

# The Plains Community League

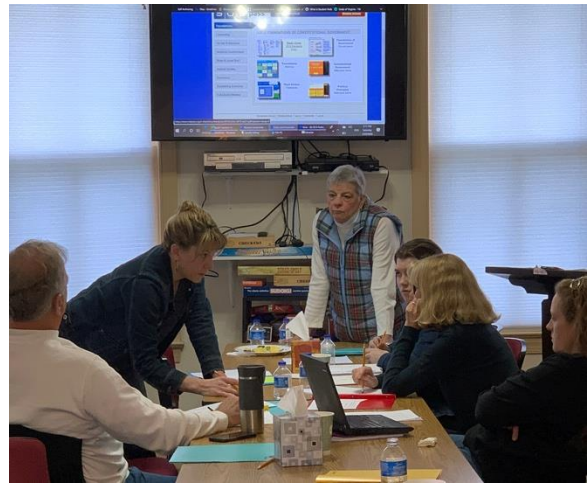


## Annual Report Fiscal Year 2018-2019

TPCL ended the 2018-2019 school season strong with greater student enrollment, 27 students with improved academic performance, and 16 volunteers, more than previous years. That trend has continued with the current tutoring school season (2019-2020). We made several important changes to our program to accommodate the much greater demand for our tutoring program including:

- a. converting and equipping the upstairs apartment in our Turner Community House into two new classrooms and a discrete reading room;
- b. increased the internet connection;
- c. recruited additional tutors;
- d. signed TPCL up to the Path Foundation's Volunteer Hub and scheduled training by Lynn Lauritzen for all tutors to use the hub to track their hours;
- e. updated tutor forms;
- f. conducted extensive tutor training during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years;
- g. better use of Blackboard and school resources to set academic performance goals for each student overall and to provide guidance to tutors on daily work each student should focus on.

Donations of a printer, lamps, and furniture helped us to equip the upstairs classrooms, and we purchased and installed (2) large white boards to help with math instruction. We still need to find additional funding to purchase at least (3) additional laptops or tablets, additional tables, and soundproofing for one of the classrooms to help with noise. One of the biggest changes to the tutoring program in 2019 was the dissolution of the TPCL/ Windy Hill partnership in late summer due largely to Windy Hill deciding to partner with the new Marshall Community Center programs. This challenged TPCL to hire and train a new part-time Program Coordinator before the October 1 opening of the tutoring program. We hired Keith Nelson Stroud, a local townsman, in September and opened the tutoring program as scheduled. Notable is the new Marshall community tutoring program has not reduced attendance in our tutoring program. Expand other TPCL programs and offer new ones.



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All of TPCL's core programs were well-attended and successful in 2019. In January, eight local students were provided \$1,000 college scholarships to help with books and tuition.

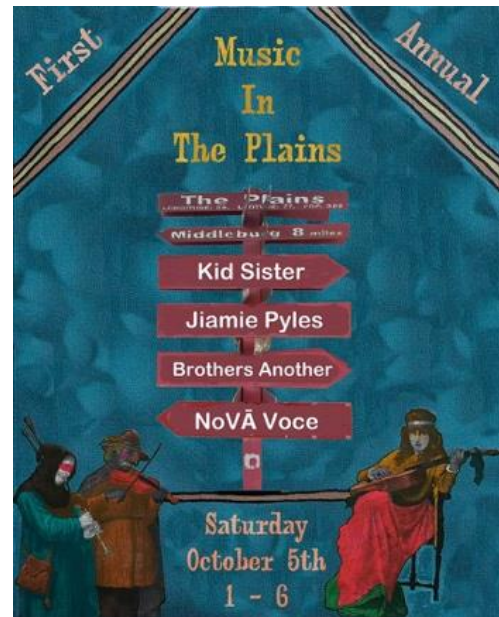
In April, TPCL's beloved Easter egg hunt was held. In November, more than a dozen community volunteers helped put together and deliver "Thanksgiving baskets" for eighteen local families in need. In December, our Christmas party at the Turner House was the highlight of the month for many struggling families. In addition, Windy Hill hosted a number of new events at

the Turner House including "family night out, a "Spring Break" camp for children in March, and a very successful summer camp for work-force family children. In October, TPCL our first "Music in The Plains" event with the support and involvement of dozens of local businesses, musicians, and volunteers. We also entered into a contract with a large, local homeschool community to meet once a week at the Turner House.



An unanticipated benefit is TPCL's tutoring program gained three new volunteer tutors from the homeschool families.

Launch TPCL's website. In September 2019, TPCL launched its very first website. It was a major undertaking for our group, and we plan to continue to add content and functionality in 2020 including pdfs of our forms and annual reports. Having a website has helped us tremendously to communicate efficiently and effectively with our community about upcoming events and programs. The website address is: <https://www.tpclva.org/>



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Advancements in Adopting NGO Best Management Practices. We did not make as much progress in this area as we had hoped largely due to time and funding restraints. The good news is that TPCL has in place most of the NGO BMPs. We need a long-range plan, schedule of house maintenance, and a board recruitment plan. TPCL also lacks a donor fundraising plan and data management system. With the help of Jenn Sweigart, TPCL has begun the process of identifying a professional to help the board to build a long-range plan in 2020. This is urgently needed because in July 2020 TPCL's officers will be changed and new leadership will take over.



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