

PTO General Meeting
December 15, 2022 @ 6:30 pm Virtually - Google Meet (ukk-ubqw-xvm)

Welcome:

Call Meeting to Order: 6:30 pm

Attendees (Online): Allison Shell, Lilly Fowler, Jennifer Copeland, Laurie Lilly, Rhonda Mitchell, Kristen Crawford, Heather Seemuth, Cherise Porretto, and Sherri Calhoun.

Approval of Minutes: November 17, 2022

Treasurer's Report:

Balance of: \$11342.17

Notes: Rhonda mailed the check to Scholastic for our outstanding balance from the book fair. It was around \$1600.

November/December Updates:

Teacher grants: 6 applications received

Committee to review and recipients to be notified next week.

Winners to be announced at the Teacher Cookie Event on December 21.

Notes: Kristen shared we have the 6 applications and have 3 sets of ratings. Asking recipients to present at the January meeting.

Spirit Night:

November 29, at Blaze Pizza from 4-8pm Raised: TBD

Notes: It was very disorganized on the part of Blaze. We had a good turnout, but no idea how we did b/c of mistakes that were made when ordering.

Committees:

Descriptions are available. Sign-up for more information and to assist.

Upcoming Fundraising/Events:

Spirit Night:

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>

Free ship orders will be distributed on Friday, December 16.

We are actively looking for a new provider. Suggestions are welcome. We are planning 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 sold breakfast items and cocoa all day.

Raised: TBD

Future Fundraisers:

We are looking to add a big rock to rent for painting.

February Heart/Lung Association Event:

Possible partnership with a parent

Teacher Appreciation:

Holiday Events:

Our next event will be a Cookie Buffet on December 21 with coffee and Cocoa. SUGs available with details on how to donate cookies, and volunteer to set-up, serve, and clean up.

Christmas gift wrapping for the teachers will be offered. The teacher appreciation/luncheon committee to figure out details.

Notes: Cutoff for requesting wrapping is the end of school day tomorrow.

January Portfolio Days:

Teacher luncheon committee is planning a football themed luncheon with party type food, decor, and games for one of the portfolio days on January 12-13.

New Items:

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 Silas' father.

We are looking into providing 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.

Meetings:

PTO has requested a meeting with the new Executive Director, Dr. Davis.

**We are considering a new day/time for our PTO meetings that will work better for our PTO board members.

BOD Meeting took place December 13, suggest listening to

recording because three (3) school calendars were proposed as well as discussion on changes to advisory and community service.

Reminders:

Social Media:

Join our Facebook Group: SWA Parent and Teachers

Follow our Instagram page: swake_pto

Notes: students will follow the instagram if it is updated b/c they use it more than FB

BOD Meeting:

January 31, 2023 @ 7 pm

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

Questions and Comments:

Q:Is there a link to the parents and teacher page on the SWA page?

Q:Spirit Night - when will it be? **A:** It will be at the end of January

Q:Send Adopt a highway info to Kristen Crawford **A:** yes, Rhonda will pass it on to Kristen.

Q: Do we have decorations for the event? What do we have? Do we need centerpieces? And how many tables? **A:** It will probably be a come and go type of event. Rhonda will check the closet tomorrow and let the committee know what is available.

Adjourn Meeting: Lilly and Kristen at ~ 7:12 pm