

South Middle School PTA

General Meeting Agenda

November 6, 2019

- I. 7:00pm Call to Order: Catherine Olson
 - a. Welcome & Introductions
 - b. Attendance (Catherine Olson, Kim Thoma, Jim Morrison, Dolores Gerog, and Jen Strimling).
- II. 7:10pm Administrative Reports
 - a. Secretary's Report: Lauren Rogers (**ABSENT**) Jen Strimling took minutes
 - i. Action Item: Motion to approve minutes from September 17, 2019 meeting. Approved; motion from Dr. Morrison and Dolores Georg. Since meeting attendance was low, an electronic poll was emailed out to all committee chairs and minutes were approved on October 21, 2019.
 - ii. Correspondence.
 - b. Treasurer's Report: Maja Czapulonis
 - i. Monthly Report--September/October (checked by Dolores and Catherine)
 - c. Vice President's Report: Jen Strimling; Jen will send Catherine email to forward to Committee Heads that has link to procedure guide. It is asked that all Committee Heads review their section in the guide and send suggested modifications to Jen Strimling for the official 2020 edit. Web manager to add IL PTA legislation to South PTA website. Catherine to send Dr. Morrison any current job openings that need to be filled. Dr. Morrison will post them to the Cardinal Corner. Jen will email the teen parenting brochure to Catherine/web manager for PTA website, along with Susan Gavin to be included in the December Cardinal Corner.
 - d. Principal's Report: Dr. Morrison: 6, 7th and new 8th grade students (and 8th grade students being monitored) to begin MAP testing in December. Dr. Morrison will be doing some form of intro for the Angst movie that is taking place on the 18th. He will ensure resources are made known to those parents that want to follow-up after the movie (with concerns that they may need mental health assistance for their child). Dr. Morrison expressed a big thanks for all the volunteers that donated food for the parent/teacher conferences. Dr. Morrison was told about the Student Assistance fund he can use for games, spiritwear, etc.
 - i. Additional Reports from Associate Principals Sheri Rosen and Steve Perkins (not present).

- e. Teacher Liaison Report: Janet Iacovelli (**ABSENT**)

The South ELA teachers wanted to thank Piper Boston and our PTA for your generosity in purchasing bean bag chairs for our classrooms. Students love them! Also, a great big thanks to PTA for the delicious dinner provided during conferences. The variety of items was impressive! Thanks for all you do to help us feel appreciated.

- f. President's Report: Catherine Olson: Need someone to take over web and social media for the PTA.
 - i. Committee chairs to save pertinent information on events on shared Google Drive: photos, receipts, SignUp Genius copies, event summary
 - ii. Santa Run is Dec. 7th. Support AHCPTA scholarship fund with the **unique registration link**.

III. 7:40pm Committee Reports

- a. ABC/25 Liaisons: Heidi Walczak
- b. Ace It 25 Liaisons: *COMMITTEE ELIMINATED*
- c. Activity Nights:
 - i. 6th Grade (Complete): Gina Hammond (**ABSENT**), Preethi D'Souza (**ABSENT**)--Friday, September 27th 6:30-8 pm at South
 - ii. 7th Grade (Complete): Nicole Escobedo (**ABSENT**), Tracy Petrusonis (**ABSENT**) --Friday, October 4th 7-8:30 pm at MPPD Central Community Center

About 200 of our 6th grade students attended (we have about 266 students). The event went well, and we've prepared suggestions to improve on it for next year. Food donation made to Journeys from left-over parent donations. Thanks to all our volunteers, especially Mrs. Rosen and Dr. Morrison, for attending.

- iii. 8th Grade Dance--Friday, May 29th at 7 pm at South: Ruth Miller, Effie Bevacqua, Aoy Martschenko (**ABSENT**); Dr. Morrison suggested the committee look into a light up dance floor for the event.

