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Thank you Central High School for hosting this year's School of Information Training Session! We will meet in the Commons Area. Watch for SCPTA signs to enter the building.

We are so "Excited" to kick off School of Information Training. We look forward to seeing you attend. We will have some great information to share with you as we return from State Convention.

Each member attending, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4baaa62aa0fe3-school for the classes you will attend as soon as possible, so we have enough classrooms and food for supper. Please include your School Unit and 2018-2019 PTA Position.

Those who attend will learn more about their PTA duties through informational workshop sessions and interactive discussions with other PTA units. Workshops will be offered for officers: President, Treasurer, Secretary; committee chair positions: Reflections, Membership and Fundraising and points of interest: Parliamentary Procedure, Bylaws, Advocacy, Parent Engagement and Communication. Council will be available to assist with any questions and lead the workshops.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laura Erwin at programs@scptamo.com.

The evening's schedule is on the back cover of this newsletter. Subject to change.

AGENDA

May 2, 2018
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- I. Welcome
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Superintendent Report – Dr. Mike Dawson, SPS Chief Learning Officer
- IV. Council Reports
 - Becky Volz for Treasurer – Proposed Budget for FY 2018
 - Allison Lawson – Health & Public Services
 - Laura Erwin – Programs & School of Information
 - Donna Petiford – Legislation
 - Julia Spiva – Organization & Development
 - Presentation of Major Saver Awards – Dale Krumm
- V. Discovery Center – Academy of Exploration – Jackie Douglas, Education Director
- VI. Installation of SCPTA Officers – Donna Petiford
- VII. New Business
 - Presentation of Membership Awards
- VIII. Sergeant at Arms – Heather Buckner
 - Presentation of Attendance Awards
- X. Adjourn

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This will be our last SCPTA newsletter for this school year. It has been a busy one for sure. We have visited seven of our elementary schools who hosted our monthly meetings. Our buildings are unique and diverse and it's nice to see the options our school district offers. The entertainment by the children is always wonderful and inspiring!

As you finish up your unit meetings and PTA/PTSA business in May, here is a quick guide to help you cover critical areas. Your efforts to complete this list will ensure your unit will have a smooth start next year. The hardest thing for a new officer to overcome is not having the tools to help them do what they agreed to. Remember, PTA materials belong to the PTA, not to the person.

- Current officers and committee chairs should complete their year-end reports, collect their materials and procedure books, and pass them on to their successors. Make sure all passwords and account information changes hands as well.
- Signatures on the PTA bank account(s) should be changed to the new treasurer, secretary, and president if needed. (Remember that all checks should be signed by two people.)
- Your new officers should be installed and outgoing or retiring leaders should be thanked for their service.
- New committee chairs should meet with their predecessors, and review materials that have been passed on in their procedure books.
- Committee chairs should recruit members and prepare plans of work for approval by the PTA board.
- Your treasurer, other officers, and appropriate committee chairs should prepare the proposed budget for the coming year. Your PTA budget should reflect

your goals.

- Your treasurer should pay all bills, settle all accounts, and be sure records are ready for the financial review.
- A financial review committee should be appointed and prepare to review the treasurer's books in a timely manner.
- Your new PTA Board should meet and set some PTA goals for the coming year. Plan the calendar for the coming year for membership meetings, board meetings, special events and meet with the principal on all building requests.
- Personally introduce your new officers to Principals, teachers, community leaders and other PTA contributors.
- If your PTA bylaws were reviewed or amended make sure to send two copies to the Missouri PTA State office. (Your bylaws can be emailed to office1@mopta.org.)
- Be sure you have sent the names and addresses to MOPTA for all officers for next year. This needs to be done even if your officers are staying in their positions. ALSO, send a list of your new officers with name, email and phone to council@scptamo.com
- All unit leaders should attend the SCPTA School of Information in May and the Officer Orientation in August.

In summary, PTA Leaders please take the time to reflect and review your past year accomplishments and express your appreciation to all your volunteers. Remember to register your kiddos for EXPLORE so they can attend as your family schedule allows. Here's to an exciting and safe summer!

