

SCPS Middle School PTF Minutes  
January 2015

Attendees: Theresa Portzer, Kim Hoxie, Levette Dixon, Heather Paul, Linda Bakhsh, Janet Pigott, Mike Crosby, Lucy Biemiller, Terry Aultman, John Tegtmeier, Emily Vu, Mason Sprinkel, Nathan Wetmore.

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM and the opening prayer was led by Lucy Biemiller.

2015 Student Government officers, John Tegtmeier/President, Emily Vu Sec/Tres., 6th grd. VP Mason Sprinkel and 8th grd. VP/Chaplain, Nathan Wetmore, introduced themselves and expressed a sincere interest in assisting the PTF with tasks and projects for the school. Student Govt. teacher rep., Mrs. Aultman, was also in attendance. PTF will have the student govt. leaders and homeroom reps. assist with Candy Gram distribution on Friday Feb. 13th.

Kim Hoxie, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$5918.11 This includes the Box Tops check that was deposited on 1/6/2015 in the amount of \$1660.33. 8 Express Lunch payments will be made to vendors Chick-Fil-A and Marcos Pizza from this balance. Mr. Crosby will solicit a "wish list" from the teachers, to see how the Box Top money might best be spent. Funding the purchase of a new podium was suggested by Mr. Crosby.

PTF will sponsor a Used Uniform Sale on Thursday January 15th from 7:30 AM-3:15 PM in Room 7.

Parent Vicki Keller and others will coordinate the PTF sale of Valentine Candy Grams. Message tags for the cellophane bag of "sweet treats" will be on sale to students for \$1 each, later this month. Message tags will be attached to the Candy Grams and distributed to students in their homerooms at 2:45 PM on Friday Feb. 13th. The student govt. officers and homeroom reps will help with distribution of the candy items. Theresa has been in contact with parent Kelley Cale, about possibly buying candy at wholesale prices from River Street Sweets, where she is the Director of Corporate Sales. Further calls will be made to secure pricing.

Express Lunch is running smoothly and will continue with 4 more Marcos Pizza days and 4 Chick Fil-A days. Lunch rep's Natalie Brown and Rhonda Hoffman should continue to check with Mrs. Sims on Thursday, before placing the order, to account for orders she may have taken during the week. MARCOS PIZZA will be WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11th, rather than Friday Feb. 13th, due to a 6th grade field trip.

The spring dance will be a semi-formal event, held in the cafe' of the Middle School on Friday April 24th, 7-10 PM. Tickets \$10. Professional photographer will be on site for photo's - 2 5x7 photo's for \$10.

Mrs. Sims sent a thank you card on behalf of the faculty and staff, thanking PTF for the nice Christmas Lunch in December. The next Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be Thursday March 12, 2015. It will be a "grab bag lunch" event, coordinated by Donna Jepson and Linda Bakhsh. Details to come.

Lucy Biemiller reviewed the dates for Art Blitz, Monday Feb. 2 - Thursday Feb. 5th. Grandparent's Day will close out the week on Friday Feb. 6th. The band, chorus and drama class will perform at the event. Student's may be signed out early that day and will not miss any class instruction if they opt for early dismissal. Lucy requested assistance from PTF in providing light breakfast items for the visiting artists, Mon-Thurs. Feb. 2- Feb. 5th. Muffins, breakfast breads and other items should be set up in the cafe' by 8 AM.

Levette Dixon and Linda Bakhsh are overseeing the production of the student/parent information flyer for the 8th grade T-shirt competition. ALL students, 6-8th grade are encouraged to submit t-shirt designs, which may be used on the 2015 8th grade t-shirt. The event will be announced by Levette/Linda at chapel on Wednesday March 4th. The deadline for design submission is Friday April 10th. Voting for a winner will take place that day and Levette/Linda will proceed with getting it to the printers for production. The winner and unveiling of the t-shirt will take place at chapel on Wednesday May 6th. Shirts will be distributed to 8th grade students at the 8th Grade Awards Reception on Monday May 11th at 6:30 in the MS Gym.

Theresa informed the group of an e-mail she received from the LS DeRenne Ave PTF President, Elizabeth Witherington, about our interest in co-sponsoring a fundraising event with the DA Lower School, to benefit the DeRenne Campus. It was decided that the MS PTF did not wish to participate in a fund-raising event, however, would assist the LS in a bench project along the walkway to the LS gymnasium. Levette noted that we might be able to secure funding from Lowe's Home Building store, as she is aware that Lowe's offers funding to schools for improvement projects. She will look into this in more detail. Lucy Biemiller will look to have a letter drafted from the business office, with a material list, that Theresa will secure from Elizabeth Witherington.

Theresa noted that the DA LS PTF has been very generous and helpful in assisting us with school projects this school year. Before Christmas, we learned that \$10,000 was secured from SunTrust Bank and earmarked for gym ceiling refurbishment. Former DA LS PTF President, Kris Tindol, was instrumental in making the ceiling refurbishment recommendation to the Sun Trust rep. We are very grateful for her recommendation and SunTrust's generosity.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Notes were taken and minutes prepared by Theresa Portzer