

## Sunrise Valley Elementary School (SVES) PTA General Meeting Minutes April 4, 2018, 7:00 pm SVES Library

- 1) Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by PTA President Megan Murphy in the library. Recording secretary Antonia Blackwood recorded the minutes.
- 2) Members present: Please see sign-in sheet. A quorum was established.
- 5) The March General Meeting minutes were approved.
- 6) Principal's report: Murphy reported that neither Mr. West nor Mr. Washington could attend the meeting and they had not provided her a report to give in their absence.

## 7) Officer Reports

- President: Report given by Megan Murphy. This Friday is the Basketball Challenge. Nancy Darmory will give a full update. Kindergarten orientation is at 2:45 pm on Friday, April 13 which is also a 2:05 pm early dismissal day. Murphy discussed presenting about the PTA at the orientation and also finding someone to organize summer playdates on the playground for rising kindergarteners. Antonia Blackwood offered to help with that. The following week is AAP orientation for potential incoming families which Murphy will attend to tell new parents about the PTA.
- Programs: Report given by Gamble Gilbertson. The spring program is going really well except for the spring snowstorm. We only had one makeup built into the schedule due to SOLs so there will be no more makeups for a couple of the classes. A survey will be sent to parents to see what they want in the future. Gilbertson has been researching professional organizations to handle enrichment since it is a lot for one person to handle. They negotiate the fees with vendors and take a percentage from them so parents will not be charged more. Some programs will have a site supervisor to let people in. She talked to a couple of current vendors to get their input as well. Finally, Gilbertson said she needs a co-chair for next year as it will be her third year and she would like a succession plan in place. Alex Zbarcea volunteered to help.
- Communications: Report given by Kara Manton. Manton asked if anyone has deactivated their Facebook account due to the recent controversy as there has been a sudden decline in the number of Facebook group members. Nobody said that they had. Manton will look at other ways of communicating with members. She reported on a survey conducted but said results were not enough to be statistically significant. Highest percentage of impact of messaging was regarding attendance at events so it seems posts about events are helpful. She reported one anonymous comment about advertising the Bingo Night auction as silent when it wasn't entirely silent. A suggestion was made to just call it an auction next year.
- Events: Report given by Colleen Elliott.
   <u>Bingo Night (3/9)</u> Bingo night included an auction and we raised much more than the budget thanks to Brenda Cafiero and Gerald Zavala. Treasurer Deborah Nelson provided a financial report on the auction. We are up to almost \$3,000 on the auction. We grossed about \$3000 and had about \$400 in expenses. This is over \$1,000 more than we planned.
  - Show What You Know (3/14) Elliott suggested giving Andy a special recognition for SWYK since he has done it for so long. Nina Kellerman organized a healthy treat for participants. Elliott will ask for more

information on the financials of the event so that we know what the expenses are and can plan for next year. Julie Lele suggested using the Virginia PTA budget worksheet form as a template for all events. Basketball Challenge (4/6) Nancy Darmory reported that this year we are playing Fox Mill Elementary School. There will be concessions. Sales will be split between the two schools. We will have the SLHS color guard, the all chorus county will sing, and the other school got a free DJ. Mr. Platts will still do the pep rally at school for the kids. We will also have our junior pep squad dance and they will perform at the challenge as well.

Talent Show (4/20) Heather Wiemer is organizing it. There will be two 40 minute halves.

- Treasurer: Report given by Deborah Nelson. Co-Treasurer Stacey Graf is sick so a financial report for March was not prepared for this meeting. A discussion was held regarding the budgeting process for the next year. Gilbertson asked when the budget committee should be formed as membership has to accept the budget by the end of the year. Nelson recommends we have all PTA members available to do the budget as we need ownership this year. Lele will send Nelson some helpful budget worksheets. Gilbertson said we need to talk about the reserve funds of \$7,000 held over from past years and need to find out from Brenda Cafiero, who was President at the time, about any documentation on that money. There may also be an enrichment surplus that should be discussed. Nelson and Graf will organize the budget committee meeting. Gilbertson reminded everyone that the budget has to be posted for 30 days. Nelson will ask Becky Stahl for help again this year.
- President Elect: Report given by Julie Lele. Lele reported that she will not be able to serve as PTA
   President next year since her son will be attending another school. Lele will finalize the executive board retreat date soon and will share the budget documents she mentioned.
- 8) Destination Dining: Report given by Kim Ellis. Ellis reported that the Flippin' Pizza night was not our best turnout as it raised just \$127. She is setting up a "Taco Tuesday" event at Chipotle tentatively on May 22. Cafesano will cater the May 9 teacher appreciation lunch. There is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade destination dining event on Monday, April 9 for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade party at Chef on Wheels. Twenty percent of proceeds will go to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade party.
- 9) New Business: Darmory says lots of prospective Eagle Scouts with Troop 1313 might be eager for a wish list of things they can do to benefit the school. We should brainstorm and let them know.

Close: Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Minutes:

Approved as presented: VIII Date: 5/2/18

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Secretary (Signature)

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