

## Funding & Budget Update

I want to share with the community the current state of the PTSA's budget. Historically, the PTA has funded every request we received in addition to the Teacher Appreciation Budget (\$5,000) and the Equity Committee Budget (\$5,000) as well as the recurring costs of maintaining our website, budgeting software, advertisements, insurance, and more.

Inflation has hit our donations and fundraisers hard. Our mulch sale, typically our biggest fundraiser, did quite well under the circumstances. This year's mulch sale brought in \$7,000. The bulk of our parent donations came at the start of the school year and brought in under \$2,500. However, previous PTSA spending has been anywhere from \$10-15K per year.

***We are committed to covering our end-of-year expenses, but at this time must place a moratorium on any additional reimbursements.***

Our major end-of-the-year expenses include:

- This week's Teacher Appreciation activities (\$2,500-\$3,000 budget)
- Expenses related to Diversity Night
- The 8th-grade celebration (\$4,000 budget)
- Security fee for the Spring Dance and picnic (\$100 per event)

**Once those events are paid for, the total available balance in our PTSA account will be \$1,000.**

In order to have some money left for the start of the 23-24 school year, we have declined funding for the 6th grade celebration prizes. Members of the executive board have also declined to be reimbursed for some expenditures in lieu of making donations themselves, saving the PTSA over \$1,200 in reimbursements.

I'm sharing this information with the community not just in the spirit of full disclosure but as a plea! **Your [donations](#) are critical to providing the kind of events our community has come to expect.** If 40 families donated \$100 we could cover the entire 8th grade celebration budget.

I also understand that \$100 is a lot to ask for in this economic climate. We are also having two fundraisers this month, one this coming Wednesday, May 10th. By participating in these fundraisers we may be able to fund the 6th grade request.

Our previous fundraisers did fairly well, but I know we can do better. Peace a Pizza night in December brought in just over \$380 and the Taharka fundraiser in April made almost \$500. If you are planning to attend Diversity Night on the 10th please consider visiting Crazy Mason in Ellicott City beforehand to support us.

I can't end this message without thanking the community & our executive board for their support. Margie Ryan, our VP of Committees, and Jill Altshuler have done tremendous work with the Teacher Appreciation Committee. Jen Hanss has been instrumental in setting up these restaurant events and fundraisers; I am so grateful to her for stepping into that role. Samantha Stein, our secretary, juggles multiple volunteer positions but still responds right away when I need a last

minute newsletter or posting. Last but not least, I have to thank my husband James Schloss for taking over what is arguably the hardest position on the board, Treasurer.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Your President,  
*Kathy Schloss*

### **Ongoing/Upcoming Fundraiser Events**

#### ***Crazy Mason Night!***

Join us on Wednesday May 10th from 4-7pm

Custom CMS glasses available while supplies last.

The Crazy Mason, Old Ellicott City, 8225 Main Street, Ellicott City 21043

[Crazy Mason Flier](#)

#### ***Peace a Pizza Night!***

Enjoy delicious local pizza on Thursday May 18th, 2023

3-7pm

Mention you're supporting Catonsville Middle when ordering.

#### **Summer Audit**

If you're interested in finding out more about the PTSA budget and process please e-mail our Treasurer James at [jrschloss@gmail.com](mailto:jrschloss@gmail.com) to volunteer for our annual audit.

The budgetary audit takes place every year and requires at least two non-executive board volunteers.

#### **Important Links:**

[PTSA Join/Donate Link](#)

Instagram Page: [@catonsvillemiddleptsa](#)

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/cmsptsacomunity>