

Tammy called the meeting to order at 7:05

In attendance:

Allen Ellzey, Kathy O'Bryan, Jenny Cass, Peggi Smith, Judy Heilsnis, Laura Linton, Hilary Palonsky, Rula Khayrallah, Mary DiSano, Charlene Adler, Tammy Pressley, Jennifer Simis, Michelle Lombana, and Marsha Johnston, Barbara Green

Meeting minutes were approved from November with a change to the wording regarding grant money.

PTA / Committee Reports:

The deadline for the next newsletter is February 1.

Communications - Laura will review the need to keep the bulk mailing account. The newsletter is now mailed and it may be more cost effective to close the account.

Operations – Ron Margiotta has asked for confirmation that we had a representative. Jennifer Simis confirmed she is still our rep and attends the meetings. The next district 8 meeting will be hosted by SMS on Monday, Jan 14.

Services – Cultural Arts events are going along as planned with no changes to the budget or schedule.

Mary asked for further clarification between the roles of hospitality and staff appreciation. There have been times recently where there was a potential overlap. The two committees will meet to further clarify. A 40 cup coffee pot will be purchased to support the staff and various events.

Proctors are needed for the March 4th seventh grade writing test.

Peggi Smith is the volunteer of the month for January.

Ways and Means – PTA membership has been uploaded to the state PTA, which is requirement.

The next spirit night is 1/24 at Chick Fillet at Beaver Creek. A separate fund raiser will be held for Mrs. Johnson, a SMS staff member currently on leave. The event is on 1/21. Red Robin will donate a percentage of funds for meals served between 5:00 – 8:00. Longhorn Steakhouse will donate 10% of funds earned all day and will also accept cash donations.

JH (magazine sales) has contacted us to sign up for next year. Arrangements will need to be made prior to the next board is in place. The fundraiser starts earlier now due to YR schedules.

Spirit wear – more sweatshirts were ordered recently.

Treasurer – Reviewed budget. The fundraisers have been completed. \$10,000 will be directed to technology support, and associated equipment required.

President Report – NC PTA has contacted us to update the bylaws. They need to be voted on / approved in a general meeting. The spring band concert is the next meeting. The bylaws will be posted on the website and in the school for review for about a month before the vote takes place.

A new chair is needed for grant writing as Cynthia Hudson is no longer at SMS.

Arrangements for the 8th grade committee need to be initiated to plan the end of school events.

Principal Report – Two reps from the Center of International Understanding will be at SMS to present details of the program to the PTA, staff and Apex Business Alliance on March 6th. The program is an international exchange program to help students better understand a foreign culture. It is also designed to enable students to see firsthand how to work with other people on a global level through the use of technology. The school we are likely to partner with is in Denmark. Mr. Ellzey requested the PTA serve lunch to the attendees that day in the interest of time.