Becky Volz





TREASURER'S TIPS & REPORT

June 30th is the end of our Council unit's fiscal year. You should have any outstanding payments made and hopefully cleared with the bank. Also, any receipts you have (new memberships, fundraiser money, etc) should be deposited. Choose your audit team and have your books to them early in July so you have your books back by August 1st. It is suggested that you have no bank activity in the month of July while books are audited and you are preparing your end of year report. Once your audit is completed, you will be able to file your 990. There is no need to wait until the deadline. Stay ahead of the deadline panic. Email council at treasurer@scptamo.com if you have any questions. Attend the School of Information on May 3rd to learn more.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR MARCH 2018

Bank Account Balances	07/01/2017	04/17/2018	Last Reconciled	Summary for the Period	
Care Fund	331.18	447.90	03/31/2018	Starting Total	143,179.33
Clothing Bank	17,439.55	18,340.00	03/31/2018	Income	9,845.11
General Operating	75,757.63	54,499.18	03/31/2018	Expenses	- 29,830.72 -19,985.61
McBride Fund	341.75	573.47	03/31/2018	Ending Total	123,193.72
Scholarship Checking	363.22	387.17	03/31/2018		
Scholarship Funds Restricted	48,946.00	48,946.00	03/31/2018		
Total	143,179.33	123,193.72			

Council uses MoneyMinder to track and report financial information.

Detailed financial records are available on-line at <http://www.nonprofitcentral.biz>.

Please NOTE...we have a new log in. MoneyMinder made some changes to their website. It now has to be an email address and specific digits in the password. Log in: council@scptamo.com Password: SCPTA.658



PTA CLOTHING BANK



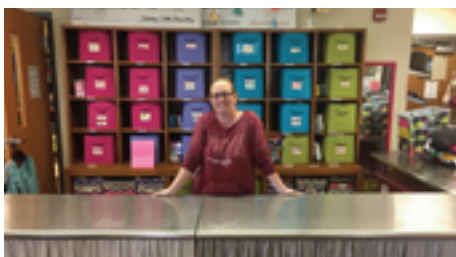
Summer 2018 Hours:
Thursday, June 14: 9-11am & 2:30-5pm
Friday, June 15: 9-11 am & 2:30-5pm



Parkview junior, Justin Bateman (right) chose to bless The PTA Clothing Bank for his Leadership 301 Class project with a Shoe Drive! He presented these high quality, like-new shoes to Ms Jennifer Penny (center), CB chair, with the assistance of his brother, Parkview senior Shawn Bateman (left).



Thank you, Pleasant View PTA & PTSA and to their Principal Josh Groves for collecting your Lost & Found to share with The PTA Clothing Bank! And a special thanks to Jennifer Shotwell for sorting and delivering! Jennifer had to stand on a ladder in this pic - notice her head is as tall as the top shelf of the cabinet! Even better this is the BEFORE pic...



And here is the AFTER pic.... We cannot thank you Jennifer enough for staying and personally opening every bag, hanging each item, and placing it all in the proper spot!! She is truly a CB Rockstar!

THE PTA CLOTHING BANK

The PTA Clothing Bank finished strong on our last Thursday for 2017-2018! This year Springfield's PTA units provided donations, volunteers, funds, and the heart of The PTA Clothing Bank. This project exemplifies the PTA mission to serve every child. Every member of a PTA unit is Springfield contributed to the PTA Clothing Bank through their PTA membership. Then members continued their support throughout the year by volunteering at The PTA Clothing Bank, holding donation drives, selling MajorSaver fundraiser cards, sharing information about the clothing bank on social media, and spreading the word to friends, family and their community. This is truly a team effort and Springfield PTAs are amazing!

We served SPS students during a total of 2,152 shopping visits from August 2017 to April 2018 and provide SPS students with...

8,872 tops • 5,401 bottoms • 1,320 jackets • 608 coats • 6,970 pair underwear • 6,830 pair socks.

The Kiwanis Shoe Bank provided new shoes to our SPS students from their location inside The PTA Clothing Bank. The wonderful volunteer members of the Kiwanis individually fitted each child for shoes and provided a pair of new shoes to each student. We were all blessed to see the joy in our students' smiles at checkout while showing off their new shoes.

The fun will continue this SUMMER for two special days in June! The PTA Clothing Bank will open Thursday, June 14th and Friday, June 15th for shopping from 9:00-11:00 am & 2:30-5:00 pm both days. Please share this information with your school nurses and counselors. We will also need experienced volunteers and invite our unit chairpersons to gather their best team and help us for an hour or two.

Thank you for the teamwork and caring that made The PTA Clothing Bank a great place for one more year!

