



**Hillsborough County Council PTA/PTSA
General Meeting
February 15, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. Melissa gave introductions and thanked everyone for attending today. Quorum was established.

We recited the pledge of allegiance and Melissa asked for a moment of silence in memory of those killed and families affected by the shooting tragedy at Parkland High School in Broward County.

The minutes from the November General Meeting were reviewed and will be filed as prepared.

Melissa gave the President's report – it is also printed and attached.

Robin gave the Treasurer's report – the printed budget is attached. A question was raised regarding the asterisks (**) on the budget – these represent opportunities for sponsorships as opposed to HCC PTA/PTSA funds being used to fund these events - Checkbook balance as of 1/31/018 was \$26,788.06

The Barrett Family Foundation was recognized - if anyone is interested please reach out to them, a copy of their materials is included; they are an organization that gives \$10,000 to high school STEM programs

Nominating Committee

Jessica Kociara, Naomi Frierson, Kim Klace, Amy Granger-Welch, Brita Lincoln-Wilkins

Alternates - Deb Sledge, CJ Blanco

A motion was made to accept this nominating committee by Naomi Frierson and seconded by Tammy Taylor. Jessica Kociara will serve as chair.

Advocacy Report – Advocacy VP Mindy Taylor and Legislative Chair Teresa Potter gave a PowerPoint presentation - it will be made available for attendees; a few points to note:

- Presidents are encouraged to start off each meeting recognizing that we are an advocacy organization first, and that we fundraise to support our efforts
- Noted that the two main requirements for Members of the Florida House and Senate, per the Constitution, is to pass a balanced budget and to provide for safe, high quality school
- FL PTA legislative priorities always include Gun Safety and Mental Health
- HB 7055 update

Announcements

- Parent University 2/17 at Bloomingdale HS
- Founders Day Project with Oasis – 2/22
- Backpacks for Cash – sponsored by League of Women Voters
- Note that the awards application deadline is Feb 28th and the application is online
- Awards luncheon is 4/12
- Scholarship deadline is 3/2
- Next General Assembly meeting and Spring Training is 4/28 at Hillsborough High School
- National PTA 6/21-24, New Orleans
- FL PTA 7/12-15 – Melissa extended a request for schools to do the scholarship baskets and plan our party; scholarship app online for schools to attend if assistance is needed

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.