

**Takoma Park Middle School Parent Teacher Association
Minutes of May 10, 2016 - General Membership Meeting
TPMS Cafeteria 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

General membership meeting was called to order by Shruti Bhatnagar, PTA President, at 7:13 pm.

Principal's Report Principal Deeny began by extending congratulations for various student and school achievements sine our last meeting. She gave updates on upcoming school events including exams and PARRC tests. She noted changes to class offerings next year and the addition of 3 portable classrooms. She also said that the school expansion is on track for 2020 completion. Finally, she recognized with thank you gifts several parents who have contributed to the school's success this year.

PTA Budget Shruti and Treasurer David Groberg went over the budget. A proposal by the board to enlarge the counselor's fund from \$300 to \$500 was accepted. Discussion arose over funding for the summer 6th grade picnic, which David proposed increasing. Discussion resulted in decision to increase it from \$500 to \$1000, and the decision to create a committee to work on a more successful picnic than last year within that budget.

Screenagers Given parent interest, members of the board have discussed with Ms. Deeny the possibility of showing the documentary *Screenagers* to the school. Ms. Deeny reported that she and principals from other middle schools are looking into having it screened at Blair HS in the fall as a community event. Shruti mentioned the special events fund in the budget which could possibly help fund the screening.

Restaurant Night Next restaurant night is May 25 at McGinty's in Silver Spring.

2016-2017 Board Elections

Shruti called the slate of candidates for next year and suggested they be approved as presented, which they were as listed below. The two Vice President positions remain vacant. The new term of elected officers for 2016-17 begins July 1st. The new officers elected for 2016-17 are:

President - Karema Daley; Treasurer – Andrew Schulman; Recording Secretary – Mary Hansico; Correspondence Secretary – Kelly O'Keffe

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Submitted & Signed By:

Mary Hanisco, Secretary _____

Final Minutes Approved by the PTA President:

Shruti Bhatnagar _____