

# YLA Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2017

**Board Members Present:** Howard Brown, Michael Hendrix, Roslyn Holcombe, Mark Mogge, Stephanie Price, Tiffany Stewart and Lloyd Silva.

**Board Members Excused:** Ashley Clark, Matthew Littleton, Stacy Powell and Henry Wilson.

**Others Present:** Sandee Blankenship, YLA Principal, Patsy Smith, YLA Director.

**Call To Order:** The YLA Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Learning Academy Board Room #1. The meeting was called to order by Michael Hendrix, Vice-President.

**Public Input:** None

**Election of Officers:** Patsy Smith, Director, announced that it was time to elect new Board officers. Michael Hendrix nominated and made a motion to elect Mark Mogge as President. Stephanie Price seconded the nomination and motion. Mr. Mogge accepted nomination. There were no other nominations, so the motion carried unanimously. Michael Hendrix nominated and made a motion to elect Matthew Littleton as Vice-President. Mr. Littleton accepted nomination via text. Mark Mogge seconded the nomination and motion. There were no other nominations and the motion carried unanimously. Tiffany Stewart nominated and made a motion for Roslyn Holcombe to continue as Secretary. Stephanie Price seconded the nomination and motion. Ms. Holcombe accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations and the motion carried unanimously. Roslyn Holcombe nominated and made a motion to elect Stephanie Price as Treasurer. Tiffany Stewart seconded the nomination and motion. There were no other nominations and the motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Schedule for 2017-2018:** Patsy Smith asked the Board to discuss the Board Meeting schedule for 2017-2018. Currently the Board meets at 4:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. After discussion, Stephanie Price made a motion of the meeting schedule to continue the same for 2017-2018. Lloyd Silva seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Previous Month Minutes Approval:** Patsy Smith noted that the previous minutes incorrectly referred to the Financial Report for August. It should have been the September Financial Report. Howard Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2017 Board Meeting, with the correction of the Financial Report reference, as presented. Tiffany Stewart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Statement:** Patsy Smith presented the Financial Statements for October 2017. Ms. Smith reported that the only explanation needed on the report was the large amount that was expended to Clemson University during October was for three months of contractual services. Lloyd Silva made a motion to accept the report as information. Stephanie Price seconded. The motion carried unanimously. As a matter of financial information, Ms. Smith enthusiastically reported that the YLA FY'17 audit had been completed and resulted in a clear audit with "no material weaknesses." Kudos to all staff in the financial area for continued excellence.

**School Report:** Sandee Blankenship, Principal, reported that after the YLA teachers completed the ALICE (Active Shooter) training provided by the Pickens County Sheriff's Department, she invited Officer Carmen Leeman, the training facilitator, to speak to parents at last week's Open House about providing a modified version of the training to YLA students. Parents were very receptive and plans are to move forward with planning this training. Also, a clip of the new student-provided YLA News Show was presented to the parents. Two ambitious 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls came up with the idea to produce a weekly YLA news video for students. They got a student producer, script writer, editor and with some staff/principal assistance, are going full speed with this project. The "news cast" is aired in Mr. Hyder's class during Genius Hour. There were about 25 to 30 parents present for the first Coffee with the Principal last week and the material covered was sent out to parents in a newsletter, with an opportunity to respond. December's meeting will be held at lunch time and lunch will be provided for attendants. Spirit Week netted about \$2000 in donations, towards the \$2500 goal for the Can Do Good initiative. The Halloween Dance went very well, with food set up outside the gym in the outdoor classroom area. This arrangement may be considered for future events, weather permitting. The last House Games ended with a undetermined winner, so a tie-breaker relay has been scheduled for this Wednesday. Open House went well. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade attended a play at the Brooks Center and had lunch at the Olive Garden. Students had received restaurant etiquette instruction in Mr. Hyder's class. Etiquette reminder cards were placed on each table before the students arrived. The wait staff of the restaurant was very complimentary of the student's etiquette during the lunch and jokingly asked if the etiquette reminder cards could be left on the table for other customers. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade visited the YMCA recently and the YMCA Director commented on how well-behaved the students were during their visit. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will also be visiting the YMCA soon. On Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> the entire school will be going to the movies to see Wonder and having lunch at Cici's Pizza. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Beta Club induction ceremony was held this past Friday on November 10<sup>th</sup> and the Veteran's Day drop-in was that afternoon from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Several veterans attended the celebration and there were lots of impressive projects displayed. YLA students will be out of school the entire week of Thanksgiving, which is different from Pickens County school schedule. MAP testing will be conducted the first week of December. Parents have been asked to refrain from scheduling optional appointments or travel during this time.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**Questions, Comments, Concerns:** None.

**Executive Session, if necessary:** Not necessary.

**Adjournment:** Tiffany Stewart made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Stephanie Price seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roslyn Holcombe*

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Recording Secretary