

George C. Marshall PTSA Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2023

Board Members Present: Julie Lubbe (president), Tara Henigan (vice president), Elizabeth Keegan (secretary), Christine Neville (treasurer), Jeff Litz (principal)

Reflections Art Winner: One of the winners of the Reflections art contest, freshman Annamaria Buono, presented her winning painting and received a certificate from Suzanne Vincent, Reflections Chairperson. Elizabeth Green, the second GCM winner, was unable to attend, but Suzanne read her poem entitled "Voices of Glass."

Best Buddies: The leadership team from Best Buddies, Kylie Henigan and Zena Soufi, presented information about their organization and promoted upcoming events. Their mission is to match differently abled students with one another to form friendships and promote inclusion. GCM's chapter of Best Buddies is one of the larger chapters in Northern Virginia. They are currently fundraising for their biggest event, the VA/DC Friendship Walk this spring. Follow them on Instagram @gcmbestbuddies.

President's Report: Julie reported that the PTSA is in the final process of fulfilling teacher wish lists. We are planning to host a 5K run in the spring to celebrate Marshall's 60th anniversary but are in urgent need of volunteers to help plan the event. We need a logo for the 5K and will work with our art faculty to have a student help design this.

Financial Report:

Christine explained the two general "pools" of the PTSA budget: ANGC (which comprises @90% of the budget) and everything else. We currently have \$91K in the bank. ANGC is approximately half way to their fundraising goal. The silent auction, their largest fundraiser, will take place in March. 52% of the PTSA budget comes from dues, and we are generally on target from where we were in previous years.

Principal's Report: Mr. Litz reported that Marshall Theatre will perform this weekend in the One Act competition. The panoramic senior photo is January 24th. National Honor Society inductions are also that day. January 25th is the end of the semester; the 26th & 27th are teacher work days. Sports eligibility (for both winter and spring sports) resets on Friday and students must be passing 5 classes to participate. On February 1, Superintendent Reid will be holding a Strategic Planning Community Forum at GCM to get feedback from Marshall pyramid parents. Her revised strategic plan will be published in June. The Science Fair is February 3rd. Course registration kick off begins next week and students will be able to visit 3 prospective classes. Rising freshman orientation is February 9th at 6:00 pm.

The next PTSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 pm.