

## Delaware PTA Convention Meeting Minutes April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

At 8:45 AM, President Julie Alvarez welcomed attendees to the 109<sup>th</sup> Delaware PTA Annual Convention. The colors were presented by the DMA High School Army JROTC and the national anthem was performed by the HB Du Pont Middle School Chamber Choir. President Alvarez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Alvarez welcomed members and attendees and thanked the convention sponsors, The Kenny Family Foundation, Lifetouch, Allen Construction Services, and NASA. Julie also introduced the Delaware PTA Board of Directors, and National PTA service Representative, Jeffrey Corbett.

Jeffrey Corbett addressed attendees. Julie then introduced National PTA Nominating Leadership Recruitment Committee member, Melissa Nehrbass who also addressed attendees.

Julie Alvarez called the Delaware PTA business meeting session 1 to order at 9:16 AM and appointed Amanda Gonye as the convention secretary and Rose Acerra as the convention parliamentarian.

Amanda Gonye presented the morning credentials report and moved that the credentials report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Yvonne Johnson and was accepted unanimously.

- Registered Voting Delegates: 52
- Registered Non-voting Delegates: 3
- Guests: 19
- Exhibitors: 33
- Total Attendance: 107
- Number of Units Represented: 28
- Number of Regions Represented: 5

Amanda Gonye moved that the reading of the convention rules and agenda be suspended and that 2 minutes be provided for individual review. Yvonne Johnson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Attendees reviewed the convention rules and agenda and Julie Alvarez moved that the convention rules and agenda be adopted. Jen Wooten seconded the motion and the rules and agenda were adopted unanimously.

Julie Alvarez presented the minutes from the 2018 Annual Convention and gave attendees 2 minutes to review the minutes. Julie moved that the minutes be accepted and the motion was seconded by Yvonne Johnson. The 2018 Annual Convention Minutes were unanimously accepted.

The Delaware PTA Treasurer, Rob Allen, presented the treasurer's report, and the report was filed for audit.

Bylaws chair, Deanna Roland, presented the Bylaws amendments and rationale. Deanna and Yvonne Johnson answered several questions. Deanna moved that each of the Bylaws amendments be adopted, and coming from committee, no second was needed. All Bylaws amendments were accepted unanimously.

Attendees then proceeded to Workshop Session #1 and the Reflections awards ceremony was also conducted, followed by a break for lunch/networking/vendor visits/coaching sessions. Stephanie Ingram, of the Delaware State Educators Association, addressed attendees.

Attendees then proceeded to Workshop Session #2.

Julie Alvarez then introduced the guests participating in the Panel Discussion “Engaging Families Through Advocacy”, Kim Williams, Michael Smith, David Sokola, Jose Matthews, Dr. Keeley Powell, Dorrell Green, and Sarah Stowens. The panel discussion was led by Yvonne Johnson.

Julie Alvarez presented the Delaware PTA Child Champion Award to State Representative, Kim Williams, and Kim addressed attendees.

Julie introduced Sarah Stowen, Delaware Chapter Leader of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and Sarah addressed attendees.

Julie Alvarez called the Delaware PTA business meeting session 2 to order at 3:40 PM.

Amanda Gonye presented the afternoon credentials report and moved that the report be submitted as the official roll of the voting members of the convention. The motion was seconded by Kelly Coffey and accepted unanimously.

- Registered Voting Delegates: 59
- Registered Non-voting Delegates: 3
- Guests: 9
- Total Attendance: 71
- Number of Units Represented: 28
- Number of Regions Represented: 5

Yvonne Johnson moved that the attendees be provided 3 minutes to review the Legislative Priorities. The motion was seconded by Kelly Coffey and was adopted unanimously. After review, Yvonne moved that the Legislative Priorities be adopted. Coming from committee, no second was needed and the Legislative Priorities were adopted unanimously.

Yvonne Johnson presented the National PTA Resolutions for adoption, concerning High Expectations for Special Needs Students, and Mental Health. Julie moved that the resolutions be adopted and the motion was seconded by Jen Wooten. The resolutions were adopted and reaffirmed unanimously.

Yvonne Johnson presented the nominating committee report and read the list of nominations.

- President Elect Carey Corbin, Linden Hill PTA
- Secretary Michael Williams, DMA/Gallaher/Shue PTA
- Treasurer Rob Allen, Cooke PTA
- VP for Membership Kristen Roebke, North Star Elementary
- VP of Advocacy Yvonne Johnson, Delaware VIP
- Region 1 VP open
- Region 2 VP Kelly Coffey, HB PTA

- Region 3 VP open
- Region 4 VP open
- Region 5 VP Kimberly LaShomb, Cedar Lane Elementary

Julie Alvarez opened nominations from the floor and no additional nominations were received. Julie welcomed the nominees to the stage and cast the ballot for the association for the election of officers. Jeffrey Corbett installed and welcomed the new officers.

Yvonne Johnson presented the Advocacy Award to Sarah Bucic.

Julie Alvarez presented Northstar Elementary with the All Star Membership Award and welcomed new units at Early College High School and Lewis Elementary. Julie also announced that John T. Downes Elementary has been designated as a National PTA School of Excellence.

Julie Alvarez and Yvonne Johnson presented gifts and announced winners of door prizes.

Julie addressed attendees and thanked them for attending the convention, and thanked the convention chair, Yvonne Johnson.

Julie Alvarez declared the convention adjourned at 4:12 PM.