

**SCPTAs General Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2012**

Dawn Thompson, President, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. at Truman Elementary. A quorum was present. Dawn Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone in attendance. Dawn also reminded everyone to purchase tickets for the Founder's Day Banquet. The Truman Choir performed.

Guest Presenters: Jean Grabeel presented information concerning the Kids First meetings and the impact it is having on our children. Several members from Wal-Mart were in attendance to present a check for \$25,000 to Dr. Ridder for the SPS Foundation.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Ridder thanked everyone for the attendance. He also thanked Jean for the information concerning Kids First. Dr. Ridder spoke about the new learning model for SPS and the impact the \$25,000 check from Wal-Mart will have on this new initiative.

Dawn Thompson indicated that the Mary Christiano, Parliamentarian, was not in attendance and that Donna Petiford, MO State PTA President would be filling this position for today's meeting. No questions or objections were made.

Treasurer's Report: Alice Lunn reported that financial information is on Page 2 of the Council News. The report will also be filed for review.

President's Report: Dawn Thompson reminded all units to have their nominating committees working in full force. Elections should be taking place in late February and early March. Names of next year's officers are due to the State office by March 31. We are experiencing declining membership numbers; Dawn encouraged all units to increase their membership. Dawn also indicated that she received a thank you card from one of the schools who received scholarship money from the CARE fund.

Vice President's Reports:

Kim Horton – Kim reminded everyone that the School Board Candidate forum will be at the next council meeting on March 7 at Wilson's Creek. Child advocacy day will be March 28. More information is available on page 3 of the newsletter. Beth Finke is working on the baskets for the Founder's Day silent auction. Any donation will be accepted. The EFG card program will be conducted in April. The Scholarship checks were issued on January 17. The High School applications were sent yesterday.

Pam Bachus – Pam reminded everyone to purchase their Founder's Day tickets today. Alice Lunn is able to issue tickets today. The cost is \$16.00. She is working on the Volunteer of the Year presentation and gifts. There are still Membership challenges in effect. More information is located on page 5 of the newsletter.

Dot Atkinson – Dot reminded everyone of the district food / snack policy with the upcoming Valentine's Day parties. Please focus on the activity and not the treats. The Save a Life Tour is scheduled for February 14 / 15 at Central and Hillcrest. The Clothing Bank has distributed 1200 coats so far this season. They have also given over 30,000 articles of clothing. Thank you to Wanda Grey for conducting a hat drive. They raised funds which will be matched by the Care to Learn Fund. The clothing bank is still conducting Saturday openings. Dot encouraged everyone to donate their time during one of these timeslots. Council is still working closely with the district for the relocation of the clothing bank. The new location has yet to be determined but will probably not be in effect until the 2013-14 school year.

Denise Overton – Denise reminded everyone that the next RIF distribution is April 20. She also indicated there is additional All Pro Dad information on page 7 of the newsletter.

New Business: Angela Knight presented the Nominating Committee recommendation for the slate of officers.

Mary Christiano – President

Dot Atkinson – VP Organization and Development

Kim Wrinkle - VP of Health / Public Services

Alice Lunn - VP of Programs

Kim Horton – VP of Promotions

Patti Dunn – Secretary

Angela Knight – Treasurer

Their biographies are on page 6 and 7 of the newsletter. The election will be held during the March meeting at Wilson's Creek.

Sergeant at Arms: Beth Finke: 88 in attendance, 38 units represented 9 Principals, and 27 PTA representatives 14 non unit representation.

Dawn Thompson thanked Truman school for hosting today's meeting and the general meeting would be held at Wilson's Creek on March 7, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. by Dawn Thompson.

Angela Knight

Secretary