



## Silvercrest Elementary PTA General Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025

The Executive Board meeting of the Silvercrest PTA was called to order on January 16, 2025 at 6:37PM in the cafeteria at Silvercrest Elementary by PTA President, Jessica Lewis.

Julie Riley, 2nd Vice President led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum was established with 26 in attendance.

### **Approval of Minutes, Nicole Perillo**

The minutes from our last general membership meeting held on 11/7/24 were posted online via our Silvercrest PTA website for review. There were no corrections. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Treasurer's Report, Ami Damani\* (please see attachments):**

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Ami Damani.

The Treasurer's report starting from 1/16/25 showed:

Beginning Balance (11/04/24)	\$77,029.92
Deposits	\$623.82
Expenditures	\$20,276.42
Ending Balance (1/16/25)	\$57,377.32
Escrow	(\$0.00)

The floor was opened for questions. Hearing no questions the report was filed for financial reconciliation.

#### **President's Report, Jessica Lewis:**

Jessica expressed thanks for everyone's first semester efforts. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy second half of the year.



Marquee should be installed before the end of month. Awaiting update from ADDI.

We have filled the 4th Grade Recognition chair position. Please welcome Megan Heard. We will be looking for volunteers to join the committee as we will need to start planning the 4th Grade Recognition events.

Silvercrest News: Congratulations to Mr. Maynard for New Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Fowles for Paraprofessional of the Year. Teacher of year to be named later this week.

Next Thursday is Multicultural Night – we hope to see you there.

District News: Rally Day is Feb. 24 (see handout). Mr. Berger is allowing excused absences of any child who attends with their parent/guardian. Our council will be attendance along with Mr. Berger and other district representatives.

### **VP Fundraising, Dhara Mistry\***

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Dhara Mistry.

Our Spring Fundraiser will be held in March after Spring Break. Huddle on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Pep rally on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Fundraiser runs through April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **VP Programs, Julie Riley**

PTA is sponsoring two performances of Mo Willems' Elephant and Piggy "We are in a Play" by Main Street Theater on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> for students only.

### **Treasurer, Ami Damani**

The Budget Committee is meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> for mid-year budget amendments. These will be presented and voted on at our next meeting.

### **Secretary, Nicole Perillo**

No report.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Abilities Awareness, Candace Hooker\***

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Candace Hooker.

Date changed to April 8 and 9 due to STAAR practice. Abilities Awareness is a program provided by PTA. Volunteers work with the students to explore how abilities change based on physical limitations. Volunteers will be needed.

#### **Building & Grounds, Selena Fitzgerald\***

The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Selena Fitzgerald.



We will begin beautifying the area around the Marquee after installation. Selena provides ongoing garden maintenance, covering for freeze, growing crops (eggplant, lettuce, kale), etc. Dr. Berger's kid council has offered assistance with maintenance.

**Community Outreach, Sarah Hawks\***

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Sarah Hawks

Our ongoing drives include Seats & Feets for the Pearland ISD Council of PTAs / Swap Shop and the Walt Disney Elementary amazon gift card drive. Both are short drives that end on Friday.

**Data Steward / Parent Outreach Committee, Melissa Leach**

We will be hosting a "Coffee and Conversations" event on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 8AM after morning drop off. This event is to provide parents with information on how to get engaged with PTA .

**Field Day, Jaclyn Rios / Stephanie Barber\***

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Jaclyn Rios / Stephanie Barber

Field Day is on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer sign ups will be posted on our Facebook page and in the Stallion Stampede.

**Family Fun Night, Crystal Wiebold\***

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Crystal Wiebold.

Dawn Stuckey will be heading up our Family Fun Night at the Park on April 10th.

**Fourth Grade Recognition, Megan Heard\***

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Megan Heard.

Megan Heard was introduced as the new committee chair for this role. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade celebration will be held on the last day of school, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers will be needed.

**Grants, Barinia Uribe\***

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Barinia Uribe.

We have submitted for multiple grants through Walmart and are waiting to hear back. Opportunities to submit regularly.

**Hospitality, Claudia Glaze**

On January 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be providing a treat for the teachers for multi-cultural night, including lunch / pizza from Centercourt Pizza. We will be asking for donations for drinks/salads/etc. Hot cocoa and candy apple bar was a success in December.



### **House Day Celebration, Crystal Pedigo**

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Crystal Pedigo.

Our next house day is on February 7.

### **Library, Julie Dahl\***

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Julie Dahl.

Book Fair set up is on March 5<sup>th</sup> and the fair will run from March 6-13 (late night). Take down will be on March 14. Volunteers will be needed.