Allison Lawson, Patty Dunn, and Jennifer Penny



On that cold, icy Saturday in April, the 7th, The PTA Clothing Bank was warm and full of smiles as the Girl Scout Troop 71657 volunteered their service! Many thanks to these scouts and to Ms Maranda Lockett for setting up this opportunity!



The PTA Clothing Bank had so much to be grateful for on April 7th even with surprise winter weather! Sequiota Elementary PTA volunteers accomplished so many of our wish list projects and helped in ways that will benefit the Clothing Bank for months to come! Thank you, Sequiota and Ms Amy Unser who organized this special workday!

HISTORIAN'S REPORT 2017-2018

President – Becky Volz

My first year as Council president started on **May 26th**, **June 16th** and July 21st with our first Board Retreat meetings and a google hangout meeting. We reviewed our bylaws and standing rules, set some goals and dates for the upcoming school year's meetings. **August 8th** was our Officer Orientation held at the KAC with 50+ attending. I prepared the printed packets and Christie Browne created the power point presentation. I presented the SCPTA annual report to the School Board at a September meeting. I worked with the Springfield Mayor's office to create a Proclamation for Principals for National Principals Month in October. I initiated a feature story about the Clothing Bank in the SGF Neighborhood News and I initiated the printing of directional/yard signs to support our monthly council meetings. I Chair the School Crossing Protection Committee for Traffic Operations' quarterly meetings. I also chaired the scholarship committee and the Founders Day committee. I purchased the VOY gifts and created their certificates. All throughout the year I have had the pleasure of one-on-one meetings with a number of PTA / PTSA officers providing individual training and support; as well as helping several with 990s and financial reports including helping four units reinstate.

I attended the following events or meetings representing SCPTA: the Annual meeting and donor recognition reception for Don't Meth With Us; Foundation for SPS Board meetings and strategic planning meeting and sat on the Teacher of the Year committee and attended the annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet; the Prosper Springfield Advisory Council Education Committee quarterly meetings; the Reflections Showcase at the Battlefield Mall; the Town Hall meeting at York Elementary regarding school closings with Q&A led by Dr Jungmann; participated in the Parent Focus group for Mental Health Needs Assessment for Springfield-Greene County Health Dept at KAC; attend MOPTA state convention in 2017 and 2018; met with students presenting the YEP grant to the Clothing Bank. I volunteered a few times at the clothing bank as well as collected and delivered donations throughout the year.

At each of our meetings listed below, principals and unit presidents gave greetings and children gave musical performances and led the pledge of allegiance.

September we met at Study Alternative Center. We had a presentation from Study teacher Anna Phillips about the school garden and impact on students. New Council officers & chairs were introduced. Past President Carrie Windes was presented with Lifetime Achievement Award from National PTA and the MOPTA Distinguished Service Award. Superintendent Dr John Jungmann gave his summer school and Club Encore report, reviewed survey results for failed bond issue and recognized this is the 150th year for SPS.

October we met at Jeffries Elementary. We recognized all Principals with a framed Proclamation signed by Mayor McClure to celebration National Principals Month. Mayor pro tem Jan Fisk presented the awards. Dr Jungmann presented his update highlighting the Alumni Hall of Fame inductees. Rebecca Hughes was presented as treasurer nominee and was approved by vote. Battlefield Mall is requiring a \$250 fee for Reflections Showcase this year. A motion was made and approved to pay the fee.

November we met at Bowerman Elementary. Dr Mike Dawson presented the Superintendent's report with an update on the Master Facility Plan next steps. Budget increases were presented and approved to add insurance coverage to our policy. Donna Petiford introduced our Town Hall elected officials participating in the panel. The panel discussion was moderated by MOPTA president Dorothy Gardner.

December we met at Sherwood Elementary. Dr Jungmann gave the Superintendent's report then introduced Dr Shane Dublin, Executive Director of Secondary Education to explain the new Freshman Academy model and process for Hillcrest and Glendale coming next year. SCPTA nomination committee nominees were presented and approved. MOSSA (Missouri School Safety Association) president Zac Rantz gave a presentation for MOSSA. Special guest Jeree Michelle Thomas, Policy Director with Campaign for Youth Justice from Washington DC presented information on upcoming state legislative bill in MO "18 in 18" to "Raise the Age" in Missouri for youth in the adult prison system. Membership awards/certificates were presented to Jeffreis, Kickapoo, Central, Cherokee, Bissett, Mann, Sequiota, Sunshine Disney, Gray, Wilsons Creek & York.

