

**Stratford High School  
General PTSA Meeting  
October 2, 2017**

1. **Call to Order. Quorum.** The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. Quorum was established.
2. **Welcome and Introduction of 2017-2018 PTSA Officers.** Julie Haralson, President, introduced herself and the Officers of the PTSA Board. Ms. Haralson introduced: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Scholarship – Karen Alexander; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Membership – Julie Turrentine; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Directory – Caroline Roberts; Treasurer – Cindy McGinty; Secretary – Lorraine Alvey; Historian – Janet Spann; and, Parliamentarian – Kim Selzman.
3. **Secretary’s Report.** Ms. Alvey reported that there were no minutes to approve. The minutes from the May meeting of last school year were read and approved during the summer break.
4. **Treasurer’s Report.** Ms. McGinty presented the Treasurer’s Report. The financial reconciliation team met over the summer. The final reconciliation report stated that there were no discrepancies and no corrective actions were needed with respect to the books and records of the PTSA for the School Year 2016-17.

Ms. McGinty presented the 2017-2018 School Year Budget. The budget was drafted based on last year’s budget with adjustments as needed to reflect last year’s actual line totals. Actual income of the PTSA for July 1, 2017 through October 2, 2017 is \$96,103.80. Total expenses as of October 2, 2017 is \$4,651.56. This number is made up mostly of the fees charged to PTSA for collecting monies through use of the online “Big Form.” The current cash balance as of October 2, 2017 is \$120,414.17. Karen Alexander made a motion to approve the PTSA 2017-18 Budget as presented. Meredith Lamberton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. The Budget stands as presented.

5. **Scholarships Report.** Ms. Alexander discussed the scholarships that the PTSA supports. The PTSA sponsors three scholarship programs – (1) Faculty, (2) Anton Segul Hungry’s Scholarship, and (3) Scholarships for Seniors. The scholarship fund is a little lower this year than in previous years. Ms. Alexander encouraged all members to donate, any amount is helpful. Last year the PTSA was able to fund 21 student scholarships for \$1,500.00 each. She also mentioned that many employers will match employee donations. The PTSA will work with any employer to ensure the matching takes place. There will be more information to come in terms of applying for the scholarships (in the Spring). There are also scholarships available through the Texas PTA Organization. She encouraged members to look up these opportunities on the Texas PTA website at [texaspta.org](http://texaspta.org). Teachers scholarships are available in the amount of \$500. The committee reviews all applications

and gives scholarships to those teacher requests with merit – most are funded.

6. **Membership Report.** Ms. Turrentine reported that we currently have a membership of 900 people made up of parents, teachers and students. She encouraged everyone to complete the Big Form online and to sign up for membership with the PTSA.
7. **Historian Report.** Ms. Haralson spoke for Janet Spann and reminded everyone to opt in to receive the weekly PTSA e-blasts and to visit the PTSA website for all school information.
8. **Communities in the Schools.** Ms. Haralson spoke about the CIS programs and the importance of this program at Stratford High School. The CIS counselors address the mental wellness needs of our students and families. The program has been immensely helpful in reaching out to families and students affected by Hurricane Harvey. Ms. Haralson introduced our CIS representative, Francine Todes, and spoke about the work she has been doing for us at Stratford. She encouraged everyone to donate. Ms. Todes is funded through this school year, but we must raise money to fund her next year. Stratford is not a Title I School and, as a result, we help fund this position.
9. **Principal's Report.** Ms. Haralson introduced Mr. Crowson. Mr. Crowson spoke about Hurricane Harvey and the impact it has had on the start to our school year. He stated that we are back up and running with School and the kids are learning. The goals of the school year are Communication and Collaboration. The Staff and Teachers are working on communications to the Stratford Nation. The teachers and teams are working together to provide the best education to the students. Mr. Crowson encouraged everyone to follow Stratford on twitter @stratfordsbisd and to log on to the PTSA website frequently for updated news and events at [startfordpts.com](http://startfordpts.com)
10. **Directory Report.** Ms. Roberts gave a report on the directory. She has confirmed 66% of the data and the directory will be available for pick up during lunch at the end of October. Email [stratforddirectory@gmail.com](mailto:stratforddirectory@gmail.com) with any questions or comments.

The Meeting Was Adjourned at 6:50 PM.