### **Membership Report, Melissa Henry\***

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Melissa Henry.

Our PTA has achieved the Golden Apple (all teachers/staff are members) and MARS (male involvement) Awards. We are 10 members shy of achieving the President's Challenges of 115% of last year's membership.

### **Reading Enrichment, Eboni Hollier\***

\*The following report was given by Jessica Lewis on behalf of Eboni Hollier.

Read Across America will be on the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Spirit Night, Fang Fang**

Spirit Night earnings from Kendra Scott were \$156. Our next spirit nights are at Center Court Pizza on Jan. 22 and Cosmic Ice Cream on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Cosmic is offering 20% of all sales for the entire day. If you have any additional ideas, please contact Fang or Jessica. Please share and promote spirit nights as they arise.

### **STEP Tutoring, Meghan Kress**

We are looking for one tutor to replace one who moved away. This tutor had two students. This is a 30 min. a week commitment. Please see our post on Facebook or in the Stallion Stampede for more details.

### **Watch DOGS, Nicole Perillo**

Sign ups are open via our sign up genius link which was posted on our social media page, sent home via flyer, and emailed to the Watch DOGS email list.

### **Yearbook, Kim Booth**

We are asking parents to upload pictures into the grade level folders in order to develop grade level specific pages. Please do not upload duplicate pictures in multiple folders. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be having an art contest for Yearbook art.



## Unfinished Business

None.

## New Business, Jessica Lewis

Nominating committee -The nominating committee will be elected at the General Membership Meeting, tomorrow, January 16. This committee will be made up of three members and two alternates and will be responsible for identifying individuals to fill our elected officer positions for the 2025-2026 school year. The officer positions include: President, 1st Vice President – Fundraising, 2nd Vice President – Programs, Treasurer, and Secretary. The election of these officers will take place at the General Membership Meeting in March or May. To familiarize everyone with the process of electing the nominating committee and its members' duties, Nicole Perillo read aloud the following portion the Silvercrest PTA Bylaws:

### *Section 1. Nominating Committee.*

*Composition. The nominating committee shall consist of 3 members and 2 alternates. The president shall not serve as a member of this committee nor appoint any member of this committee. Student members shall not serve as chair or constitute a majority of this committee.*

*Eligibility. Nominating Committee shall: subscribe to, believe in and support the mission, purposes and policies of National PTA and Texas PTA; join this PTA, if not a member, at the time of committee election; receive no compensation except reimbursement for reasonable expenses as set forth in PTA policies and procedures; and, not serve two consecutive terms on the committee.*

*Election of Committee. The nominating committee shall be elected by plurality vote of members present and voting at a membership meeting prior to the election meeting. When the number of nominees is less than or equal to the number of positions on the committee, the election may be by acclamation, otherwise the election shall be by ballot.*

*Election of Alternates. When there is a vacancy or absence on the nominating committee, alternates shall serve in order of rank. When the nominating committee is elected by acclamation, nominations for alternate shall be taken from the floor and each be ranked by the order nominated. When the committee is elected by ballot, those nominees not elected to the committee shall be ranked according to the number of votes received.*

*Meeting. The parliamentarian shall schedule the first nominating committee meeting and provide required information on the nomination and election process.*

*Duties. The nominating committee shall: sign the nominating committee confidentiality agreement before any discussion takes place; elect its chair; consider only officer candidates who meet eligibility requirements set forth by these bylaws and who have signified their consent to serve if elected; consider all nominations and may seek additional candidates during its deliberations; by majority vote of committee members present and voting, submit only one name for each position to be filled; and be prepared to speak to the qualifications of the slated candidates should there be a contested election at the election meeting.*



*Report of the Nominating Committee. The nominating committee report shall be published through regular publicity channels at least seven days before the election meeting. The report shall be read at the election meeting.*

*Dissolution. Upon completion of the election, the nominating committee shall dissolve.*

The following individuals were identified for this committee:

- Stacie Muras
- Melissa Henry
- Claudia Glaze
- Stephanie Barber (alternate)
- Kim Booth (alternate)

### **Principal Announcements, Stacie Muras**

Multi-Cultural night is coming on Thurs. 1/23. We will have over 25 countries represented. Please come and enjoy.