January no meeting was held in January, but a Council newsletter was prepared and emailed to all Council presidents and principals.

February we met at Rountree Elementary. Rountree's intern from France, Maaria Riaz, gave a description of her work at Rountree. Deputy Superintendent Carol Embree gave the report and Facility Master plan update which, at this time, includes the closing of Campbell Elementary and merging with McGregor Elementary and opening Campbell as an Early Childhood Education campus. Mandy Buettgen, Traffic Operations, gave a presentation of SGF

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Yields campaign for pedestrian safety. Jamie Deckard & Kathy Moore from OACAC gave a presentation on their programs for schools called VOICE and REALL. Laura Erwin gave reminder of the RIP program and upcoming fundraisers and offered two giveaways. Awards/Certificates were presented to Principals who applied for the CARE & McBride Funds.

March we met at Portland Elementary. Crystal Scott, President of Disney PTA presented on having a successful PTA unit. Tori Sallee, Ozark Regional Director for MOPTA, spoke on benefits of attending State and National conventions. Andrea Battaglia, MOPTA Contact Editor, addressed Child Advocacy and how we can watch alerts from MOPTA and Jeff City and encouraged units to submit their stories to Contact newsletter. Julia Stalder, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the slate of officers for next year. All presented were approved.

April we met at Sunshine Elementary. Dr Mike Dawson gave Superintendent's report and update on Master Facility Plan. BOE voted in new officers: Jill Patterson as President and Tim Rosenbury as Vice President. SPS Counseling Services coordinator, Alison Roffers, presented the diversity of the school counselors. Counselors from each school level were present for Q&A: Rick Greiner (Sunshine), Jill Wilson (Cherokee) and Coyeatte Ewing (Glendale). Dana Hubbard, Director of Summer Learning and Student Experiences presented on plans for Explore this summer with Q&A. A SCPTA bylaws change in the language for Article XVII was presented and approved. Jennifer Penny was nominated as VP of Org & Dev. A vote was taken and approved.

May meeting will be held at the Discovery Center and is co-hosted by SCPTA and the Discovery Center. Major Saver Fundraiser checks will be presented to schools, units and the clothing bank, as well as 100% meeting attendance checks to units. The 2018-2019 Budget will be presented for approval. We will have the installation of the officers for next year. School of Information will be on May 3rd at Central High School. The last executive board meeting for SCPTA will be on May 16th at KAC.

Legislative Chair – Donna Petiford

In November Council presented a Legislative Rally/Town Hall Meeting as part of our regular Council Meeting. Six elected officials attended with 65 PTA leaders and school administrators in attendance. Dorothy Gardner, Missouri PTA President, served a moderator.

Council did not host a school board candidates' forum this year because there were no school board members with expiring terms.

By hosting our legislative event, encouraging members to actively participate in legislative endeavors, and promoting PTA issues at the state and national level, our council was awarded the Missouri PTA Advocacy through Legislation Outstanding Council Award.

Vice President Organization & Development – Julia Spiva

Handbook Continuing the change made last year, the handbook is posted in an electronic format on the SCPTA website. A printed handbook was provided to all attendees at the Officer Orientation training in August.

Bylaws: SCPTA bylaws were amended and approved by Council September 6, 2017 and approved by MOPTA December 6, 2017. Our bylaws will be up for review again in 2020. SCPTA Standing Rules were amended and approved on September 6, 2017. All schools that had bylaw revisions coming up were notified and offered assistance as needed. State office information on bylaw renewals was reviewed, and those schools that did not have their bylaws renewed were contacted to let them know that they were not in good standing. We have 36 units in good standing.

Scholarships: SCPTA offers 5 scholarships each year to a graduating senior from each high school. Each scholarship awards \$500 and is named for distinguished past PTA volunteers/educators: Joan Keiser Scholarship, Helen Smith Scholarship, and Grace Carr Scholarship as well as the PTA 2-year and 4-year scholarships. This year's recipients are: Hillcrest, Emma King, Helen Smith Scholarship; Central, Lorena Cardenas, SCPTA 2-year; Glendale, Maddie Duncan, SCPTA 4-year; Kickapoo, Mason Sellman, Grace Carr; and Parkview, pending, Joan Keiser.

