

Scarlett Middle School PTSO



Meeting Minutes April 10, 2024 – 6:30pm, Zoom

The purpose of this Organization shall be:

1. To promote the intellectual, physical, and emotional health of Scarlett students in the school and community at large.
2. To provide forums and opportunities for communication and cooperation among parents, teachers, school building administration, school district administration and the community at large.
3. To engage in fundraising activities, to generate funds, to offer/provide for diverse and educational enrichment support/programs for students and staff.

Attendees: Adelaide Lancaster, Celia Williams, Natalie Turner, Nicole Fregene, Kevin Jeffery, Kevin Jeffery, Gerald Vazquez, Sal Barrientes, Karen Hulsebus, Victoria Engling, Sarah Anton

Meeting called to order at 6:34 by Karen Hulsebus (leading for Kathy who was unable to attend.)

President's Report (Karen for Kathy)

Mr Vazquez motions to approve Feb and March meeting minutes. Sarah Anton seconds. All in favor.

Principals report (Mr Vazquez)

Fundraiser has finished and with the support of the PTSO we were able to cross over the threshold to retain 50% of the proceeds, plus an additional 10% of proceeds as compensation for a mishap with the fundraising company last year.

Mr. V was monitoring how close we were to the goal and asked Kathy if PTSO might want to bridge the difference. Kathy brought the opportunity to the PTSO board via email vote. By contributing Scarlett was eligible for significantly more money retained than if we had not contributed.

PTSO members present, Karen and Adelaide, shared that PTSO deliberated extensively and ultimately approved unanimously but wants to reconsider this fundraiser and be sure not to set a precedent of PTSO bridging the gap.

Mr V clarifies that there was no pressure from the admin to fulfill this idea. And PTSO members assured that none was felt but we felt stuck by the system that the company lays out. Mr V notifies us that the check is on it's way.

Testing season is upon us. PSAT has been a challenge, ensuring sufficient computers and wifi and meeting all the college board obligations. MSTEP starts the following week.

8th Grade Farewell. Working w/ Ms Baugh and Ms Morning to begin 8th grade families for end of year activities. COmmunications will begin on Sunday.

Grade level assemblies regarding behavior expectations were this week.

Eclipse viewing was really fun.

Treasurer's Report (Tiffany Marra not present. Sarah Anton as 2nd treasurer had nothing to add at this time.)

PTOC (Celia Williams)

March's meeting was about student groups. Some that presented were:

- Hidden opponent. Mental health with student athletes. (it's Sarah's organization!)
- Green Team at Dicken, reducing waste in the school.
- We the People, speech and politics, at Pioneer
- BSU at Skyline
- Big Fellas TShirt company

ByLaws Committee (Adelaide Lancaster leading)

Adelaide recaps the process and goal, directs people to the [March meeting minutes](#) where details were outlined. Shares changes since last month: updates to treasurers description.

Gerald Vazquez motions to approve amended [April 2024 bylaws](#) thereby replacing previous bylaw documents and nullifying the original Scarlett Constitution. Karen seconds. All in favor! Bylaws are approved! Adelaide, as secretary, will sign and date.
<https://www.a2schools.org/cms/lib/MI01907933/Centricity/Domain/2873/Proposed%20New%20Scarlett%20PTSO%20ByLaws%20April%202024.pdf>

Nominating Committee (Karen Hulsebus)

Presented this slate:

President - Karen Hulsebus

Vice Pres - Kevin Jeffery

Treasurer - Sarah Anton

Recording Secretary - Christina Spiller

Corresponding Secretary - Vicki Engling

PTOC Rep - Celia Williams

Appointed roles will happen May and later.

Vote will be next month. Others can still raise their hand and run.

Adelaide shares, as a member of the committee, that part of our goal as a committee was to balance consistency (keeping people in roles where it was working well and there was more room to build) and new folks who had raised their hands in order to keep our group growing.

Teacher Appreciation (Karen Hulsebus)

Adelaide / Celia to connect. Kevin and Natalie to share ideas. Karen to help on site.

Sarah - maybe share a cart with Mitchell?

Dr P reiterates that they loved chair massages last year.

Open Q&A

Adelaide makes a suggestion for a subcommittee to look at the teacher grant process and bring into alignment with budget and PTSO goals. Sarah and Celia raise hands. Mr V wants to be a part of shaping and the approval process.

Sarah Anton says “Thank you Scarlett for loaning the Mitchell community the building for the International Night!!!!”

Inquiry about impact of budget cuts on Scarlett and morale and discussion. We love Scarlett!

Karen motions to adjourn at 8:16pm. Adelaide seconds.