

**SCPTAs General Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2013**

Mary Christiano, President, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. at Hickory Hills Elementary School. A quorum was present. Mary led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone in attendance. The Hickory Hill's 2nd and 3rd grades performed.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Ridder recognized Wanda Gray on her passing and her service to our school system and our children. He said she is a good example of what an educator is. He spoke of the needs of our schools pertaining to the Bond/Levy issues. A video was shown talking about our growing numbers and the need for space. Ben Hackworth came to the microphone and took questions. The Bond will allow us to expand buildings and the Levy will allow for employee/teacher expansion. The Bond/Levy passing will allow us to help class sizes all over the district. There is a need to keep up with the technology of the 21st century so our students can compete and learn. Our current infrastructure doesn't allow for all of the wireless needs. The vote is in April, help spread the word. The video is available on Facebook and the principals will receive a copy to share.

Sara Lampe was a guest speaker and the committee chair recruiting people to help with the *Quality Schools for Kids (QS4K) campaign*. She reported they are recruiting teams from each school, distributing material, recruiting phone bank volunteers, raising funds, and collecting commitment cards. Dr. Ridder added that if the public is educated they will support our kids and that requires all of us to help. The OS4K's email is qualityschoolsforkids@gmail.com and phone number is 417-501-9543.

Program: Jeff Plaster from All Pro Dads program reported that the participating schools have had a successful year so far but that it has been a challenge for the free breakfast schools. So far, they've had 18 breakfasts with attendance around 900. Chick-Fil-A sponsors 3 schools and Panera is willing to sponsor Title One schools. Jeff gave his contact information as Jeff.plastor@email.com.

Paige Zendeihrouh from Wilder Elementary announced their race the "Lean Green Running Machine" and presented a check to the Clothing Bank for \$1500. She talked about their program: Its \$15 to enter the race and that gets the runner a t-shirt. The date is April 20, 2013.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Knight directed everyone to page 4 of the Council News for the treasurer's financial review and treasurer's tips.

Vice President's Reports:

VP of Organization / Development: Dot Atkinson thanked all the units who are donating baskets to the Silent Auction at Founders' Day. The proceeds go to the CARE Fund. Our April fundraiser is with EFG (Electronic Funding Group) and the schools signed up are: Bowerman, Holland, York, Jefferies, Delaware, Horace Mann, Pipkin, Wilson Creek, Disney, Bissett, Portland, and Watkins. The funds raised from this program support all the SCPTA programs and the Schools' own PTA projects. Dot asked that interested schools contact her to join the fundraiser.

Dot announced that the National PTA has launched an alert in support of the *Mental Health in Schools Act of 2013*. It will establish a grant program to support schools that work with community based organizations to expand access to mental health services for students. It will also provide assistance to schools to train staff, volunteers, and families, to recognize the signs of behavioral health problems in students. The Senate introduced this bill last week and the house version of the bill should be introduced this week.

Dot introduced the resolution that the SCPTA executive committee recommends that the resolution of support for the Proposition **Teachers for Kids** and Proposition **Classrooms for Kids** be adopted by the membership of the SCPTA. (Handouts were available printed with the propositions)

Beth Finke moved the *membership of the Springfield Council of PTA adopt the resolution of support for the Proposition **Teachers for Kids** and the Proposition **Classrooms for Kids***. Motion passed.

Dot encouraged all present to use their websites and social media to promote awareness of these critical needs in our schools. There is a school board candidate forum at next month's meeting. There are 2 open positions on the school board and 3 candidates will attend the forum at Drury.

VP of Promotions: Kim Horton reported that Founders' Day is February 21st at PHS and opens at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$16 and available today. She announced that they need each unit to submit the names and pictures of their Volunteer of the year. She thanked those who have already handled this. She encouraged everyone to come and help celebrate 100 years of PTA. She also encouraged each unit to donate a basket for the Silent Auction. Kim said an email confirmation will be sent to unit presidents the week of the banquet. No tickets are being issued. Your table # will be on the email.

The winter membership challenge #2 is "Lucky 13 in 2013". From January 13 to March 13, for every 13 new memberships sold the units will have a chance to win a gift certificate from Panera Bread Co., Carlos O'Kelly's or Red Lobster. The drawing will be held in April.

VP of Health / Public Safety: Kim Wrinkle reported that she would hand out flyers about the Bond/Levy at the Clothing Bank. Kim thanked all lost and found donors for cleaning up their donations before sending them to the clothing bank. She also reported that the volunteers have been fantastic. The Clothing Bank reopened in January and they are planning to move the Bank to Study this summer. The new location will be fully automated. Allison Pilley at KAC and a tech crew are writing a program to fully automate the Clothing Bank.

VP of Programs: Alice Lunn reported that the 4th grades' play, Suessical Jr., date is February 25/26th. Bussing is provided by the district. She said principals will receive information soon.

Old Business: Kim Horton reported for the Nominating committee the list of nominees for the SCPTA executive board: President-Patty Dunn, Secretary-Michele Boswell, Treasurer-Jeremiah Mee, VP of Organization and Development-Dot Atkinson, VP of Health and Safety-Kim Wrinkle.

Sergeant at Arms - Beth Finke: 47 in attendance, 28 units represented, 13 Principals, and 32 PTA representatives, 23 units were not represented.

Patty Dunn
Secretary