Nothing to report at this time

- d. Back to School Chill Out (Complete): Catherine Olson
No report
- e. Cultural Arts: Sheri Rosen (Admin), Kim Buck, Dolores Georg

- i. Revolutionary War days held Nov. 1.
- ii. "Angst" viewing on Nov. 18. **About 500 tickets taken. Can extend another 100 to district the week before the movie is shown.**
- Funkadesai - very well received by students and teachers
- Revolutionary war - 7th grade social studies event occurred this week
- Angst - scheduled for the 18th. SMS is sharing the cost with Thomas and the CMX theater is only charging a minimal amount for all 6 theaters. Please get your tickets soon! There is a limit of 2 tickets per family so that we have enough tickets for all. The recommendation is for the screening to be for adults only, no students.
- WW2 presenters - working with Shari for possible 8th grade social studies event
- Daniel Nicky - scheduled for spring for 6th grade event
- DEA Agent - may partner with Flock on say no to drugs/vaping/alcohol
- JoeyFineRhyme - partner with Science -positive impact to environment, all school presentation

- f. DirectorySpot: Ann Williams

No report

- g. High School Liaisons: Dr. Morrison is doing a good job of getting HS info to the outgoing 8th grade families. Jen and Catherine will keep an eye out for items that may be of interest for future families at PHS and RMHS.
 - i. Prospect High School: OPEN
 - ii. Rolling Meadows High School: OPEN
- h. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation: Kim Thoma, Ann Williams
 - i. Fall conference dinner--October 24th (Complete)
- i. Juvenile Protection- OPEN
- j. Legislation: OPEN; Jen to ask Shannon if she would consider this.
- k. LMC Coordinator: Margaret Zapata (**ABSENT**)
 - i. Book Fair (Complete): *The Bookfair was a great success! We had 9 parent volunteers participate and the LMC raised a good amount to be used for reading promotions. Book shelving schedules are set for the rest of the year. The next big events will be in the spring.*
- l. Membership/Marketing: Holly Connors
- m. Publicity/Social Media: Nicole Escobedo (**ABSENT**)
 - Nothing to report at this time***
- n. Staff/Volunteer Recognition: now combined with Sunshine Committee
- o. Reflections: OPEN
- p. Scholarship Application Reader: Julie Carlucci and Dolores Georg

No report

- q. School Board Representative: OPEN
- r. Spiritwear: Kim Thoma, Kristin Warnstedt
 - i. Fall sales; seem to be going well. Spoke about Dr. Morrison using some of his Student Assistance fund given by the PTA for free and reduced kids spiritwear.
- s. Student Pictures: Lauren Rogers (**ABSENT**)
 - i. Picture Retake Day held Tuesday, October 8th
 - ii. Prints distributed; need a better way to communicate to parents about when pictures arrive at the school and when they are sent home. Also need to mention the date for retakes to parents earlier and more often.
- t. Sunshine: Lynn Repak (**ABSENT**)

Beginning of the year new family welcome baskets have all been delivered. 28 families in total. Please continue to share of any events that we should recognize with cards (birth, death, anniversary, etc.). We may need to look at changing the welcome baskets. Home delivery didn't go well, and kids can't take them home on the bus.

- u. Technology/Website Coordinator: Nicole Escobedo (**ABSENT**)
Nothing to report at this time
- v. Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN
- w. Yearbook: Bretta Hammerstrom (**ABSENT**)
Nothing to report at this time

IV. 8:20pm New Business; Discussion around how to use some PTA funds for student body activities (i.e. tree planting). We need to establish a process to take requests for consideration. Need to understand how many free and reduced kids are at south to see if it would be viable to provide each with a cardinals t-shirt. Mentioned donations of gently used spiritwear; needs future discussion with more members present.

V. 8:32pm Adjournment

Secretary: Lauren Rogers

Reviewed by President on: 11/15/19

Approved by General Membership on: 11/21/19

Upcoming Dates

“Angst” Parent/Guardian Viewing: Monday, Nov. 18 at 6 pm at CMX Theater Arlington Heights
Santa Run: Saturday, Dec. 7

PTA Meetings

Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, 2020 9:30 am

Wednesday, March 18th, 2020, 7 pm

Tuesday, May 19th, 2020, 7 pm