Call to order: 6:30 pm

* Lynn Hoyt (Communication Chair) welcomed parents to this year’s 1st PTO meeting and introduced 2017-2018 Board Executive members.
* Discussed different ideas on how to increase PTO meeting attendance and parents’ involvement:
* “Go To Meeting” or “Meet Up” did not bring desired attendance last school year
* “Google Hangout” may be too inconvenient as an alternative
* You Tube live streaming is one of the options to try out this school year
* Facebook live broadcasting is the most favored option (it is free to use, has “chat” option, parents can use it on their phones without additional downloads required)
* Parents who don’t have access to technology, are still welcome to come to Meigs for the meetings
* To schedule PTO meetings around other grand events ( i.e. Hume-Fogg’s informational meeting, etc.)
* Next PTO meeting is November 16th at 6:30 pm.
* Discussed EVRITS. The cost of the program has increased, but the benefits, convenience and security it offers are highly valued.
* Amy Banks (PTO President) asked Kelley Anderson (PTO Treasurer) to report on the Proposed 2017-2018 Budget.
* Kelley went over Proposed Budget in detail. Some highlights were:
* The budget is fully funded (the funds raised last year are to be spent this year; the funds to be raised this year, will be spend next school year)
* Kelley went line by line over each budget spending item (total budget is $72K)
* Kelley went over Income budget line by line
* Amanda Cotton (Invest Chair) asked for gift cards donations to sponsor Invest Campaign (gift cards are used to encourage participation).
* Online Meigs Mart is coming soon- more details from Lynn will be available soon.
* Meigs Mart has a full stock of Meigs wear available for purchase.
* Concessions will be slightly different this year. Ms. Shaffer and Kelly Anderson will handle concessions.
* A parent suggested to set up a concession booth during Cross Country meetings. This meeting is not organized by Meigs PTO, therefore the PTO would have to get approval for it.
* Student Council will manage Rewards Days and Spring Carnival.
* 2017-2018 Budget was voted on and approved.
* Amy Banks spoke about Talent Show (coming up soon):
* Volunteers are needed
* Rehearsals take place mostly after school dismissal, and occasionally on Saturdays
* We need to approach /find a parent who has a showbiz background
* Book Fair us the same week as Talent Show
* Lynn Hoyt addressed Remind app/text -there were some technical difficulties with text sign ups but they are resolved now.
* **Text @bc4gg3 to 615-815-1228 to sign up for current school year notifications.***If you were signed up last year, you need to do it again this year*.
* Parents who were present at the PTO meeting were able to sign up for Remind during the meeting.
* Hands On Nashville event was canceled at Meigs due to missed sign up deadline. Alternatively, Meigs students will be encouraged to volunteer at other charities.
* Lynn Hoyt asked for donations for the Clothing Closet at Meigs- a convenient option to have school appropriate attire for students who violated the dress code. Items needed:
* All size Meigs wear
* Girls’ tights, leggings, skirts
* Boys’ pants, shorts
* Meigs also participates in UniCycle program- a school uniform recycling program in Nashville. Donation bins are set up in the front lobby. UniCycle collects gently-used or new clothing that meets the requirements of Standard School Attire in the Metro Nashville Public School District. Clean out your kids’ closet to lend a hand! Items needed:
* Collared shirts in solid colors, all sizes, long and short-sleeved (i.e., polo-style shirts)
* Shorts, Pants, and Skirts in Khaki, Navy Blue, and Black
* Girls’ Uniform Dresses in Khaki, Navy Blue, and Black
* Belts
* Leggings – all colors and patterns (to wear under skirts and dresses)
* City Saver sale is extended to September 18th due to lower than expected sales volume.
* Natalie Hill (PTO Secretary) suggested DonorsChoose.org website to be used by Meigs Teachers to fund their projects/ needed materials that are not on PTO budget.
* Teachers have to submit a request/ description of the project they need to be funded via the website.
* DonorsChooose.org will verify the cost, monitor the donations.
* A lot of projects get up to 50% funds match ups by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Staples, Chevron, Target, Disney and other great companies.
* Once the project is fully funded, DonorsChoose will purchase the items and will ship them directly to the school.
* All donations to the Teachers’ projects made via DonorsChoose.org are tax-deductible.

Motion to Adjourn and 2nd

Adjournment 7:30 PM