



Silver Lake Regional Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2020, 7PM

Virtual meeting was held via Zoom due to on-going COVID-19 school closures

PTO Board of Directors and Chairpersons present:

Katie Berry, PTO Co-President

Lori Costa-Cline, PTO Co-President

SLRMS Administration present:

Mr. Stewart, Assistant Principal

Introductions: Katie Berry

Community Members Present:

Katelyn Dahlen, incoming 2020/21 Co-President

Kara Lippe, incoming 2020/21 Co-President

Amy Amoroso, 2020/21 incoming Co-Vice President

Bekki Badore 2020/21 incoming Co-Vice President

Amy Kenealy, 2020/21 incoming Recording Secretary

Ashleigh Carwile, 2020/21 incoming Assistant Treasurer; Treasurer on January 1, 2021

Laurie Graziano

Pam Sanford, SLRMS team 8-2 math teacher

Treasurer's Report: Katie Berry

There are additional funds available from recent events that were cancelled. There is already a surplus of over \$7,000 after taking into account what is budgeted for all of next year. We are leaving you in good hands for next year.

Principal's Report: Mr. Stewart, pick-a-time appointments will be available for students getting items from school next week. Mr. Dupille will send out his weekly newsletter on Friday with additional details.

Committee Reports:

Apparel: Pam Quinn, Chairperson

-no update

Scholarship Committee: Pam Quinn, chairperson

-We are still waiting for one chairperson's decisions to announce the recipients.

New Business: Katie Berry

-Educational Endowment for Meritorious Effort: Katie Berry

-10 students were nominated

-This has taken two years to get underway but the PTO really wanted to recognize the "underdog student" who has tried very hard to make improvements over the entire school year. This would be something that would be announced at the 8th grade Evening of Excellence, but that is cancelled this year. We need to form a selection committee. Ms. Berry feels she should not be on that committee since she has already seen the nominations. She has redacted the students' names, genders and who nominated them for impartiality. We need 3 individuals for a committee. Laurie Graziano, Ashleigh Carwile, and Bekki Badore all volunteered.

Donation to Local Food Pantry: Katie Berry

-Following up on a previous PTO Board discussion. There is a great need for donations to local food pantries. We are looking for ideas for donation amounts. Ms. Costa-Cline wants to know how many food pantries we would donate to. Motion made for \$150 to the Halifax Food Pantry and \$150 to the Kingston Food Pantry; motioned passed.

-PTO Board 2020/21: Katie Berry

-Introduction of new board and committee members for 2020-2021

Katelyn Dahlen, incoming co-president

Kara Lippe, incoming co-president

Amy Amoroso, incoming co-vice president

Bekki Badore incoming co-vice president

Amy Kenealy, incoming recording secretary

Georgia Chapman, incoming communication chairperson

Ashleigh Carwile, incoming assistant treasurer, treasurer on January 1, 2021

-Ms. Berry is very grateful for new board that has stepped up to volunteer. Ms. Costa-Cline has many fond memories of serving on the PTO and is always here as a resource if needed.

-Request for funding: Mrs. Pam Sanford, math teacher, team 8-2 Cyclones

Team 8-2 has 90 students. The team teachers feel very strongly that they want to do something for the 8th graders since they will be missing a lot end of year activities. Mrs. Sanford is asking for \$517 to have t-shirts made for each student. Ms. Berry is concerned about other teams not having equal gifts through PTO. Mrs. Sandford was not sure how other teams are handling end of the year celebrations. Ms. Costa-Cline feels like we should make effort for both other 8th grade teams. She also spoke to previous conversations the current board had trying to brainstorm for gifts for all 8th graders but struggled to find something that would be meaningful for them. Ms. Costa-Cline is support of doing something, but for all students since the school does a lot to try to make 8th grade year special. Mr. Stewart recommends giving each team an equal amount if they submit a proposal, as 8-2 has. Ms. Berry motioned to fund \$525 for each team. Proposals from teams need to be submitted to the PTO by June 10. Motioned seconded and passed. Mr. Stewart will send out something from PTO to 8th grade teams.

-New PTO Website: Katie Berry

There is a new PTO website as of June 2, 2020 that Ms. Berry has been creating and updating with documents and procedures to pass on to future boards.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Respectfully submitted, Pam Quinn, PTO Secretary

Next meeting July 2020