Gertrude McBride Fund: Eleven high school and middle schools received McBride checks totaling \$2200. Springfield Council of PTAs awarded high schools and middle schools each from the Gertrude McBride Fund. This fund was established in 1921 to honor Gertrude McBride, an educator, school board President, and a founding member of our local PTA. These fund are designated to provide assistance to students in need. Central HS Glendale HS Hillcrest HS Kickapoo HS Carver MS, Cherokee MS, Hickory Hills MS, Jarrett MS, Pershing MS, Pleasant View MS and Reed Academy.

CARE Fund: Twenty-three schools received CARE fund checks for a total of \$2300. Elementary schools were awarded, each to recognize outstanding student behavior, attendance, and academic achievement. This fund was established in 2004 to honor Charlie Nickel, a longtime Springfield educator and PTA supporter. Bingham, Bissett, Boyd, Cowden, Delaware, Disney, Gray, Harrison, Hickory Hills, Jeffries, McCann, McBride, Pershing, Pleasant View, Robberson, Sequiota, Sherwood, Sunshine, Truman, Watkins, Wilder, Wilson's Creek and York.

Resource Development: Seventeen schools participated in the Major Saver discount card fundraiser and combined they raised more than \$43,150! The 17 schools' PTA Units will receive \$200 from SCPTA each as incentive for participating in the fundraiser and the school that sold the most cards will receive a \$500 check for their school site. In addition to the money raised from card sales, Major Saver is donating \$200 to the Clothing Bank for every school that participated: Bissett E, Disney E, Harrison E, Mann E, Jeffries E, Twain, E, Pershing E, Pittman E, Pleasant View E, Portland E, Watkins E, Wilson's Creek 5-6, and York E, Jarrett M, Pershing M, Pleasant View M, and Cherokee M.

Promotions

Membership Report: Total Council memberships for 2017-2018 are 3,970 individuals and 179 businesses. Total: 4,149 Five units were given cash awards for the highest increase in memberships by November 30th.

11 units increased their membership from January to March with Greenwood being #1 with 45 new members in 2018. Thank you for being a member! (PS: Just eight years ago our Council had 12,000 members. We can do it again. Remember to ask.)

Founders Day Banquet was held this year at Parkview High School. The theme was "Servant Leadership" highlighting the Leadership School that is housed at Parkview. We chose PHS senior Anthony Saviello to be our Master of Ceremony. Entertainment was provided by PHS thespian with a couple of songs from their show Pippin which included a freshman vocalist Clayton Cox serenading Dr Jungmann. PHS choir also performed two selections. Jennifer Penny was awarded the Missouri PTA Distinguished Service Award. We celebrated with 10 SCPTA past presidents who were in attendance: Joan Keiser, Colleen Copeland, June Jansen, Ida Berry, Debbie Hickey, Peggy Stepp, Donna Petiford, Mary Christiano, Patty Dunn, Carrie Windes. We recognized and gave a gift to 41 Volunteers of the Year.

Hospitality – Heather Buckner

The SCPTA purchased 2 cases of Apples from Kiwanis in the fall to show appreciation to the KAC Administrative staff and Bentley building staff. Coordinated and assisted PTA/PTSA presidents of the schools hosting general SCPTA monthly meetings. Helped with food selection and setup for the Founder's Day Banquet at Parkview High School. Will provide refreshments for our May SCPTA meeting. Will provide food/drinks/door prizes for the School of Information Training on May 3rd at Central High School.

Vice President Health & Public Services – Allison Lawson

Clothing Bank Chairs – Patty Dunn & Jennifer Penny

The PTA Clothing Bank provided free clothing to SPS students during 2,152 shopping visits during the 2017-2018 school year, with numbers reported from August 1, 2017 through April 26, 2018. Item counts from additional shopping during Explore Summer Session in June will be reported in the fall. The SCPTA board continued the (now) tradition of holding the first General Council Meeting at Study Alternative Center which brought our PTA leaders into the Clothing Bank as a great start to the year. The SPS School Nurses also held one of their meetings at Study Alternative Center, and Jennifer Penny and Patty Dunn hosted the nurses for a tour of the Clothing Bank. The PTA Clothing Bank was also shown in two television news stories: the first focused on Kathryn Wilkerson and her extraordinary weekly donations of new clothing, and the second focused on the assistance that the PTA Clothing Bank, SPS district and other community organizations were able to provide following a building fire that left many SPS students homeless. We also sought to increase our social media following and presence this year with the goal of also increasing the number of students served, the participation of donors and volunteers, and the information available to our PTA units. The PTA Clothing Bank was on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The PTA Clothing Bank also was able to secure a donation of 2,000 pairs of socks from Bombas.com, and this grant reviewed social media accounts and number of followers in the approval process. The efforts of all resulted in a bounty of donations, several new volunteers and many SPS students ready for school with clothing, shoes, socks and underwear.

