

**South Middle School PTA
General Meeting Agenda
September 20, 2021**

Virtual Meeting

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I. 7:00pm Call to Order: Donna Ekl

- A. Donna Ekl, President, called meeting to order at 7:03pm
- B. Welcome and Introductions of new board
- C. Attendance - there were (5) board members present, (4) SMS staff members, and (5) general members present

II. 7:10pm Administrative Reports

- A. Secretary's Report: Allison Tucker
 - 1. Action Item: Move to approve prior meeting minutes
 - a) No minutes available from March or May 2021 meetings
 - 2. Correspondence - none to report
- B. Treasurer's Report: Jenny Skidmore
 - 1. Monthly Report: July - Aug 2021
 - a) Monthly budget was reviewed
 - b) Review of Audit is complete
 - c) On-hand register matched what the bank was showing
 - 2. Approve audit -- Jenny Skidmore moved to approve the audit. Since there was a committee, no second is required. Audit approved.
 - 3. Approve budget -- Jenny Skidmore reviewed the current budget and where the budgets have been modified.
 - a) Scholarship -- Discussed whether this money is for this year's scholarships or next year's, why this is built into annual operating budget, and using excess funds to provide more scholarship money. For clarity and transparency it was decided to leave it in the Operating Budget - Scholarship bucket noting where the extra money came from and why it was higher this year.
 - b) Spirit Wear -- \$2k in budget from SpiritWear. Without a live spirit wear sale, Kim is concerned about meeting the budget expectations since typically 50% of sales come from the live sale. This is the 2nd year without live sale, due to Covid safety and precautions. Discussion about lowering the funds from that. Jenny & Kim discussed reducing it to \$1500, group approved. No check received from Cheer Shoppe, should have been received in early July.
 - c) Box Tops, Amazon, etc. -- when does that money come into our accounts and how?
 - d) Jenny Skidmore moved to approve the budget, Nicole Barbieri 2nd to approve, attendees approved.

C. Vice President's Report: Lauren Rogers

- 1. Nothing to report

D. Principal's Report: Dr. Morrison

1. Great start to the school year, overall things are going well,. With the state of Covid, things have been tightened, less social interaction. This year they get a little more flexibility with that, can see each other at lockers, lunchroom, etc.
2. Sports are back this year with Cross-country finishing up, girls BBall underway, and the last golf tournament coming up.
3. Gym was renovated & air conditioned. The new bleachers hold more students, the whole 7th grade sat on them for assembly.
4. Wednesday is the 1st RULER (socio-emotional) assembly about why feelings matter. Teachers have been trained on it all last year.
5. Curriculum Night - changes this year to the format for 7th & 8th, trying to make a more "community" feeling rather than staff talking **at** families all night. Survey shows 50-50% like/dislike the new format
6. Signup for conferences will be coming out in the next newsletter. Appreciation to the PTA for offering to host dinner on Thursday night.
7. SHIELD testing starts Monday, 9/27. SMS timeslot is Monday mornings 8:45-11:30, using the multipurpose room. The whole visit should take 15 mins out of the student's morning. Hoping to have some parents interested in volunteering to help out on those mornings to direct traffic of students and such. Catherine Olson suggested that PTA could set up a SUG for parents to volunteer their time. The goal is for kids to NOT continue missing the same class each monday morning to get their shield test.
8. Tik-Tok Challenge concerns - destroying bathrooms, stealing soap, etc. Mainly happening in middle schools, mainly in girls bathrooms on Tik-Tok videos. Asking parents to talk to their kids about respecting the school and making good choices.
9. Additional reports from Associate Principals: Sheri Rosen and Steve Perkins: Nothing to report

E. Teacher Liaison Report: Janet Jacobelli

1. Nothing to report, but a big Thank You to the PTA for stocking the lounge. Every time the staff grabs a snack they are reminded of how fortunate and thankful they are for PTA support.

F. President's Report: Donna Ekl

1. Request to approve \$25 donation to PTA NW Cook Regional PTA
 - a) Donna read a letter from the region requesting a \$25 donation to the NW Cook region for them to continue to provide education & resources. Move to approve by Heather Leopold and 2nd by Allison Tucker.
2. ABC 25 -- update and volunteer info, Ann Poyer
 - a) Ann Poyer partnered with PTA council to support their scholarship funds, to bring us all back together. ABC 25 donated the monitors to teachers last year so they'd have a 2nd. Back to the typical Grant Procedure. Implore and get the work out about volunteering with ABC 25, small time commitment. Get the word out to teachers to apply for the grants, great opportunities for our students.
3. Request for volunteers - in cardinal corner, link for volunteering. If you have time or know others who do, please check out the opportunities that are open. Next year we need a President and President-Elect.

III. **7:30 PM: Committee Reports**

- A. **ABC/25 Liaisons:** Ann Poyer (see President's report above)
- B. **ACE IT 25 Liaisons:** discussion on whether this exists anymore

- C. **Activity Nights:** nothing to report
- D. **Cultural Arts:** Sheri Rosen, Asst Principal, reports there's no volunteer yet, nothing to report. Discussion about reaching out to the PTA community to find a chairperson.
- E. **Directory Spot:** Ann Williams
 - 1. Just received the membership report, getting Directory Spot updated.
- F. **High School Liaisons:** nothing to report
- G. **Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation:** nothing to report
- H. **Juvenile Protection:** nothing to report
- I. **Legislation:** nothing to report
- J. **LMC Coordinator:** nothing to report
- K. **Membership/Marketing:** Catherine Olson
 - 1. Received a few registration reports, just gave the membership list to Anne Williams to update Directory Spot. Currently 847 students, with 582 PTA members, 544 parent, 34 faculty, and
 - 2. Additional funds from booster donations, additional yearbooks, staff memberships.
- L. **Publicity/Social Media:** nothing to report
- M. **Reflections:** Heather Lepold
 - 1. This year's theme is "I Will Change the World By". Reflections is a National PTA program that gets supported by each state PTA, trickles down to local units.
 - 2. Deadline Nov 4 for entries. Entry form and guidelines are posted on the SouthPTA.org web site.
- N. **Scholarship Application Reader:** nothing to report
- O. **Spirit wear:** see above comments in budget report
- P. **Student Pictures:** Lauren Rogers
 - 1. Proofs should have come home with the students last week. Parents can also access online on CPportraits.com
 - 2. Recognition and thank you to the Picture Day volunteers: Megan Kalweit, Mandy Madsen, Lisa, Kelsey, Nicole Escobedo, Mindy Turner, Mary Wicklein, Leila Matusiak, Julie Mueller, Katy Wendt, Heather Lepold
 - 3. Volunteers scheduled for retakes on 10/12 include Heather Lepold, Mary Wicklein, Katy Wendt, Megan Kalweit
 - 4. There are two people, Katy Wendt and Megan Kalweit, who have volunteered to be Picture Day chairperson for next school year. Since we only need one, it was suggested that we see if either of them would be willing to fill another position such as Hospitality, or another area that will be vacant at the end of the school year.
- Q. **Sunshine:** nothing to report
- R. **Technology/Website Coordinator:** nothing to report
- S. **Volunteer Coordinator:** nothing to report
- T. **Yearbook:** nothing to report

IV. 7:40 PM: New Business

- A. No new business brought up

V. 7:50 PM: Unfinished Business

- A. No unfinished business

VI. 8:00 PM: Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn by Lauren Rogers, 2nd by Kim, meeting adjourned 7:50pm.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Tuesday, October 12 - Picture retakes

Thursday, October 21 - Friday, October 22 -- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences Dinner