

South Middle School PTA



General Meeting Agenda
November 2, 2021

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Meeting ID: 858 8544 1378
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I. 7:00pm Call to Order: Donna Ekl, President - *called to order 7:01*

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Attendance (12) - there were (5) board members present, (3) SMS staff members, and (4) general members present

II. 7:10pm Administrative Reports

- A. Secretary's Report: Allison Tucker
 - 1. Review 9/20 meeting minutes
 - a) Action Item: Move to approve prior meeting minutes
 - (1) approved
 - 2. Correspondence - nothing to report
- B. Treasurer's Report: Jenny Skidmore
 - 1. Monthly Report - *discussed moving to electronic statements due to bank charge for printed statements. Reviewed budget deposits and expenditures.*
 - 2. *Filed 990N form.*
 - 3. *Refunding membership dues - no policy required, but discussed whether we need a policy to address occasional requests (family moves, accidentally did 2 memberships). Discussed potential date cutoffs, review other PTA policies, and will address at next meeting*
- C. Vice President's Report: Lauren Rogers - *nothing to report*
- D. Principal's Report: Dr. Morrison
 - 1. *Thank you for the conference dinner, all staff very appreciative.*
 - 2. *Food drive to support the Wheeling Twp FP - Nov 8 - 12. Trying to collect specific items. Achieving the student challenge / collection goals will result in Dr. Morrison doing something fun for the students.*
 - 3. *Author Jordan Sonnenblick visited virtually, kids listened to how he created the book, writing process, Q&A*
 - 4. *Virtual Assembly - Fri 11/5 recognizing all sports from Q1, held during home base.*
 - 5. *Cards Award Fri 11/5 - recognize students who earned awards from staff, positive characteristics.*

6. *Map testing 12/8-9, all grades*
7. *Bike safety - encouraging kids to lock their bikes, have had 2 thefts this year.*
8. *Nothing additional from SR or SP*

E. Teacher Liaison Report: *captured above*

F. President's Report: Donna Ekl

1. *Bylaws review - updated every other year, alternating with procedure guide. Last year bylaws should have been approved, but that didn't happen.*
 - a) *Art 8 Sec 6 -- lowering quorum from 7 to 5*
 - b) *Art 7 -- role of Pres Elect needs to be added as well as the phrase that the P.E. "shall act as an aid to the Pres"*
 - c) *Art 5 Sec 5 -- elected officer resigning, who takes over. Region suggested we have a Pres Elect role or Vice Pres role.*
 - d) *Action Item: motion to approve AT, KThoma second*
2. *Volunteer / Chairpersons update - did get some responses to the Cardinal Corner plea.*
 - a) *Cultural Arts filled*
 - b) *6th & 7th grade activity nights - per Lori B activity nights can happen, preferred outside, now it's getting cold. If we can't get a quick turn-around for fall, we can do something in the spring.*
 - c) *Discussed 8th grade picnic (similar to last year) vs. dance. Need to consider how things are looking with Covid concerns & safety. Want to have a fun celebration that is safe for all students.*
 - d) *Movie night idea - a movie for all is difficult, particularly with covid restrictions. Past movie nights kids brought sleeping bags & pillows and such and we just can't do that at this time.*
 - e) *Discussed whether we may be able to expand cultural arts, student clubs, or other student offerings*

III. 7:30 PM: Committee Reports

- A. ABC/25 Liaisons:
- B. ACE IT 25 Liaisons:
- C. Activity Nights:
 1. 6th Grade:
 2. 7th Grade:
 3. 8th Grade Dance:
- D. CulturalArts: *new chairperson to be announced*

- E. Directory Spot:
- F. High School Liaisons: *PSAT held 10/30*
 - 1. Prospect: n/a
 - 2. RM: CO posts online social media when she can, things they can attend, activities like feeder basketball
- G. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation:
- H. Juvenile Protection:
- I. Legislation:
- J. LMC Coordinator:
- K. Membership/Marketing: *Catherine Olson*
 - 1. Update on membership numbers - up to 47 faculty members, 540 parent/guardian members
- L. Publicity/Social Media:
- M. Reflections: *Heather Lepold*
 - 1. Deadline extended - working with the TMS chair, decided to extend to Thurs 11/11
 - 2. HL will submit PPT slide with new deadline to be included in announcements and on social media
- N. Scholarship Application Reader:
- O. Spirit wear:
- P. Student Pictures: *Lauren Rogers - Nothing to report*
- Q. Sunshine:
- R. Technology/Website Coordinator:
- S. Volunteer Coordinator:
- T. Yearbook:

IV. 7:40 PM: New Business

- A. Yearbook - at the end of 3-year contract. Working with yearbook advisors and TMS staff to coordinate to either re-sign or find a new vendor.

V. 8:00 PM: Adjournment (7:41)

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Nov 5 | Progress Reports

Nov 22-26 | Thanksgiving Break

Dec 19 - Jan 3 | Winter Break