

### **SSMS PTA MINUTES MARCH 27, 2017**

E. Travers welcomed all at 7:35pm.

**Motion to Accept February 27, 2017 Minutes:** Made by Faith Varley; seconded by Jennifer Lindner.

**Treasurer's Report:** (K. Garrett) \$31,111.27 was balance at the end of February. There is one outstanding check. Current balance is \$31,801.00.

#### **Committee Updates:**

**Winter Fundraiser:** (J. Lindner) doesn't have exact numbers but there was very low attendance. Discussed how to advertise future fundraisers. It was a busy week. E. Travers said that PTA is fine with the fundraising goal. There is increased profit from BoxTops and Modells. There is an excess of money in the bank that needs to be spent down.

**Drug & Alcohol Committee:** (L. Lods-Gonzalez) Showed Narcan training kit. Twist the skin under a non responsive person's arm and if no response then twist and shoot up the nose. Dial 911. Person will go into immediate withdrawal and will become violent. Presentation assistants were recovering heroin addicts. (R. Cammarata) SSMS doesn't have a Narcan kit on site. Matt Ballace spoke last week. Dr. Leahy spoke of her family; military, professionals and 1 heroin addict. Can't just say no to drugs; have to yes to other things to stay drug free. M. Ballace told kids to find a natural high. As parents we have to pressure the medical community to take care with prescriptions. LI heroin addiction is at epidemic proportions. Room at presentation wasn't packed because 7th & 8th grade got extra credit last year and this year extra credit was for PE or Health. (J. Pascarella) hard to get message through the undeveloped teenage brain, have to be constant. Jewell's are small cigarettes with high amounts of nicotine. "Because I Said I Would" is looking for causes. Next meeting is April 6th. Email Jen Pascarella with any idea, i.e., funding Narcan training.

**SEP:** (K. Lynch) Autism Awareness is next week. Beautiful bows are being sold now. (L. Stack) Light It Up Blue fundraiser is at the Coral House April 1st.

**Nominating Committee:** Faith Varley, Cindy Vaupel, Beth Ann Schultz-Borruso, Jennifer Lindner, Jean Harris Ludwig. Executive Board positions are 2 year commitment. Need chairs for fundraising, alternate delegate, recording secretary and membership. A couple of other positions are open but some people are interested. Ask 5th grade parents to volunteer.

**Grants:** (C. Vaupel) Robotics team made it to Worlds based on hydroponic gardens which was funded by PTA Grants. PTA Grants committee is Liz Stack, Kara Spinelli, Donna O'Leary, Irma Altman and Cindy Vaupel. Grants given for teleprompters and 6th grade interdisciplinary project for exams week. There is approximately \$1500 remaining.

**Teachers Report:** (J. Pascarella) Thanks to the 8th grade for the petri dish art mural. Maggie O'Brien & Melissa Bohan are collecting for Bethany House. They raised more than \$300. Two teachers participated in St. Baldricks. Before the faculty olympics Mr. Cloke, Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Weisenberg got haircuts. (A. Bender) About \$15,000 earned at St. Baldricks and made close to \$5,000 at the bake sale for a RVC family. (J. Pascarella) The deadline to purchase a yearbook is April 15th.

**Curriculum:** (L. Medeiros) STELLAR presentation for elementary schools and elementary report cards. Light on middle school information the prior 2-3 meetings.

**Presidents' Report:** Need a quorum at the April meeting to vote of executive board slate. The Board of Education Road Show is at the May meeting. Liz, Mayda and Chris Pellitieri will be at the meeting. Board of Education Candidates forum is May 1st at SSMS.

**New Business:** (T. Chessman) Emily Cheesman's project is collecting gently used books for Covert 4th & 5th grade. Excess books go to Book Fairies. Maggie Conner also has project. Box

will be in the lobby or books may be brought to 389 Woodbridge Rd. or the Recreation Center.

**Principal's Report:** (S. McGinn) Need a quorum at the next meeting. State test ends 10:10am and then periods will be 21 minutes long. Twenty students per classroom. Claus start 10:00am the 2nd and 3rd day of testing. Kids going in at 10:00 need a note. Kids are texting horrible things to each other. Snapchat is dangerous because can still take a screen shot. Be aware of what the kids are doing with the phones.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Jennifer Lindner seconded by Tracey Reisert.