

**South Middle School  
PTA General Board Meeting Minutes**

May 9, 2018

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The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Mary DeMaria, South PTA President.

**Welcome and Attendance**-(Mary Demaria)

1. There were ten (9) individuals, four (4) officers, no (0) staff representatives, the principal and in attendance at this month are meeting. Quorum (six individuals including two officers) was met.

**Administrative Reports**

**Secretary's Report-** (Sarah Theodossopoulos)

1. Minutes from January's meeting were posted on Google Drive and the PTA website. A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Jill Knaak and seconded by Catherine Olson. There was no discussion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed to approve the minutes.

**Correspondence:**

- a. Thank you card was read by staff members thanking PTA for Spring Conference teacher dinner.

**Treasurer's Report-** (Dolores Georg)

1. Excess funds on hand. Will not be finalized until books are closed for the year. Three options are being discussed and reviewed:
  - a. Drinking fountain with bottle fill capacity located by the gym
  - b. Standing work station
  - c. Bench outside of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade entrance
2. Audit committee was elected: Sarah Theodossopoulos, Jill Knaak & Tracy Gerwen.
3. Year to Date Treasurer Reports were shared with those present. Reports will also be posted on Google Drive. Hard copy will be attached to minutes.
4. Monthly reports – very quiet. Continue to get more yearbook money in. Sprit wear is grossing a significant amount of money as compared to previous years.
5. Hospitality budget has approximately \$340 left. Discussions about PTA sponsoring a year end event for staff.

**Vice President's Report-** (Catherine Olsen)

1. Procedure Guide was updated and will be on the PTA website
  - i. All School Activity, Parent Education Committee & paper calendar. A motion to vote out. Motion was moved by Jill Knaak and seconded by Tracy Gerwen.

There was no discussion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed to discontinue the All School Activity, Parent Education Committee & paper calendar.

- ii. Ace It 25 - New committee for each school in the district to support parents/families of special needs students within the district.

Motion to approve committee was moved by Catherine Olson and seconded by Dolores Georg. There was no discussion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed to implement Ace IT 25.

**President's Report-** (Mary DeMaria)

1. PTA promo video was viewed by those present.
2. EOY/POW – committee roster reviewed. Couple of budget changes (ie directories reducing to \$650, 7<sup>th</sup> grade activity night increasing to \$450 due to venue increasing, hospitality budget increasing, technology decreasing to \$100).
  - a. Mary is confirming some of the committee chairs to see if they will be coming back for the 2018-2019 school year.
3. Lisa Jordan will be handling Membership for 2018-2019 school year.
4. Volunteer survey will be going out soon. Current chairs will have first “dibs” on committees.
5. Efforts being made so that all communications are unformed district wide.
6. Teacher Appreciation Week – waiting on certificates from council. Donation was made in teacher’s name to the AHCPTA Scholarship
7. Slate of 2018-2019 Nominations presented. Catherine Olson submitted Mary DeMaria as Co-President, Catherine Olson as Co-President, Jennifer Strimling as Vice President. Dolores Georg as Treasurer, Sarah Theodossopoulos as Secretary. A motion to close the nominations was moved by Jill Knaack and seconded by Dolores George. A motion to vote verbal was moved by Jill Knaack and seconded by Dolores George. There was no discussion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed to approve the audit.

**Principal's Report-** (Piper Boston)

1. Lorado Taft went well. Weather was fantastic. Kids were well behaved and had fun.
2. 8<sup>th</sup> grade mock interviews happening now.
3. 5<sup>th</sup> grade orientation
4. Reminder to students to “keep it together” as we get near the end of the year.
5. Piper will be sending out some communications due to some sexually and racially explicit language that has been heard throughout the building. Administration is researching where this type of behavior is originating from.
6. 2018-2019 planning taking place. Asking students for feedback on who they’d like on their team. Goal is guarantee at least one match per student. Home base assignments will be coming out the first week of August.

7. Upcoming events included:
  - a. 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards night
  - b. 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance
  - c. Field Days – permission slips will be coming out soon. 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be shine only
  - d. Upcoming assemblies: Amazing Africa, Matt Wilhelm/BMX Performance
  - e. 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance
  - f. Mystic Cruise for 8<sup>th</sup> graders

## **Committee Reports**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance – (Jill Knaack reported)**

1. Invitations are done (cost less than \$44)! Currently committee is significantly under budget.
2. Decorations are underway and biggest expenditure.
3. RMHS donated Spirt Wear and PHS charged us \$60.
4. All vendors have been confirmed.
5. Piper will provide the songs that CANNOT be played during the dance.
6. Quiet areas will be set up for students.
7. Signup Genius will be pushed out week of 5/14/18 for volunteers.

### **ABC25 – No Updates**

### **Activity Nights – No Updates**

### **Cultural Arts- No Updates**

### **Hospitality – (Sarah Theodossopoulos)**

8. Spring Conference Dinner – went well and teachers graciously appreciated.
9. Teacher Appreciation Week – PTA sponsored a trail mix bar on Monday (5/7) and will sponsor a lunch Thursday (5/10).

### **Publicity/Social Media – No Updates**

### **Student Pictures- No Updates**

### **Teacher Appreciation- (Sarah Theodossopoulos)**

1. Trail mix bar provided on 5/7 Lunch will be provided 5/10.
2. PTA will provide an end of year meal for teachers on 6/11.
3. Back to school breakfast for the staff. Piper will provide date.

### **Reflections- No Updates**

**Spiritwear-** (Mary DeMaria)

1. Site sales came in at an approximate \$600 profit for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation night. Online store has been opened
2. Contract for Cheer Shop has been signed for next year.
3. Adam Harris is looking to unify spiritwear at a district level. Site would allow for total customization for spiritwear.

**Yearbook** (Catherine Olsen)

1. Closed sales on 5/1/18 but still receiving money and orders and will continue to keep open until we run out of yearbooks.
2. 8<sup>th</sup> grade yearbooks need to be ready by 5/31 and 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade need to be ready by 6/4. Volunteers will label yearbooks on 5/29/18 to get ready for distribution.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:**

1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm by Mary DeMaria, SMS PTA President.

Secretary: Sarah Theodossopoulos\*

Reviewed by President on: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by General Board on: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Denotes that the original signature is provided on the hard copy of the monthly PTA minutes.*

Note: Electronic versions of minutes and much more can be found on the South PTA Website- [www.southpta.org](http://www.southpta.org)

**Important Dates**

May 25 – No School / Improvement Day

May 28 – No School / Memorial Day

June 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

June 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

June 8 – Last Day of School

**Resources**

District 25 Website: <http://www.sd25.org/>

South Middle School Website: <http://www.sd25.org/south>

South PTA Website: <https://southpta.org/>

Illinois PTA Northwest Cook Region District 37 Website: <http://www.ilpta-d37.org/>

Illinois PTA Website: <http://www.illinoispta.org/>

National PTA Reflections Information: <http://www.pta.org/Reflections>