

**PTO General Meeting**  
**November 17, 2022 @ 6:30 pm in the MPR**

**Welcome:**

**Call Meeting to Order:** 6:41 pm

**Attendees:** Kristen Crawford and Kelly Rogers

**Online:** Tara Odom, Tina Favant, Early Easleylannello, and Sherri Calhoun

**Update on PTO Board:**

President: Rhonda Mitchell - no longer a co-President. Mariluz stepped down due to family and work circumstances.

**Approval of Minutes:** October 20, 2022 minutes approved (end of meeting)

**Treasurer's Report:**

**November 17, 2022 balance:** \$11,387.13

\*Paypal funds were transferred

**October/November Updates:**

**Book Fair:** \$1055+ and \$200 in Scholastic Dollars

**Fall festival:** Successful event, partnered with school. \$167.56 (plus whatever school shares).

**Teacher grants:** forms sent out and are due 12/02/22. Zero applications Submitted. Please apply!

**Adopt-a-highway:** November 12, 2022, from 8-10am was a success. Last hour canceled - not enough people. Will promote next event with student clubs for more buy-in. Need 4 new pickers - they broke.

**Care Fund:** Silas' family will receive \$250 in cash and gift cards.

**Committees:**

Read the descriptions and sign-up for more information and to assist.

**Upcoming Fundraising/Events:**

**Spirit Nights:** We would LOVE to have 1 MS and 1 HS teacher present  
November: Spirit Night @ Blaze Pizza on November 29th, from  
4-8pm (eat-in, take-out and online are included).

January: TBD, hoping for Culver's or Zaxby's in FV.

**No Fuss Fundraisers:**

Amazon Smiles, Harris Teeter, Lowes, and Publix

**Adopt a Highway:**

February 4, 2023

All items are provided. **Permission forms are required.**

**Spirit Wear:**

<https://www.studentstores.com/maxsprintshop/mps/school-apparel-sites-71/southern-wake-academy.html>

New free shipping date. **Orders received by November 29th will arrive by December 16th.**

\* Senior shirts are being added.

We are actively looking for a new provider. Suggestions are welcome. Plan to hold a t-shirt design contest and have the shirt available next quarter.

**Vendor Fair:** December 3, 2022, from 9-3pm. Joint event with school.

PTO will be selling breakfast items from 8-11am.

Please check the vendor fair volunteer signup genius (SUG) if you are available to help with the breakfast table.

**New Items:**

**Winter Movie Night:** possibly Jan - March - in gym.

**Student Health and Well-being initiatives:**

Partnering with the class of 2027 to maintain and improve the rock garden with leadership provided by Donna Watkins and Sila's father.

Provide bully prevention and suicide prevention resources and presentations.

See the following link for Say Something:

<https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/say-something-tips/>

This is being relaunched as a part of advisory

**Meeting:** PTO plans to request a meeting with the new Executive Director.

**Teacher Appreciation:****Holiday Events:**

Christmas gift wrapping for the teachers. Working on a date and a system to provide this service. Stay tuned to volunteer and to donate wrapping paper.

Our next event will be a Cookie Shop on December 21st.

Plan is to serve coffee and cocoa. Stay tuned for details and to donate cookies.

**Reminders:****Social Media:**

Join our Facebook Group: SWA Parent and Teachers

Follow our Instagram page: swake\_pto

**BOD Meeting:**

December 13th, 2022 @ 7 pm

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzT3KEJhKAv9cbizRQ3vYwQ>

**Questions and Comments:**

1. Ed Lally Foundation out of MD may be interested in helping with mental health initiatives (friend of Kelly Rogers)
2. American Heart Month is February - what does the school do? Kelly could help with hands only CPR initiatives for programming.
3. Consider a Spirit Rock and renting it out for PTO \$.
4. Teacher grant question about why some were denied last year.  
Administration would not approve some of the ideas to be supported by grants.
5. Painting ceiling tiles or bathroom stalls as a fundraiser and for mental health awareness. BEautiful reminders throughout the school.

**Adjourn Meeting:** 7:15 pm