

Alice Deal Community Association
General Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2019

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Co-president Maan Sacdalan. Maan and co-president Peter Boyce welcomed attendees and introduced the other ADCA Board members present.

Approval of Minutes

Recording Secretary, Laura Cloutier, made a motion to approve the September 26, 2018 ADCA General Meeting minutes. Maan seconded; the minutes were unanimously approved.

Co-presidents' Report

Maan reported on Deal's first ever seventh grade musical and encouraged everyone to attend. She also reminded attendees of the ADCA's February 9, 2019 gala and auction. She encouraged the Deal community to attend, volunteer and donate goods and services.

Alice Deal Music Boosters

Karen Abrams from the Alice Deal Music program boosters presented on their activities and requested ADCA support. She reported that Deal has several music ensembles including choir, band, orchestra and jazz. New this year at Deal are beginner music lessons. Three Deal music teachers run these various programs after school. The Deal music boosters request ADCA financial support to help grow the music program including for choir robes, a new piano and stand for jazz band and transportation expenses to attend a music competition. The music boosters will provide a written request with costs to the ADCA Treasurer for review.

Treasurer Report

Co-Treasurer Jenny Backus provided an overview of ADCA's finances and noted that a more detailed budget and report are posted on the ADCA website. Jenny reported that ADCA funds are split between two banks, PNC and TD Bank, with a goal to combine all accounts with one bank this year. ADCA ended last year with an approximately \$100,000 surplus but \$69,000 of that is committed. The fall fundraising drive was successful and ended above projections with about \$125,000 paid in dues. Internal Night and the holiday greens sale were both also very successful fundraising events from the first semester. The ADCA is in a strong position to cover its expenses including school supplies, extracurricular activities and teacher training.

Fundraising Events Report

VP for Fundraising Events Leonie Stephenson reported that the annual gala is the ADCA's biggest fundraising event of the year. The goal is to raise \$90,000. She encouraged the community to attend, volunteer and donate.

Principal's Report

Deal Principal Deidre Neal reported on the technology investments made possible by last year's gala including laptop carts and working smart boards. She expressed appreciation to the ADCA and the Deal community for the support.

LSAT Report

LSAT representative Julie Chen reported that the DCPS budget season is approaching. The proposed budget will be released in early February and will be finalized by the end of February. She discussed that technology is a priority for DCPS and the "1:1" technology goal is about 18 months out. She reminded attendees that minutes of each LSAT meeting may be found on the Deal website.

Guest Speaker

Stephen Balkam, CEO and Founder of FOSI, the Family Online Safety Institute spoke on online safety.

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