

## South Side Middle School PTA Meeting September 6<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Welcome**- meeting called to order by Kathy and Debbie.

**Introduction of Executive Board** including Mrs. Horn and Mrs. Quinn (teacher reps).

**Approval** of June's PTA meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report**- (Eileen McCue)- Executive Board typically has a budget to present, but due to this being the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of school, the budget has not yet been completed. However, September expenses need to be voted on and approved.

Welcome Back Breakfast- \$345 Village Gourmet

Middle School Fundraiser D.J. deposit- \$100 Both expenses were approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

- a) Fall Fundraiser- (Lisa and Sue)- Coral House Fashion Show November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please help to solicit from merchants for the raffle baskets. A merchant letter is available from them. Also need teachers to "walk the carpet". This is our biggest fundraiser- Please watch for the invitations and come support the middle school PTA.
- b) Health and Wellness Fair- (Judy)- October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This occurs every other year. Vendors set up food and activities. Can use volunteers for the day. Please let her know if you have any connections to appropriate establishments.
- c) Membership-(Margaret)- Please join, money goes to children and this year the country-wide PTA wants information on its members to further its efforts for our children. Please log onto website-answer a survey and receive a \$10 gift card.
- d) Recreation Center Dances-(Margaret)- Please volunteer to chaperone a dance. Dances are grade specific and are once per month.
- e) Directory/Website-(Janet)- October 15 is deadline for submissions to school directory. Parents that have filled out form and are PTA members go into directory. Anything that is posted on PTA website must first get approved by PTA presidents.
- f) Newsletter-(Jill)- Please volunteer to spread the information about what is happening in each grade as well as what the PTA is doing. Newsletter is currently only online, thoughts about using another means of distribution.
- g) Apparel-(Jennifer and Susan)- Apparel is sold at evening events (back to school nights, concerts etc) Can always use volunteers.
- h) D/A Task Force-(Cammie)- Parents are getting an informational pamphlet about drugs. Oct. 20 is the Substance Abuse Walk and in the spring there will be another

presentation. \$5 magnets We Are All Responsible are available. Also, mannequins around town are to represent people that have died from drugs.

**Open committees:**

Reflections- Liz Walter

Audit- needed for spring

Procedures- needed for spring

**Presidents News-** (Kathy and Debbie) Thank You to both Janet and Merri. Janet was very successful in getting volunteers for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation. Merri made a beautiful Welcome Back poster used for the staff breakfast.

D.A.S.A.- Dignity for All Students Act- Character education in the school curriculum. There is a D.A.S.A coordinator which is the social worker and principal. This curriculum focuses on the bystander: see something, say something. Schools have a new reporting system that gets sent on to the state.

Dr. Johnson is not happy with the amount of hours the students are sitting for the state exams. He also doesn't feel the data is being used effectively. More on this as we hear it.

Bond- a bond dealing with the infrastructure of the schools is set to be put up for a vote next year. The last bond was 1996. Some of the possible topics for the middle school: revamping the library including a technology space, auditorium upgrade, roof leaks and potential air conditioning. Please go onto the district website for more information.

**Principal's Report-** It was a good school opening. Assembly spoke of the middle school being a community, any teacher will help the students. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders were seen helping 6<sup>th</sup> graders. There are approximately 821 children in the school. A letter came home for Powerschools that includes the username and password which is used for grades, attendance, report cards etc. SchoolNotes will switch over to Edline so everything is in one place. Please use district website for more information and the guidance office is always available to help.

**Adjorned-** 9pm (Tricia/Maria)