Lost and found items are to be bagged and donated. Mrs. Muras indicated she has a connection with a young student who is doing a service project. This student would be able to take the lost and found items, wash them, and then donate them to the Pearland ISD swap shop.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01PM

Nicole Perillo, Secretary  
Draft, 1/22/25



## GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA - January 16, 2025

Call to Order / Quorum Confirmation with Nicole Perillo	Jessica Lewis
Pledge of Allegiance	Julie Riley
Approval of Minutes	Nicole Perillo
Financial Report	Ami Damani
President's Report	Jessica Lewis
VP of Fundraising's Report	Jessica for Dhara
VP of Program's Report	Julie Riley
Treasurer's Report	Ami Damani
Secretary's Report	Nicole Perillo
<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Abilities Awareness - Date changed to <b>April 8 and 9 due to STAAR practice</b></li> <li>● Building &amp; Grounds - Beautifying the area around the Marquee after installation, Caring for plants/trees during the freezes</li> <li>● Community Outreach - Seats &amp; Feets plus Walt Disney amazon gift card drive this week</li> <li>● Data Steward/Parent Engagement - Coffee &amp; Convos <b>January 28</b> after morning drop off at 8 a.m.</li> <li>● Field Day - <b>March 14</b> Volunteer sign ups will be posted on our Facebook page and in Stallion Stampede.</li> <li>● Family Fun Night - PTA Spring Fling in the Park <b>April 10</b></li> <li>● Fourth Grade Recognition - committee members needed, <b>May 22</b></li> <li>● Grants - Applications have been submitted and the chair continues to look for opportunities</li> <li>● Hospitality - Hot cocoa and candy apple bar was a success in December! This month's Teacher Treat will be lunch from Center Court Pizza!</li> <li>● House Day Celebration - <b>February 7</b></li> <li>● Library - Book Fair <b>March 5 set up, March 6-13 (13th will be late night shopping), March 14 takedown</b> (will need volunteers)</li> <li>● Membership Report - Golden Apple and MARS Award</li> <li>● Reading Enrichment - Read Across America week of <b>March 3</b></li> <li>● Spirit Night earnings - Kendra Scott \$156. Center Court on <b>Jan. 22</b> and Cosmic Ice Cream on <b>Feb 14th</b>.</li> <li>● STEP Tutoring - Looking for a couple new tutors to finish out the year.</li> <li>● Watch DOGS - Sign ups are open via sign-up genius link.</li> <li>● Yearbook - 4th Grade Art Contest! Deadline is <b>March 1</b>. Landscape only!</li> </ul>	Committee Chairs
<p>Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- None</li> </ul> <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nominating Committee</li> </ul>	Jessica Lewis

Principal Announcements	Stacie Muras
Adjourn	Jessica Lewis

## **Where to Find Volunteer Opportunities:**

Keep an eye on our **Facebook page** for sign-up links!



**Watch Dog Sign-Up:**



## **Next General PTA Meeting:**

March 13, 2025 6:30-7:30 p.m.

***Congratulations to all of our Stallions who submitted artwork for the Reflections Contest!***



# Silvercrest Elementary PTA FY 2024

## Treasurer's Report

11/04/2024 - 01/16/2025

Income and Expenses	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
Ability Awareness	-	-	-	-\$150.00	\$150.00
Arts in Education	-	-	-\$2,845.00	-\$3,000.00	\$155.00
Bank Fee	-	-	-	-\$100.00	\$100.00
Building & Grounds	-	-	-\$900.00	-\$1,500.00	\$600.00
Bulletin Boards	-	-	-	-\$250.00	\$250.00
Carryover from Previous Year	-	-	-	\$26,598.94	-\$26,598.94
Carryover to Next Year	-	-	-	-\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Community Outreach	-	-	-	-\$100.00	\$100.00
Content coordinator/ Technology	-	-	-	-\$155.00	\$155.00
Council Dues	-	-	-\$75.00	-\$100.00	\$25.00
Donations	\$50.00	-	\$191.00	\$400.00	-\$209.00
Executive - Administrative	-	-	-	-\$500.00	\$500.00
Executive - Historian	-	-	-	-\$100.00	\$100.00
Executive - Insurance	-	-	-\$845.00	-\$845.00	-
Executive - Secretary	-	-	-	-\$100.00	\$100.00
Executive - Training	-	-	-\$1,920.46	-\$2,500.00	\$579.54
Executive - Treasurer	-	\$29.20	-\$287.20	-\$300.00	\$12.80
Fall Fundraiser	-	\$1,558.35	\$26,516.81	\$12,000.00	\$14,516.81
Family Fun Nights	\$150.00	\$1,459.22	-\$1,659.22	-\$3,000.00	\$1,340.78
Field Day	-	-	-	-\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Fourth Grade Recognition	-	-	-	-\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Health & Safety/Healthy Lifestyle	-	\$1,089.47	-\$1,308.83	-\$2,000.00	\$691.17
Hospitality	-	\$1,462.25	-\$2,606.14	-\$5,000.00	\$2,393.86
House Day Celebrations	-	\$505.15	-\$505.15	-\$3,000.00	\$2,494.85
Library	-	\$52.16	-\$52.16	-\$1,300.00	\$1,247.84
Marquee Funds Reserve	-	\$13,364.58	-\$13,364.58	-\$5,000.00	-\$8,364.58
Membership Dues	\$175.00	-	\$2,209.00	\$1,960.00	\$249.00
Membership Meetings	-	-	-\$61.27	-\$250.00	\$188.73
Membership	-	-	-\$111.41	-\$1,700.00	\$1,588.59
NSF Check	-	-	-	-	-
NSF Check Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-
PISD Education Foundation Donation	-	-	-	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Reading Enrichment	-	-	-\$445.43	-\$2,500.00	\$2,054.57
Retail Partner - Box Tops, Grocery & Share Cards	\$34.32	-	\$754.07	\$1,500.00	-\$745.93
Retail Partner -Spirit Nights	\$175.66	-	\$713.99	\$2,500.00	-\$1,786.01
School Supplies	-	-	\$2,665.07	\$2,665.07	-
Spirit Wear	\$38.84	\$294.67	\$594.83	-\$4,200.00	\$4,794.83

