

**South Middle School PTA
General Meeting Minutes
December, 2024 (on Google Meet)**



I. Administrative Reports

- A. Secretary's Report (Susan Parlato)
 - 1. Vote on minutes from 10/1/2024 – Minutes passed
- B. Treasurer's Report (Nicole Mather/Sarah Baird)- No update
- C. Monthly report - It has been requested to purchase items such as gift cards to give away with extra funds- Gift cards can be used for teachers around holidays and/or conference times. They can be used to entice teachers and students as little incentives throughout the year.
 - 1. November- The PTA provided dinner to parents
 - 2. Symphonic band, concert band and jazz band concerts were held in December.
 - 3. Boys 8th grade Basketball finished their season with a loss in sectionals to Thomas.
 - 4. The 7th grade class went on a field trip to the metropolis to see the Christmas Carol at the metropolis
- D. Reports from Principals (Dr. Morrison, Sheri Rosen, Dr. Perkins)
- E. Report for Teacher Liaison (Lisa Smith)
- F. President's Report (Sarah Baird)

II. Committee Reports

- A. Grade Events and Activities: 8th Grade Events in Spring
 - 1. Need Volunteers
 - 2. Send out updates on 8th grade activities after the holidays. –
 - a) 8th grade Dance- May 22nd
 - b) Picnic
 - c) Great America outing
 - d) Need to further discuss decorating the 8th grade hallways
- B. Directory Spot (Heather Lepold)- In need of a volunteer to update directory spot
- C. High School Liaisons
 - 1. Debbie Lysicatos is RMHS liaison she visited the HS on Feb 13th.
 - a) We need to post highschool tryout dates for 8th graders.
 - b) Students at RMHS will volunteer to create a website for South. This looks great on college resumes.
 - 2. Need a Mount Prospect Liason
- D. Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation (Cassie Hrtanek)
 - 1. Teacher Appreciation

2. Stock the Lounge – January: Check in on teachers snacks if any preferences are requested. - Diet Coke, Skinny pop chips, trail mixes are always a hit.
- E. LMC Coordinator (Sarah Baird)
 1. We are ordering the chairs (finally!) for the LMC with the budget that was held over from last year.
- F. Membership: Christmas memberships continue to come in.
- G. Publicity/Social Media (Susan Parlato)- Reach out with any posts needed.
- H. Reflections (Shelly Daley)
- I. Scholarship Application Reader- Looking for volunteers to read scholarship applications- Need to spread the word and have volunteers in March.
- J. School Board Rep (Communication through Nikki Mather)
- K. Spirit wear (Sarah Baird)
 1. We had 29 orders for the last minute holiday order.
 2. We will run a Spring order in April -Would there be any interest in making sweatshirts an option to purchase with PE class for cold days when PE goes outside.
- L. Student Pictures: 8th grade pictures are scheduled for Feb 11th
- M. Technology/Website Coordinator- RMHS students have volunteered to create the website- Debbie Lysicatos to coordinate
- N. Yearbook (Argie Karafotias) Yearbooks- Need communication to go out if your child is currently signed up to receive a yearbook or not .
 1. Backpack communication is the best. Need this done before yearbook orders go in.
 2. Announce with a PTA membership you get a yearbook

III. New Business

- A. SCOREBOARD: South needs a new scoreboard Thomas put one in and the approximate cost was \$15,000. We need to collect pricing on a new scoreboard for the basketball games.
 - B. VOLUNTEERS: Are we in need of more volunteers and are always looking for ways and ideas of different types of rewards and incentives to provide to students and teachers.
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