

SPPS PTO Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2023

The February 9, 2023 meeting of the SPPS PTO was called to order by PTO President, Tami Haverkamp, and then Principle Todd Leonard opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were emailed out prior to the meeting and posted on the SPPS App. Tami asked if anyone had additions or corrections to the minutes. There were no requests for additions or corrections. Tam Haverkamp called for a vote to approve the minutes, Julie Bergman motioned to approve the minutes and Bonnie Ridenour seconded. All present voted "yes" and the motion was carried.

Treasurer Amber Sudbeck reported a checking account balance of \$45,149.26, savings account balance of \$25,347.54 and CD balance of \$75,424.35. There are no outstanding bills.

There was no guest presentation for the meeting.

Committee Reports

Apparel - No report

Book Fair - No report

Booster Club - Molly Strathman had the Thank You cards printed, addressed and ready with a postage stamp. She asked Jr High teachers to have the junior high students write a small thank you note and mail them out. The Booster Club provided game day treats for all the junior high students on game day. They also provided treats for the referees and bus drivers on occasion. Also announced for future years, the booster club would be on standby to help with t-shirts for the Cheer Clinic in case funds ran short. There would be no treats given out for track season.

Christmas Wish List - Brooke Strathman reported that they had raised \$16,500. All teachers' lists were fulfilled minus the gift cards. Teachers were to contact Brooke if anything was missing. Brooke brought up for future years to combine Stuff the Bus and Christmas Teacher Wish List. There was a small discussion. Further discussion was tabled until new business.

Flower Sales - No report

Memory Tree - Carrie Holthaus emailed that they raised \$2,837 in profit.

Nature Area - No report

Playground Committee - Courtney Strathman reported that they had applied for 3 grants prior to year end. So far they had heard back from only 1 grant application that their application was denied. They are waiting to hear back from KDHE and STEP Foundation grants. If they are successful with the KDHE grant, they will have to build the playground within a certain timeline. The committee will be meeting with Father next week to discuss the playground further.

Night to Reignite - Julie Bergman reported that they had sold 251 tickets. The committee is working on finalizing the seating chart and supplies. The auction packet had been sent to the printer. The committee asked if we could vote on setting the date for next year. They have tentatively reserved the Knights hall

for February 4, 2024. Tami Haverkamp asked for a motion to approve next year's Night to Reignite date. Alison Hermes moved to approve Night to Reignite for 2024 with the date being February 4, 2024. Jennie Rusche seconded the motion. No discussion and all present voted "yes" and the motion passed.

School Supply Kits - No report

Smoke Off - No report

Stuff the Bus - No report

Sunshine Parent - No report

Teacher Appreciation - No report

Teacher Lounge - No report

PTO Officers Report

There were two expenses that had been requested to be paid between the meetings and these were approved by the PTO Officers:

1. Approved paying for half of each ticket for the upcoming 6th, 7th, 8th ski trip
2. Paid for \$476 of the StuCo Water Bottles to guarantee the price per water bottle

Tami Haverkamp said that the officers had discussed voting on paying for the ski trip for future years. The trip is every 3 years and Tami asked that the PTO pay for half of the tickets for students, teachers, and sponsors. Ashley Carlson moved to approve that the PTO would always pay for half of the ski trip ticket prices. Julie Berman seconded the motion. Discussion followed about limiting the number of chaperones, how does this vote impact other field trips or the 8th grade field trip, and it was noted that not all chaperone ticket prices are the same price. The group rate will always include a certain number of chaperone tickets at a reduced rate. Molly Strathman moved to amend the motion that PTO would pay for 100% of the teachers and bus driver ski tickets and all other tickets for students and parent chaperones would be paid at 50%. Tami Haverkamp asked for approval of the amended motion. All present voted "yes" and the motion passed.

