

SCPTA General Membership

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 6th, 2021

President, Sarah Whitten, called the meeting to order at 10am. The meeting was held via Zoom; 22 people were present.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Lathan reported that she had the opportunity to see the PTA Clothing bank and looks forward to volunteering there soon; a record number of students graduated from SPS last year (1,830 up 500 from the prior year); SPS Foundation Hall of Fame inductees have been announced; choice programs will be available by lottery beginning Nov 1; asking for SCPTA to participate in upcoming Parent University (date TBD).

Treasurer Report – Becky Volz reported a balance of \$24,188.17 in the PTA Clothing Bank Checking account; \$40,738.17 in the General Fund; \$977.07 in the Scholarship Checking Account; \$49,621.00 (Restricted) in the Scholarship CD.

VP Reports

The PTA Clothing Bank- Taryn Raidel reported on the upcoming Kiwanis apple sale, proceeds used to buy new shoes for students; Oct & Nov open dates are on the scptamo.com website; coats will be available soon; need new socks & underwear, new or gently used coats (machine washable), boys jeans.

Programs/Reflections – Jessica Rosa reported that the council's website has been updated with National PTA programs (Connect For Respect, Healthy Lifestyles, PTA Connected, STEM and Families), SGF Yields. Reflections training will be Oct. 7 at 7 pm. RIF will need helpers soon to sort books (located at National Audio, 309 E Water St).

Legislative – Donna Petiford reported that council will host its annual legislative town hall with state elected officials next month (Nov. 3). All elected officials have been invited, encouraged everyone to encourage their Representative and Senator to attend as well as encourage PTA attendance.

Other Reports

Missouri PTA update - Carla Weise, President of Missouri PTA, reported that Springfield Council won a number of awards at MOPTA annual convention including Council AtLaw award (outstanding advocacy), Council Newsletter and Council Website award; legislative session begins in January, bills prefiled in December, expecting a number of bills that are harmful to public education to be filed; encouraged units to make sure bylaws are updated; encouraged units to continue to

send in membership dues; encouraged units to make plans to attend MOPTA Convention in Lake of the Ozarks next year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 am

A Question-and-Answer Session was held following the meeting: Becky Volz, Treasurer, gave important treasurer tips.