Safety Chair – Mary Christiano

School Crossing Protection Committee Chairperson met three times. Becky Volz, SCPTA President, acted as committee chair and conducted quarterly meetings. For the 2017-2018 school year, Springfield Council of PTAs were represented at meetings also by Allison Lawson, Mary Christiano, and Sarah Whitten, Horace Mann PTA. The School Crossing Protection Committee continues to actively seek a parent representative from each of the five high school areas to attend quarterly meetings on behalf of SCPTA and the schools in their high school area.

Vice President Programs – Laura Erwin

4th Grade Play Chair – Flo Graham

Over 2000 fourth graders from our 36 elementary schools had the opportunity to attend "Elf Jr. The Musical". All of the 4th grade students in the district were provided transportation to the Springfield Little Theatre for four performances held on December 5 and 6. As always, it was a wonderful opportunity for all of our 4th graders. Thank you to PTA Council, SPS transportation, and Marty Moore for continuing to make this wonderful event happen.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Chair – Peggy Stepp

Reading Is Fundamental had a successful year. It started with training of coordinators in September and the three distributions to all the first and second grade students. This year's theme was "Investigate Reading – How do things work?". RIF held fundraisers again by selling cookies at the annual Springfield Christmas Parade on December 9, Christmas wrapping at Barnes and Noble, and a "Paddle Party" on March 2 at the Teamsters Hall. Over 15,000 books were distributed and the children were able to engage with activities to encourage reading. The school coordinators were celebrated with a volunteer reception in April, and the winners of the poster contest will receive extra books and a reception at University Heights Baptist Church on May 4. Many thanks to all the schools that participated with coordinators and sent a donation to help fund the program. Without your help this program of 40 plus years could not continue.

Reflections Chair – Aaron Mrad

SCPTA sponsors this program for all SPS students and students at Greenwood Laboratory School. The theme for the National PTA Reflections program for 2017-18 was "Within Reach". Training workshops were held in August and September. The City Reflections Showcase was held on January 21 at the Battlefield Mall. We had 34 place at the state level. Four have gone onto Nationals. Congratulations to all of our Reflections participants and volunteers on very successful program this year. Thank you for helping keep the Reflections Program a strong and cherished PTA tradition.

Reflections 50th Grant For 50 years, the National PTA Reflections arts program has helped millions of students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.

The program's golden year vision is to inspire all students and their families to participate in educational activities and celebratory events. In honor of the program's milestone and respect to its purpose and vision, National PTA challenges all PTAs to spark creativity and learning fun by hosting Reflections educational activities for all students to participate in and learn through the arts.

Deadline to enter the Reflections Grant is June 30, 2018.

www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/Awards-Grants/Mary-Lou-Anderson-Grant

STEAM+Families (reference Missouri Contact Mag Jan 2018) On September 22, 2017 Live on Facebook National PTA announced the winners for the 2017 National PTA STEM+ Families Math Grants, sponsored by Mathnasium and we had a LOCAL Winner – Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary! They held their Steam Night on December 7 and included many activities with an attendance of over 100 students and 150 parents/other family members.

School of Information The annual SCPTA officer training will be held at Central High School on May 3. It will be an evening training session from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with workshops for President, Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Membership, Fundraising, Reflections and more. Supper will be provided. ALL at no charge to attendees!

Treasurer –

The Treasurer position duties have been accomplished through a few dedicated volunteers this year with Becky Volz

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(immediate past treasurer) overseeing. Responsibilities have been managed and records kept in order to provide budget reports to the executive committee, overseeing approval of line item changes, making timely deposits and keeping current with payments due. Becky worked with Money Minder for a group price for our council units; with Aim Insurance on increased policy coverage; and with Great Southern on interest rate paid on our accounts. Becky served on the Founders Day committee; met with a number of unit treasurers to help with their financial reports and 990, plus MO DOR, filing; and chaired the Budget Committee and presented proposed budget for 2018-2019.

Secretary – Toi Allen

The minutes of all General Meetings were posted on the website. The minutes of all Executive Committee minutes and General Meeting minutes from the past two years, will be bound at the conclusion of the Windes administration and will be placed in MSU Library for safe keeping.

