

**Scarlett Middle School PTSO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 5, 2023 – 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: Kathy Owens, Gerald Vazquez, Karen Hulsebus, Tiffany Marra, Vicki Engling, Adelaide Lancaster, Terra Haller, Stephanie Canada, Dr. Jaye Peterson, Sarah Anton

- Welcome
  - Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Kathy Owens
  - Approve [May meeting minutes](#) and [April meeting minutes](#). Gerald Vazquez motions to approve, Karen Hulsebus seconds, all vote in favor
- President's Report (Kathy Owens)
  - Thank you everyone for the time you've given to the PTSO- faculty, board, and families
  - Looking into scheduling a summer board meeting- at least one, maybe two. Board and GV and DrJP invited as well
- River Cruise recap (Gerald Vazquez and Dr. Jaye Peterson)
  - 171 students attended - 85% of 8th graders, which is a phenomenal turn out (the most attended Chicago trip was about 50% attendance at most)
  - Faculty offered to help with providing formal clothing for students. A closet was created for girls. Teachers "adopted" students to cover clothing costs. Everyone who needed help got it.
  - To be accepting, we didn't want to adhere to a strict formal dress code. A few showed up in casual clothes which was fine
  - We can have more conversations about the equity issues to prepare for next year.
  - There has been preliminary discussion about doing two 8th grade events next year: perhaps a fall day excursion. And then the river cruise again in the spring.
  - Each would be roughly \$100 and would give them two experiences
  - Adjusting to \$100 cost will better cover the River Cruise
  - Several 8th graders personally thanked GV for providing the event
  - Kids didn't feel like they got "cheated" out of a more lavish event/experience
  - It was a memorable, special event!
- Day of Awesomeness Issues
  - Vendor on Friday suggested cutting down the time for event. GV said absolutely not.
  - DOA person was supposed to arrive Monday (today) at 7 am, but did not. GV contacted him and he referred GV to the DOA CEO. Kept contacting repeatedly with no response. The reason he was unavailable is very suspicious and unprofessional.
  - Scarlett started making get well cards for the man in the hospital. It says something positive about the mindset of our students
  - CEO contacted GV. Said it was unacceptable how the DOA person acted. CEO

- o said he'd make it right somehow.
  - o Dr JP says we are owed the 15k since they didn't do anything for us. GV suggests Cedar Point tickets plus transportation, or just give us the money.
  - o GV will prevent them from doing business in Washtenaw County
  - o Dr JP is frustrated by trend of let-downs. It's hard to trust things will come through when there is a lack of consistency
  - o KO: it's absurd that no one was a back up to pull off the event
  - o GV: the students did have fun. It was salvaged as best as possible.
  - o GV: we need to reevaluate and seek out different vendor
  - o Dr JP: we can do our own event
  
- Principal's Report
  - o 8th grade promotion tomorrow afternoon at Huron High School
  - o Specifically not called graduation because it's not. You've just completed middle school but you're promoted and continuing school
  - o Grades don't affect whether they can walk. Some have failed many classes and we don't want to celebrate that. They need to continue to work hard in high school
  - o KH: why is the event during the day? Parents who work can't come
  - o Dr JP: it's set up that way because we want all kids to attend. They are bussed there.
  - o Final thoughts from the school year:
  - o Overall It's been a challenging yet rewarding school year. We're learning to navigate issues better. GV and Dr JP have been reflecting on how to be better leaders
  - o They will be reflecting on the year this week
  
- Treasurer's Report (Tiffany Marra)
  - o Next year we need to be realistic regarding line items. Some items were underbudgeted, others over. Needs came up last minute.
  - o Yearbook needed last minute funding.
  - o River Cruise needed last minute funding.
  - o Having enough funds isn't the issue. It just wasn't accurate
  - o GV: Not sure why yearbook costs were off. Did we not charge enough? Will communicate with Ms. Gonzalez. Students did an excellent job with design. Doesn't seem unreasonable to raise the cost a bit to cover expenses.
  - o GV: Thankful for PTSO coming through by covering last minute expenses
  
- 2023-2024 PTSO Board elections (Kathy Owens)
  - o The slate proposed for Executive Board Positions:
    - President: Kathy Owens
    - Vice President: Karen Hulsebus
    - Treasurer #1: Tiffany Marra
    - Treasurer #2: Sarah Anton
    - Secretary: Adelaide Lancaster
    - PTOC Representative: John Franks
    - Sarah Anton motioned to approve, Adelaide Lancaster seconded, all

voted in favor to approve the Executive Board slate

- o Current Appointed Positions:
  - Communications - Email/Blog/Social Media: Victoria Engling
  - PTO Thrift Store Liaison: Victoria Engling
  - Hospitality Committee (Food for events/teacher appreciation): Terra Haller
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  - Spirit Wear Coordinator: Adelaide Lancaster
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  - Fundraising Committee Chairperson: OPEN
  - Fundraising Committee Member: Stephanie Canada
  - Fundraising Committee Member: Adelaide Lancaster
  - Fundraising Committee Member: Karen Hulsebus
- Open Discussion
  - o Put out a call to 6th grade parents in the fall to help volunteer
  - o KH- motivated to brainstorm how to get more families involved
  - o AL- fundraising and community care are slightly different categories
  - o Have a lot ideas but need people to execute them
  - o Clothes closet is a way to meet needs
  - o KO: will request availability for summer board meeting, probably end of June.  
Additional meeting possibly in July
- Meeting adjourned
  - o 7:40 pm by Kathy Owens