

MINUTES

SAMS PTSA

Date | time September 4, 2019 6:00 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Sandy Ellington-Graves

In Attendance

Angel Squires, Dodie Boone, Kristin Foust, Heather Ward, Alison Scarlett, India Kingery, Jamie Williams, Janna Smith, Jamie Day, Mandy Campbell, Angie Hall, Kevin Kronbergs, Heather Kronbergs, Sandy Ellington-Graves, Emily White

Minutes

Motion to approve as submitted made by Angie Hall, seconded by Kristin Foust.

Financials

The bank balance is currently \$11,775.20, after accounting for funds that are allocated for the library, it is \$9300.67. August activity included sales of Spirit Wear at Meet the Teacher, the purchase of more Spirit Wear (bracelets) Classroom Grants and Beautification projects.

Discussion concerning the renewal of our BJ's Club card was had, as it is used most frequently for dance supplies. Sandy Ellington-Graves made a motion to renew, Angie Hall seconded.

Administration Report

Heather Ward reported that there was much appreciation for the Back to School Hospitality. Staff had an ice cream celebration for the achievements made over the last year, just reported in the annual school report card. SMS excelled in growth and was the second highest middle school in ABSS, just coming shy of a 'B' score by 1 point.

Teacher Report

Alison Scarlett reported that her work with IMPACT Alamance was starting to reap the rewards. New tables and chairs are starting to show up in the library, as a result of the grant that she applied for after she took their teacher workshop. More couches and benches, with casters are expected soon.

Committee Reports

- Hospitality – Some calendar changes were made to Sweet Treat Fridays. The next one will be held on September 27.
- Dance – September 6 volunteers seem tentatively covered, but a few extras would be welcome. Volunteers are asked to report at 5:45. Clean up help is usually done by the time the kids are all picked up. All volunteers are expected to sign up for the volunteer background checks, which last for two years. Dance Pass details will be worked out with administration.
- Fundraising – Texas Roadhouse is being started. The first of the Spirit Nights, Purple Penguin, is ready to be held Tuesday, September 10 from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. The Dodgeball Tournament is still planned for now, but options such as a Mini-golf fundraiser were discussed, as some concerns over the tournament had been raised.

- Spirit Wear – Many new potential designs were passed around by Janna Smith, with feedback indicated on the designs. Decisions will have to be made on the stock and designs. The Puravida bracelets are due in soon as well. Spirit Wear brought in approximately \$1500 already this year.
- Box Tops – The switchover to digital is this year, so both can be submitted, graphics will be circulated to help educate parents on the app that is now available.
- Beautification – No project updates, holding off on further work for cooler weather.
- Book Fair – Will be held between October 17th and 24th. The 24th will also be the Open House, with a Guest Speaker at 6:30, TBD.
- Health – Supply stock is good.

Old Business

Mr. Shaw appreciation sign up form was passed around. A basket is in the office for treats.

New Business

A reminder about the secure volunteer sign-ups, the turnaround is about 14 days.

Teacher surveys were sent out, which provides a ranking of favorite events and how PTSA can support. There was a 60.3% rate of return. Gift cards were given to winners of the drawing of surveys. Matt Ritter won \$25 from Drake's, and Hope Danieleley and Deborah Jeffries won \$5 each to Target.

A brief discussion was held about repainting the pawprints on the sidewalk, and potentially more around the amphitheater. Mandy Campbell believed she had stencils. Alison Scarlett believed that there could be teacher interest in making that improvement, and was going to try to coordinate that. This also led to a discussion of some broken pavers (submitted to maintenance), in an area that it is hoped can be filled at some point with concrete.

The Engraved Brick Fundraiser will need 25 sold to continue, only 10 have been sold. There is hope to have a tiger faced in a circle at the amphitheater.

Next Meeting

October 2, 6:00p.m., Media Center

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57.