<b>Income and Expenses</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>More/-Less</b>
Spring Fundraiser	-	-	-	\$22,000.00	-\$22,000.00
Square/Paypal Processing Fees	-	-	-	-	-
STEP Tutoring	-	\$167.17	-\$167.17	-\$500.00	\$332.83
Storage Fees	-	-	-	-\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
VIP Room/Copycat	-	\$294.20	-\$294.20	-\$1,200.00	\$905.80
Volunteer Appreciation	-	-	-	-\$250.00	\$250.00
Watch Dogs	-	-	-\$428.17	-\$1,000.00	\$571.83
Year End Gifts to School 2024-2025	-	-	-	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Yearbook	-	-	-	-\$150.00	\$150.00
<b>Income and Expenses Totals</b>	<b>\$623.82</b>	<b>-\$20,276.42</b>	<b>\$5,768.38</b>	<b>-\$825.99</b>	<b>\$6,594.37</b>

<b>Off Budget</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>More/-Less</b>
Escrow - State & National Dues	-	-	\$10.00	-	\$10.00
Escrow - State Sales Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Carryover from Previous Year - Escrow	-	-	-	-	-
Carryover to Next Year - Escrow	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Off Budget Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

<b>Store Fees</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>More/-Less</b>
Store - PTA Volunteer Shirts Fees	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Store Fees Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Grand Totals</b>					
	<b>\$623.82</b>	<b>-\$20,276.42</b>	<b>\$5,778.38</b>	<b>-\$825.99</b>	<b>\$6,604.37</b>

<b>Bank Account Balances</b>	<b>11/04/2024</b>	<b>01/16/2025</b>	<b>Last reconciled</b>	<b>Summary for the Period</b>	
Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$77,029.92	\$57,377.32	08/31/2024	Starting Total	\$77,029.92
Store - PTA Volunteer Shirts Clearing Account	-	-	Never	Income	\$623.82
				Expenses	-\$20,276.42
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$77,029.92</b>	<b>\$57,377.32</b>		Ending Total	\$57,377.32
<i>Review Reconciled Bank Statement Reports along with this Treasurer's Report to ensure its accuracy.</i>					

Submitted by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

# TEXAS PTA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Texas PTA is proud to continue building upon our long-standing legacy of advocating to make every child's potential a reality within the following pillars: Supporting Student Success, Health and Safety, Meaningful Assessment and Accountability, and Strengthening Public Schools.

### #EveryMemberCounts

Advocacy is a numbers game. More members equal more influence! Purchase PTA memberships for your entire family. Encourage friends, neighbors, school district employees, community leaders, and business owners to join. Back the future of your community and Texas! Join now at [joinpta.org](http://joinpta.org) because when it comes to advocacy, every member counts!

### How We Got Here

Bound by resolutions and positions and guided by feedback from multiple stakeholder listening sessions and the member advocacy survey, the Texas PTA Advocacy Committee proposed legislative priorities to the Texas PTA Board of Directors for review, revision, and approval.

### What is Ahead?

Once again education will be one of the hottest topics of the Texas legislative session. Because school funding, teacher and staff shortages, school safety, and accountability were not addressed last time, these conversations will be even more critical in the 89th session. Join us! Become a member and add your voice to our work.

