

**South Middle School PTA
General Meeting Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2022**



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

- A. Welcome and Introductions - call to order at 7:05
- B. Attendance: (4) Board members, (4) SMS staff, (4) general members

II. 7:10pm Administrative Reports

A. Secretary's Report: Allison Tucker

- 1. Action Item: Move to approve prior meeting minutes
- 2. Correspondence – none to report

B. Treasurer's Report: Jenny Skidmore

- 1. Monthly report - income from new memberships, interest gained, reversed bank fees; payments made for staff appreciation, science assembly, yearbook refunds.
- 2. Budget update
 - a) Amendment Suggested -- Funds for the 8th-grade class were not used in 2020 or 2021 for grade-level activity nights. Suggesting \$700 from Excess Funds could be put towards 8th Grade picnic to provide lunch for the students. Motion to approve by A.Tucker, 2nd by D.Ekl, and passed.
 - b) It should be noted that the Party budget is \$2800, not \$4800. Previously PTA made money from ticket sales to fund this event. (C.Olson)
- 3. Excess Funds Update -- SMS already has 2 more bike racks to install; School Administration is moving forward to get estimates to build a media display in the front entrance of the school. Items include speaker system, wardrobes/cabinets, TVs. The media would be in the front lobby, showcasing past alumni, club meeting info, sports info. D.Ekl motion to approve \$1200 estimate for TV monitors, mount & setup, A.Williams 2nd, and passed.
- 4. Audit committee -- J. Skidmore, N.Barbieri, will meet in July.

C. Vice President's Report: Lauren Rogers - no report.

D. Principal's Report: Dr. Morrison - thank you for donation to holocost museum, the students' behavior was commendable, they asked good questions and everyone seemed to benefit.

- 1. Held first assembly of the year -- working with students on the Cardinal Clap, a new concept started last year. Assembly was a lot of fun.
- 2. MAP scores were emailed out to all parents.
- 3. End-of-year school activities being planned for 6th & 7th grades; teachers working with students to host a variety of events.
- 4. Sunrise Lake was an excellent trip for 7th grade with team building activities and roasted marshmallows. Afterwards, 89% of kids said they'd want to go back.

Since it was the end of March the weather could have been better. Will look into getting dates in May for next year.

5. Teacher appreciation week begins May 2.
6. Science assembly will be May 3rd.
7. "Shrek Jr" performances coming up May 6.

E. Additional reports from Associate Principals: Sheri Rosen and Steve Perkins

1. Planning 8th-grade picnic with C.Olson.
2. Memory hall underway for 8th grade students.

F. Teacher Liaison Report: Janet Iacovelli

1. Holocaust speaker was very powerful, students were riveted, and appreciated the fact that there are not many survivors left.
2. Year end is coming so quickly. Nothing to report from 6 & 7th grades.
3. The 8th graders have been so affected by covid, seems they are finally able to be themselves again, talk to each other, relax a bit, making great strides academically and emotionally.

G. President's Report: Donna Ekl

1. Procedure Guide update - working on updates, eliminated some of the activities & committees over the past couple of years, yearbook refund updates, etc.
2. Nominating Committee update for 2022-23 board – Ann & Donna have reached out to several people to fill open positions on Board (Pres, Pres Elect, Vice Pres). Please spread the word to your people who know people.
3. Committee Chairs needed next year – this year a lot of chairs were left unfilled. PTA will send a survey with descriptions to all members in the hopes of filling those positions quickly.

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

- A. ABC/25 Liaisons
- B. ACE IT 25 Liaisons
- C. Activity Nights: no chairperson for 6th & 7th grade activity nights. Current suggestion is to have one night with 2 times to accommodate 2 grades separately. Previous nights were Roller skating, open gym w/karaoke, but open to options and new ideas
 1. 6th Grade - Need a chairperson
 2. 7th Grade - need a chairperson
 3. 8th Grade Events
- D. CulturalArts – Brian Wolff is chair, science assembly May 3.
- E. Directory Spot
- F. High School Liaisons
 - Prospect
 - RM
- G. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation – week of 5/2 with plans for M/W/F of the week. Mon breakfast, Wed lunch Porkys, Fri Comet Custard, with a gift for all staff given at the beginning of the week.
- H. Juvenile Protection

- I. Legislation
- J. LMC Coordinator – working with Mrs. O’Kelly to purchase books before the end of the year.
- K. Membership/Marketing
- L. Publicity/Social Media - posting for upcoming events, due dates, and to fill open PTA positions.
- M. Reflections
- N. Scholarship – awards ceremony on Friday, 4/29. Thank you to the application committee & readers.
- O. Spirit wear
- P. Student Pictures
- Q. Sunshine
- R. Technology/Website Coordinator
- S. Volunteer Coordinator
- T. Yearbook - wrapping up sales, reminders to students NOT already ordered through membership; distributed last week of school
 - 8th grade memory wall – hallway being decorated up the stairwell with 8th pics & kindergarten, student responses to questions, Memory Hall SUG to go out seeking helpers, creating posters from home, assembling hallway.
 - Note on 8th picnic – dj, dunk tank, photo booth, snacks, kona ice, yard games, volleyball, lunch. SUG to go out for that, might be tough given the dance is that night.

IV. 7:40 PM: New Business

No new business

V. 8:00 PM: Adjournment 7:46

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

- April 29 | Scholarship Awards Ceremony
- April 30 | Get ‘Burbed Challenge
- May 2 | Staff Appreciation Week
- May 25 | PTA Meeting
- May 31 | 8th grade Great America Trip
- June 1 | 8th Grade Picnic
- June 2 | Graduation for 8th Grade
- June 3 | Last Day of School / Graduation rain date