Principal's Report

Todd Leonard reports:

1. Catholic Schools Week was very successful with many activities during the week and family members eating with the students during lunch. St. Gregory's Catholic School students came to SPPS on Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week to enjoy fun activities together.
2. Basketball season for SPPS is over and both the boys & girls squad had a successful season.
3. Scholars Bowl started on 2/9/23. The 7th grade won their first meet. There are 4 meets total and the season is over on 2/20/23.
4. The Talent Show is 2/21/23.
5. Lent is starting on 2/22/23 and the Friday Stations of the Cross would start on 2/24/23 at 2pm. Teachers asked if Father Arul could consider moving the Stations of the Cross to 2:30pm.
6. Spring Break starts 3/11/23.
7. The first Track Meet is March 30th and the first practice will start after Spring Break. 6th Graders will be allowed to go out as they have in the past but will not be able to participate in each meet due to transportation. Bus Transportation has been an issue for the district and it has affected extra curricular activities.

8. There is a new curriculum that SPPS is looking at adopting. The Teachers are doing research and should have answers by the April 2023 PTO meeting. It is necessary to make sure that the curriculum being taught aligns with the Archdiocese values. Todd is looking into a parent committee to look over the new curriculum.

Teachers Reports

Jennie Rusche - Jennie reported on School Calendar sales. The calendars are not a PTO fundraiser. Alison Hermesch will be helping Jennie with Calendar sales now. The funds are to help teachers and staff to purchase supplies. While no calendars were sold during the 2022-2023 school year, there will be drawings for prize winners in the Lenten season. Jennie & Alison are looking into reformatting the calendar onto one page. SPPS families will get a packet of newly formatted calendars to sell in the July 2023 enrollment packets. Jennie also noted that quite a few winners donate their winnings back into the calendar fund.

New Business

Christmas Wish List/Stuff the Bus - The discussion is being picked back up from Brooke Strathman's recommendation that the Christmas Wish List/Stuff the Bus committees be combined into one fundraiser for teacher/school supplies. An idea was that the fundraiser would be done around Christmas and it would always include a certain dollar gift card for each teacher/staff member to receive in March/April to start buying supplies for their classroom. Brooke and Amber shared that quite a few of the donors are non-parents. There was also a discussion of a public Amazon Wish List for the school or a public Google Document because teachers do like to buy local and support our local businesses as well. The discussion moved to in March 2023 each teacher and staff member that usually received Stuff the Bus funds, would receive \$200 from PTO for the 2023-2024 school year and there would be no Stuff the Bus in July 2023. There would be a 2023 Christmas Wish List that included larger items and gift cards for the teachers/staff to receive in March 2024. Tami Haverkamp called for a vote on the proposed changes to Stuff the Bus and Christmas Wish List. Brooke Stallbaumer moved to do a fundraiser for School/Teacher Wish List items for 2023 Christmas time, money would be saved back for teachers to start their classrooms and there would not be a Stuff the Bus fundraiser for 2023. Anna Kohake seconded the motion. All present voted "yes" and the motion passed.

Faith Families - Brooke Stallbaumer asked for the PTO to help with the 8th Grade Send Off for Faith Families.

PTO Survey - The PTO Officers will be sending out a survey for the 2023-2024 activities. The teachers and committee heads would be asked to submit questions for parents to answer regarding the current PTO activities. Officers asked that the questions be direct/pointed questions. These questions will also give us guidance on adding new committees or if there were changes to existing committees. Questions will be due to PTO Officers by March 1st, 2023. The PTO Officers, Father Arul and Todd will review the questions and the survey will be sent out March 20th, 2023. Answers will be due by March 26th, 2023. The results and recommendations from the survey will be presented at the April 2023 PTO meeting.

Grandparents Club - The club was a huge help during Catholic Schools Week.

The next PTO meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, April 20th, 2023 at 7pm. The snack and pop winner is 2nd Grade.

With no further discussion, Julie Bergman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Anna Kohake. All present voted "yes" and the motion passed. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Todd Leonard and Tami Haverkamp adjourned the meeting..