### Our Thunderous Voice

Some of the efforts we are most proud of are the result of being half a million members strong and selectively partnering to accomplish our vision.

- Improving digital connectivity for all students.
- Strengthening bullying laws and reporting requirements.
- Providing fully funded full-day pre-k for children traditionally at risk.
- Raising the age to purchase tobacco to 21.
- Reducing required End of Course exams from 15 to 5.
- Adding school supplies to the annual sales tax holiday.
- Requiring parental engagement by way of site-based decision-making committees on every campus.
- Restricting children from riding in the back of pick-ups.
- Implementation of state wide safety standards for playgrounds.
- Graduated driver's license for teenagers, and
- Funding of school-based health clinics while making sure that school safety remains a priority.

### Texas PTA's Advocacy Roots Run Deep!

As far back as 1909, founder Ella Carruthers Porter was advocating for free textbooks, teacher retirement funds, improved school facilities, sanitary drinking cups, and kindergarten. Her influence was said to have been "felt from the schoolhouse to the state house." Texas PTA is proud to carry on that legacy! Won't you join us?

## LEAD PRIORITIES

### Improve Public School Funding

Advocate to increase the basic allotment, fully fund public schools, automatically adjust for cost of living changes, and base funding on enrollment versus attendance.

### Resolve Teacher & Staff Shortages

Advocate to address teacher and staff shortages and improve retention.

### Increase School Safety

Advocate to increase funding for school safety and allow local control to determine what additional safety measures are needed in each school district.

### Transform School Accountability

Advocate to provide a meaningful state-wide school accountability system that more broadly reviews school and district performance, includes a family engagement component, accurately reflects a student's readiness for future success, and opposes outcomes-based funding.

### Keep Public Dollars in Public Schools

Advocate against diverting public dollars from public schools. All recipients of public dollars should be subject to the same state assessments, accountability, and parental rights.

## OTHER PRIORITIES

### Prevent Child & Youth Trafficking

Track legislation that promotes awareness, educates children and families on trafficking risks and signs, and expands prevention programs.

### Reduce Distracted Driving

Track stricter distracted driving legislation to reduce the number of motor vehicle crashes affecting children.

### Expand Mental Health Support

Support the expansion of school mental health programs, improved data collection and accessibility, strengthened telehealth services, and increased mental health awareness.

### Address Overdose on Campus

Support legislation that addresses drug overdoses on campuses.

### Manage Phones at School

Support limiting cell phone use during instructional time while allowing local control over the development of additional policies.

### Provide Medically Accurate Sex Education with Parental Opt-Out

Track the inclusion of medically accurate information about sex education in 8th grade and higher, and the option for parents to opt-out if they prefer their student not receive that education.

### Increase Special Education Resources

Support increased special education funding and resources for families.

### Reform Student Assessment

Support a simplified and improved student performance system with testing alternatives for qualifying students and oppose high-stakes, single-day testing.

### Move Tax-Free Weekend

Track opportunities to move the Texas tax-free weekend earlier to better align with the majority of school start dates.

### Regulate Vaping

Support flavor bans, regulations on sales, and a tax on e-cigarette products.

For more information about the legislative priorities, please visit [www.txpta.org/legislative-priorities](http://www.txpta.org/legislative-priorities).

PTA General Membership Meeting  
 January 16, 2025  
 Sign-In Sheet

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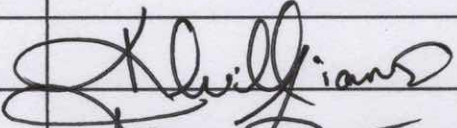

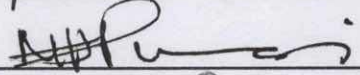
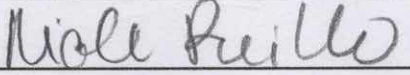
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Caprice Smith	Caprice Smith
Shreena Punwasi	Shreena Punwasi
Jessica Kaggin	Jessica Kaggin
Paul Humphrey	Paul Humphrey
Bill Alexander	Bill Alexander
Rachel Richards	Rachel Richards
Lance Richards	Lance Richards
Melissa Henry	Melissa Henry
Melissa Leach	Melissa Leach
John Leach	John Leach
Claudia Glaze	Claudia Glaze
Jordan & Linda Blum	Jordan & Linda Blum
Dawn Stuckey	Dawn Stuckey
Fang Fang	Fang Fang

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PTA General Membership Meeting

January 16, 2025

Sign-In Sheet

Printed Name	Signature
K'Auea Williams	
Kernika Long	
Mey PUNWASI	
Nicole Penillo	
Stacie Muras	