would not be doubling up effort with something the school is doing.

Restaurant Nights? Kristin: Do we want restaurant nights? Let's see if we can do takeout fundraisers since this will be an easy way to raise some funds. Restaurants may be keen for the business, but also may be hesitant if their profits are down.

Unique Thrift is available late fall. Let's see if we can do it. Kristin can check on rules, and where to do collection. It will be one day this time.