Website & Social Media Chair – Christie Browne

The year began with a thorough review by our President and chairperson of the content on the SCPTA website. Outdated content was removed or updated to current. We worked to move important information into more easily accessible pages on the site. The website has been updated at least monthly to highlight important events throughout the year, with an attempt to use graphics as a way to draw readers in a bit more. These graphics have also been used to promote events on Facebook and Twitter to create continuity in messaging. Monthly General Meeting Minutes and council newsletters have been posted for public access.

Behind the scenes, our chairperson has set up Google Team Drive access for council leadership to more effectively store and share digital documents year-to-year. Email accounts were opened or transferred for each officer and chairperson. We also set up a Google Phone Number for council which forwards to the council officer of our choice (currently President). All of these efforts are designed to maintain council access to our important documentation and communication, and allow those who serve on the board to keep their personal email, cell phone, etc. as private as they wish.

Our social media accounts include Facebook (Springfield Council of PTAs) and Twitter (@scptamo). Our President and VPs, along with the social media chair, are all editors on the Facebook page, allowing each to add events or posts related to their area of oversight. The social media chair has access to the Twitter account to make posts for council. As of April 25, 2018, we have 116 Twitter followers and 546 Facebook page followers. Our Facebook followers have increased by 77 since August 1, 2017.

Newsletter Editor – Carrie Windes

I collected newsworthy and timely information from council officers and chairmen. I edited and created layout for monthly newsletter which was posted on SCPTA website and distributed at each month's general council meeting. January was the only exception. There was no monthly meeting held, so newsletter was only posted online.

EXCITING NEWS!

2019 MISSOURI PTA CONVENTION

PTA IS THE KEY

Brave Advocates, Big Voice, Bold Purpose

Join us in Springfield, Missouri next April!

Springfield Council of PTAs
Proposed Budget for 2018 Financial Year

01 Fundraising Projects	Budget Income	Budget Expense	Net
Fundraiser card sales	22,000.00	4,500.00	17,500.00
Other Fundraising / Sponsors	-	-	-
Total	22,000.00	4,500.00	17,500.00
02 Other Income	Budget Income	Budget Expense	Net
Dues Income	1,400.00	-	1,400.00
Interest Income	400	-	400
Total	1,800.00	-	1,800.00
03 Special Funds	Budget Income	Budget Expense	Net
Charles Nickles CARE Fund	100	3,000.00	-2,900.00
Gertrude McBride Fund	300	2,400.00	-2,100.00
Scholarship Fund Grace Carr	200	500	-300
Scholarship Fund Helen Smith	200	500	-300
Scholarship Fund Joan Keiser	200	500	-300
Scholarship Fund SCPTA 2 Year	200	500	-300
Scholarship Fund SCPTA 4 Year	200	500	-300
Total	1,400.00	7,900.00	-6,500.00
04 Administrative	Budget Income	Budget Expense	Net
Accounting Software	-	160	-160
Bond & Insurance	-	665	-665
Door Prizes	-	500	-500
Hospitality	-	900	-900
Installation	-	50	-50
MOPTA Dues	-	25	-25
Postage	-	50	-50
President Discretionary	-	500	-500
Promotions - Marketing	-	200	-200
Secretary	-	50	-50
Supplies	-	100	-100
Treasurer	-	100	-100
Website	-	150	-150
Total	-	3,450.00	-3,450.00
05 Contributions	Budget Income	Budget Expense	Net
4th Grade Play Donation	-	4,500.00	-4,500.00
Don't Meth with Us Donation	-	500	-500
FSPS Teacher Appreciation Banquet	-	350	-350
MOPTA Scholarships Donation	-	100	-100
Project Graduation Donation	-	2,500.00	-2,500.00
RIF Donation	-	1,000.00	-1,000.00
SCPTA transfer to Scholarship CD	-	0.00	0.00
Total	-	8,950.00	-8,950.00

06 Leadership/Service to Units

	Budget Income	Budget Expense	Net
General Meeting Attend Incentive	-	4,500.00	-4,500.00
Founders Day Catering	3,500.00	3,500.00	-
Founders Day Event Expense	-	750	-750
Founders Day VOY Recognition	-	400	-400
Handbook	-	75	-75
Membership Awards	-	500	-500
Newsletter	-	480	-480
Officers' Orientation	-	350	-350
School of Information	-	500	-500
Total	3,500.00	11,055.00	-7,555.00

