

Derenne Avenue PTF  
September 4, 2013

In attendance Denise Wilson, Corrie Gee, Cindy Beaver, Molly Goodman, Malena Stone, Kim Floyd, Allison Kelly, Jan Starling, Kris Tindol, Jennifer Haddad, Elizabeth Witherington, Lindsay Ellington, Candace Thigpen, Ellie McKenzie, Alyssa Gardner, Mrs. Van Puffelen

1. Welcome and Prayer

2. Treasurer's Report - A special thank you to Clark Floyd for his outstanding work as Treasurer. The current balance is \$7926.79.

3. Old Business:

a. PTF provided signs for entering and exiting carpool. These will be left up through September.

b. As agreed at the last meeting, pine straw was spread prior to the beginning of school throughout the campus. The Middle School provided the majority of the funds for the straw, and we would also like to extend a big THANK YOU to the Bucks, the Stones, and the Witheringtons for their donation to the pinestraw fund.

c. Orientation Report & rosters: the orientations went well. Someone from PTF was at each meeting to be a friendly face of PTF and to personally encourage everyone's involvement. From the looks of the turn-out at this meeting, we accomplished this goal!!

d. Room Mothers have been selected and notified and given all the information they need to begin the year.

e. Math Super stars, Ice Cream Friday, and Box Top Collection are already underway for the 2013-2014 school year. Thank you to Allison Kelly, Emily Stevens, Katie Kelley and Jennifer Haddad for all the hard work they have put into these activities to get them started in such a timely fashion. :)

f. Pizza Day will now be held on the last Friday of the month beginning in September. We are very lucky to have Christi McInnis to do Pizza Day for us again this year!

4. New Business

a. parent hosts for tours: Kris spoke with Debbie Fairbanks in Admissions, and she was positively delighted at the prospect of having a parent help host prospective family tours for DA. Elizabeth Witherington and Kris will work together with Debbie as the fall term continues to make this happen.

b. Target is hosting an opportunity for schools to earn extra money by voting for your school through Facebook. The following is the link: <https://apps.facebook.com/givewithtarget/school/115414>. There are two different SCPS schools listed so please make sure you choose the DA SCPS. For every 25 votes our school receives Target will donate \$25. You can post your vote to your Facebook Timeline and encourage friends and family to vote for our school as well. Voting will end on September 21, 2013 at midnight.

Also, if you have a Target Red Card please consider choosing Savannah Christian as a school that Target will donate a percentage of your spending to. This money will not go to PTF directly but rather to a general needs fund for the whole school. Please note that this is different from the above opportunity. This is an ongoing opportunity. You can read more about it at <https://www.target.com/redcard/benefits-target-rewards>.

c. We received a bid from Tidewater for replacing the mulch on the playground of \$4,200 which included labor. After a little more searching Kris Tindol was able to secure a bid from Jill Douberly's husband for \$2,000 (\$20/cubic foot). We have enlisted the help of Beth Sasser (upper school counselor) to see about having Upper School students spread the mulch for their required community service hours. We hope to have this completed soon!

d. A date for our fall work day still needs to be set. We would like to have this done prior to the first SCPS Open House (November 13). Some suggestions mentioned at the meeting were a bench up against the building near the playground for teachers to sit on while outside watching the children at recess and possibly some planters to go around the outside of the building. If you are interested in heading up our work day or have any suggestion for any projects that need to be done please let Kris Tindol know.

e. The Thanksgiving Feast will be on Monday, November 25th. Denise Wilson is chairing the Feast and is looking for a co-chair. If you are interested in helping co-chair please let Kris know.

f. At our last PTF meeting we discussed the possibility of having a mini luncheon once a month for our teachers. After some discussion we have decided instead to keep a snack basket in the teacher's lounge stocked for our teachers throughout the year. Each month a different grade will be in charge of stocking the basket for the teachers. Some of the favorites in the past have been mini cans of Cokes (and Diet Coke), bottled water, and yogurt. We will still be giving the teachers a lunch break once per month during which time we will need parent volunteers to oversee lunch room duty. Corrie Gee will be coordinating with parents that signed up to help.

#### 5. Talk from the Top:

Mrs. Van Puffelen opened the floor for anything that we needed to further discuss.

Lindsay Ellington provided an update on Mrs. Ellington. She is doing MUCH better and has been able to get up and out some over the past few weeks.

Jennifer Haddad has already started working on Box Tops For Education for this school year. She is working on a letter to go home in folders soon. She will also be passing out Publix Cards to the new students. If you have lost or need a new card please let Jennifer know. Every little bit helps our school!

Malena Stone mentioned that we need to get started on our Basket Fund Raiser. More information will be coming out soon. Each class will have a themed basket that will be auctioned off during Grandparent's Day.

We will once again have a Christmas Service Project. Kris noted that she has found someone to help Malena this year. Classes will adopt a patient from Riverview Nursing Home. Malena is going to work on getting a list of patients in need. Students will be able to participate in a visit to the nursing home to sing and visit with the patients. A date will be decided.