

**Scarlett Middle School**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 12, 2022 – 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, on Zoom**

Our Mission: To facilitate close cooperation among parents, teachers, and students in order to raise funds for a variety of enrichment opportunities and foster a strong learning community!

Attendees: Gerald Vazquez, Kathy Owens, Adelaide Lancaster, Karen Hulsebus, Harmony Hoekzema, Kristen Fraser, Noor Almohammad, Tiffany Marra, Sarah Anton, Mandy Hall, Jill Pritts, Heather Finnie

- Welcome
  - Kathy Owens called meeting to order at 6:46pm
- President's report (Kathy Owens)
  - Thank you for the volunteers for Family Fun Night
  - Thank you to Ms. Baugh and Ms. Morning for supervising it
  - Was great to finally all be in the school for an event together again
  - Approve November meeting minutes (Tiffany Marra motioned, Gerald Vazquez seconded, all approve)
- Treasurer's Report (Tiffany Marra)
  - Family Fun Night- PTSO spent \$774 for DJ, concessions, and photo booth, Photo booth got a lot of use
  - Receiving some end of year gift donations to PTSO
- Principal's report (Gerald Vazquez)
  - Family Fun Night was successful, also have ideas of how to improve it. For the next time think of what can parents can do. Will have a space next time. Coffee, mocktails, cards, seating
    - Looking forward for another FFN in February
    - Jill Pritts: Older kids were at the craft area, but it was for younger kids. Quiet area for older kids suggested
    - Karen Hulsebus: concerns with safety at dance, a coordinator for the chaperones and clear rules would help organization
    - Gerald Vazquez: we can address those shortcomings and give volunteers clear guidance of what to do
    - Adelaide Lancaster: How do the PTSO and Student Council work together for events like this
    - Gerald V: This was a new thing having the Student Council running this event almost entirely. In the past, PTSO has led events
    - Gerald V: DJ could lead the time better, lead through line dances
    - Kathy O: concessions- no one knew how many people would be there, had to try to help and make the line shorter. We sold out of food
    - Adelaide L: How did the students feel it went? Feedback from them about the experience would be helpful

- Karen H: Student Council could come to PTSO
  - Gerald V: was thinking the same idea
  - Tiffany M: U of M event planners could help with guidance for Student Council in what's required to run an event
  - Tiffany M: Having a crisis plan in place would be wise, parents can step up and assist
  - Adelaide L: Is it best to have parents as chaperones? Could be best for staff only to do it, they know the kids and it would be more comfortable to have them be an authority figure
  - Tiffany M: It was meaningful for her son to have a place (the dance) where the parents weren't allowed to be
  - Kathy O: maybe time at the beginning of dance for "family dance"- parents and younger kids are allowed for the first 30 minutes or so
- Student Drive is doing a food drive. Historically there have been 15-30 families with minimal food scarcity because of how the community has stepped up to provide. Proud of students for prioritizing generosity, they're learning valuable life lessons
- 8 days until break, unfortunately lots of teachers out sick which makes it challenging
- Moved into term 2 well
- We're in the last phase of construction that will affect classrooms
- Next phase is the Media Center and Upper Gym which currently is two temporary classrooms
- Construction should be done by late spring
- New roof coming this summer
- Construction has impacted kids' availability to navigate school, but we've managed
- Teacher led potluck- can PTSO purchase chicken wings or some food to provide
- Tiffany M: motioned to spend PTSO funds for the entree, Adelaide L seconded for about 100 people. Ms. Gibson will provide info re: what is needed
- This year we're learning what the new normal is. Grateful to engage with PTSO in wanting to make a difference in school community
- PTOC Update (Harmony Hoekzema)
  - The Nov 21st meeting was about "What Safety Means", There were representatives from four organizations, there were breakout rooms, recordings are available
  - No December meeting, next meeting in will be in January
  - The March 20th meeting will be about transportation
- Open Discussion / Q & A
  - Jill P: concerned about safety on Lorraine Street. Has witnessed near hits of students crossing the street. AA Police is short staffed and can't offer assistance right now.
  - Gerald V: Our campuses weren't designed for the amount of car traffic that school of choice has brought (those students don't qualify for busing and are too far to walk).
  - Gerald V: will touch base with Liz Margolis, and transportation company
  - Karen H: school photos look like they are printing darker, others didn't have an

issue this year

- o Gerald V: for Adelaide L- when we do spring concerts, we could sell spirit wear.  
There were a lot of attendees
  - o Adelaide L: will be making order of spirit wear in the next week
- Kathy Owens adjourned meeting at 8pm