

**Keller Elementary PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2021**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.**

**Secretary's Report, Katie Bonus:**

- January minutes: Carie Hooker made a motion to approve, Derek Cookson seconded.

**Principal's Report, Marcie Dryden:**

- Hybrid Learning Plan: moving forward, set for March 1. More instructions are forthcoming, including a safety video coming out the week of February 22.
- Teacher Book Grant: Teachers received \$500 each, for student book purchases
- School Pictures and Yearbooks: expected to be scheduled for spring with yearbook distribution in fall
- Important Dates: 2/15 no school winter break
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee:
  - Cheria Thomas (Heritage Month Observance Subcommittee):
    - First movie night: 2/19 Pixar Soul
    - Future movie nights will correlate with heritage months, planned for third Fridays of the month
  - Kara Daunt (Heritage Month Observance Subcommittee):
    - Heritage months: staff are volunteering to create content for individual months and will share via WKBS
  - Ryan Davis (DEI Book Club):
    - Sharing articles around being a culturally competent and responsive teacher, meeting on a biweekly basis, inviting all of Keller's staff
  - Rachel Smith (CRT Expectations and Responsibilities):
    - First meeting occurred last week. Using audit tool created by district to examine curriculum to be more culturally aware and find resources if gaps are found.
- One Book One School: Committee selected Zoe and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows, will begin March 15.

**School Board Report, Tim Ciechorski:**

- First Board Meeting January
- Return to School Plan:
  - Return Date: Moved to March 1, allowed more time for more teachers to get vaccinated
  - School Administration and principals bring plans to the school board, school board has final oversight

**Teacher's Report, Laura Stankiewicz**

- 1st and 5th grade observing Black History Month

**President's Report, Erin Alexander**

- Green Schools: Looking into book purchase, working toward keeping Green Schools status
- 2021-2022 Board Members and Committee Chairs: Search beginning

**Treasurer's Report, Carie Hooker**

- Budget Changes:

- Normally for in-person expenses, Carie Hooker made a motion to increase Hospitality budget by \$200. Pilar Calderon made a motion to approve, Derek Cookson seconded.

**Committee Reports**

- Restaurant Nights: Lily's Seafood 2/9 and Mystic Kettle Popcorn
- Virtual Book Fair, Carie Hooker: March 19, runs for two weeks. E-wallet available, link may be sent to friends and family wishing to contribute to book purchases. Teachers will also have e-wallets in place of book donation bins. Carie Hooker made a motion to increase the bookfair budget to \$750 for teacher e-wallet contribution from PTA.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**