

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

September 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mary DeMaria, South PTA President.

Welcome and Attendance-(Mary Demaria)

1. There were twelve (12) individuals, five (5) officers, one (1) staff representative, the principal were 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 the May 2018 meeting were posted on Google Drive and the PTA website. A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Jennifer Strimling. There was no discussion. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed to approve the minutes.
2. Correspondence:
 - a. Thank you cards were read by staff members thanking PTA for back to school breakfast.

Treasurer's Report- (Dolores Georg)

1. Audit report completed. Motion to approve the audit report was moved by Jennifer Strimling and seconded by Meg Rogers.
2. Excess funds used to purchase :
 - a. Drinking fountain with bottle fill capacity located by the gym.
 - b. Bench outside of the 8th grade entrance.
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. Additional PTA memberships continue to come in.
5. Increased Hospitality budget to \$2,500 to be more in line with other neighboring schools.

Vice President's Report- (Jennifer Strimling)

1. Definitions need to be included.
2. Review committee for updating Bylaws needs to be appointed prior to 12/1/2018. A FaceBook post will go out requesting volunteers for the review committee.

President's Report- (Mary DeMaria)

1. D37 Annual Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 15, 2018.

2. Open committees: PHS Liaison, Legislation, School Board Rep Volunteer.
 - a. Christina Barbaric volunteered for PHS Liaison.
- 3.
- 4.

Principal's Report- (Piper Boston)

1. Back to School Chill Out and 6th grade orientation well.
2. Curriculum night went well.
 - a. New level of math has been added this year (feedback from PHS and RMHS was that SMS's math was very aggressive and over target and many students are needing to repeat Algebra).
 - b. Social Studies is in year 2 of new curriculum.
3. SMS and TMS will not be moving to the new report card (standards based) format that the elementary schools are moving to.
4. Introduced BE NICE to the BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL AND BE RESPONSIBLE Campaign.
5. Fall Conferences are earlier this year – will be held in October before the 1st quarter ends and before progress reports go out.

Teacher Liaison Report- (Janet Iacovelli)

1. Practicing test taking skills for PSAT prep in the classroom.

Committee Reports

ABC25 – No Updates.

Ace It 25 – No Updates.

Activity Nights –

1. 6th grade activity night October 12th at MPPD CCC.
2. 7th grade activity night September 28th at SMS.

8th Grade Dance –

1. No committee chair as yet – trying to get together group of parents who are interested in planning the event and break it out by decorations, memory hall, food, etc.
2. Will be held back at SMS.
3. Sign-up sheet passed around for those interested in planning/organizing.

Book Fair –

1. Need volunteers! Sign up genius will go out

Cultural Arts- Mr. Nicky scheduled for Spring.

Directory –

1. Has been updated. New users being added.

High School Liasons –

1. RMHS – Middle School Band Night – October 12th.
2. PHS – Open slot for Liaison. Christina Barbaric volunteered.

Hospitality – (Sarah Theodosopoulos)

1. Shadow position is open. Toula Kourtis may take over.
2. Back to School Breakfast – went well and teachers graciously appreciated.
3. Fall Conference Dinner – October 18th .

Membership – (Mary DeMaria reporting)

1. Current membership is 599 members.
2. Free/reduced memberships – anonymous sponsors for the F/R.

Publicity/Social Media – No Updates.

Student Pictures- (Mary DeMaria reporting)

1. Picture day went well. Retakes is scheduled for October 9th.

Reflections- (Mary DeMaria reporting)

1. Theme for this year is Heroes Around Me.
2. 50th year celebration
3. October 29th submission deadline

Spiritwear- (Mary DeMaria reporting)

1. Sales currently open.
2. Donation box/bin for free/reduced students in nurses office.

Sunshine Committee – (Mary DeMaria reporting)

1. Revamp what Sunshine Committee does / is.

Yearbook (Catherine Olsen)

1. New cameras for yearbook club will hopefully be purchased this year.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm by Mary DeMaria, SMS PTA President.

Secretary: Sarah Theodossopoulos*

Reviewed by President on: March 19, 2019

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

Important Dates

September 28th – 6th Grade Activity Night
October 5th – No School
October 8th – No School
October 9th – Picture Retakes 9th
October 12th – 7th Grade Activity Night
October 18th & 19th – No School & Parent Teacher Conferences

Next PTA Meeting

Wednesday, January 23rd at 9:30 am

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>