07 Officers' Training

	Budget Income	Budget Expense	Net
MOPTA State Convention	-	1,000.00	-1,000.00
National PTA Convention	-	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Total	-	4,000.00	-4,000.00

08 Programs

	Budget Income	Budget Expense	Net
Clothing Bank	6,000.00	13,000.00	-7,000.00
Clothing Bank operating expense	-	500	-500
Reflections Program	-	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Safety Program	-	500.00	-500.00
Total	6,000.00	15,500.00	-9,500.00

09 Awards / Recognition

	Budget Income	Budget Expense	Net
Advisory Committee Appreciation	-	100	-100
Distinguished Service Award	-	110	-110
KAC Recognition/Salute	-	180	-180
Pres Lifetime Awards/Recog	-	150	-150
Principals' Recognition	-	500	-500
Teacher Appreciation-Study School	-	300	-300
Total	-	1,340.00	-1,340.00

BUDGET TOTALS

Budget Income	Budget Expense	Net
34,700.00	56,695.00	-21,995.00

Color Key:

item amount was decreased

item amount was increased

item was created and added

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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MEMBERSHIP: 2017-18 GOLDEN GAVEL AWARDS

We had 19 PTA/PTSA units who increased their membership this school year. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts! Below are this year's recipients of the Golden Gavel Awards:

Unit with Highest Numerical Increase: **Kickapoo HS PTSA**

Unit with Largest % Increase: **Central HS PTSA**

Unit with Highest Total Membership: **Disney E PTA**

Unit with Highest Membership based upon School Enrollment–

(0-250) Delaware E PTA	(251-350) Truman E PTA
(351-600) Disney E PTA	(601-999) Cherokee MS PTSA
(1000+) Glendale HS PTSA	

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD

Unit with the highest number of business memberships:

Sequiota E PTA

SCPTA WINTER CHALLENGE

Unit with the most memberships gained from January 1 to March 1, 2018:

Greenwood PTA

PTA/PTSA UNITS WITH 100% COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE

Bissett E	York E
Cowden E	Cherokee MS
Disney E	Jarrett MS
Hickory Hills E	Pershing MS
Jeffries E	Pleasant View MS
Mann E	Reed Academy MS
McBride E	
Pershing E	Central HS
Portland E	Glendale HS
Sequiota E	Hillcrest HS
Sherwood E	Kickapoo HS

PTA/PTSA UNITS WHO INCREASED THEIR MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR

Bingham E	Watkins E
Boyd E	Wilder E
Cowden E	York E
Delaware E	
Disney E	Wilson's Creek 5-6
Gray E	
Hickory Hills E	Cherokee MS
Mann E	Hickory Hills MS
Portland E	
Sunshine E	Central HS
Truman E	Kickapoo HS

2018 SCPTA SCHOOL OF INFORMATION

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Central High School

5:30 – 5:50 Registration /Dinner

5:45 – 5:50 Welcome

5:50 – 6:30 Session 1 Workshop

1. Treasurer – Becky Volz
(1 of 3 Workshops – Plan to attend Sessions 1 & 2, Session 3 is Optional)
2. Secretary – Mary Christiano
3. Parent Engagement – Andrea Battaglia
4. Parliamentary Procedure – Donna Petiford
5. Membership – Julia Spiva

6:30 – 7:10 Session 2 Workshop

6. Treasurer - Becky Volz
(2 of 3 Workshops – Plan to attend Sessions 1 & 2, Session 3 is Optional)
7. President – Mandy Mitchell
(1st of 2 Workshops – Plan to attend both)
8. Membership – Julia Spiva
9. Fundraising – Sarah Whitten
10. Reflections – Jessica Rosa
11. ByLaws – Donna Petiford

7:10 – 7:20 Break

7:20 – 8:00 Sessions 3 Workshop

12. Treasurer – Becky Volz
(3 of 3 Workshops – Plan to attend Sessions 1 & 2, Session 3 is Optional)
13. President – Mandy Mitchell
(2nd of 2 Workshops – Plan to attend both)
14. Communication – Andrea Battaglia
15. Advocacy / Legislation – Donna Petiford/Kristina Wilmoth
16. Fundraising – Sarah Whitten

8:00 – 8:30 Closing, Survey, Door Prizes

RSVP: www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4baaa62aa0fe3-school

Thank You ALL for Coming!