

## **Solon Middle School PTA Minutes May 12, 2009**

SMS PTA President Kari Kreft called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. at Station 43 in Solon, following a buffet breakfast. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recording Secretary Report-**The minutes from April 7, 2009 were approved and filed.

**Corresponding Secretary Report-** Attendance and Volunteer hours books were circulated. A card of congratulations on the birth of a baby was sent to Julie Solis and family.

**Treasurer Report-** No report.

**Principal Report-** Eugenia Green

- Expressed appreciation to the SMS PTA for work done by PTA members in service to the students and staff at SMS over the past year.
- Due to a decrease in enrollment for the upcoming year, the South team will become eighth grade only. The seventh grade teachers currently on the South team will divide their time between other SMS teams and the high school. Enrollment is expected to increase again next year.
- Reviewed upcoming events: Orchestra concert tonight at 7:00 at SHS Auditorium, Band concert 7:00 on May 13, Drama presentation at 7:00 May 21, High school guidance representatives will visit SMS to meet with eighth graders, Field Day for seventh graders on June 5.
- Three SMS staff will be retiring. They are Cheryl Koza, Betsy Bryant, and Dan Moran.

**Assistant Principal Report-** Mr. Hatteberg

Expressed appreciation for the work of the PTA over the past year. Specifically thanked the **staff appreciation committee** who were successful in all of their many efforts. Specifically thanked the **student recognition committee** who updated the bulletin board monthly. Expressed appreciation for the snacks provided to the students and teachers during academic testing week. The distribution of the snacks was well organized and both the students and teachers appreciated and enjoyed the food and drink provided.

**Vice President Report-** Lisa Cartellone

Presented a gift certificate from the SMS PTA board to President Keri Kreft as a token of appreciation for her work in the past year.

**President Report –** Kari Kreft

- Has enjoyed serving as SMS PTA President for the past two years. Hopeful that the PTA will continue to look for events to sponsor in which SMS students will participate and enjoy.
- Expressed appreciation for the effective leadership that was part of every committee.

- Asked chairpersons to consider serving next year. If a chairperson does not expect to serve, please submit a report of your committee's work and contact information for the upcoming chairperson.
- Staff Appreciation week included a "Head to toe makeover" provided by the Paul Mitchell beauty school. The two makeover winners were Cheryl Koza and Yoko Gambriel. There was also a raffle for gift cards.
- Encouraged all eighth graders to attend the upcoming Student Council dance. Tickets go on sale today. The PTA is paying for the airbrush tattoo artist for the dance as a gift to the Student Council
- Distributed tokens of thanks to board members and principals for their support and service during the year.
- The Friday, May 1 event to celebrate the end of academic testing week was a great success. The event was held from 2:00-3:30. During this time, 1700 slushies were served by Island Delights and 1,000 bags of popcorn were served by PTA. Entertainment included: a DJ and Karaoke, (ably assisted by Mrs. Bettinger and Mrs. Consolo) Paul Mitchell students providing hair braiding and styling, airbrush tattoos by Larry Hess, a dance in the Parkside gym, two magicians, a fortune teller (ably assisted by Mr. Falls), face painting, basketball, volleyball, air hockey, and ping pong. Several of the outside entertainers complimented staff and PTA members on the good behavior of the SMS students. Compliments included that the students were very polite, encouraging to one another, respectful and generally well mannered. In addition, one of the entertainers sent a thank you note to the school, again complimenting the behavior of the students. Every consideration will be given to holding this event again next year.

**Council Delegate Report- Elizabeth Goodin**

- The Ohio Department of Education visited Solon schools last week. As a district, Solon will be used to re-calibrate state of Ohio standards to identify what a successful school district looks like. They were looking at things like instructional practices, data driven decision-making, school environment/climate, and teacher training. The ODE will use this information to assist non-performing school districts toward improvement.
- Swine Flu: Solon follows CDC guidelines. National PTA website has information about Swine Flu.
- Ohio Lieutenant Governor, Lee Fisher, has been rescheduled to talk about school funding on 5/18 at 7:00 pm in the SHS lecture hall. The school board meeting will be held at 6:00 pm that evening in the board office. It is important that as a legislative group, that we all get informed and involved. The loss of tangible personal property taxes has resulted in an \$11 million loss for Solon. These were replaced by the CAT tax that goes to the state. House Bill 111 extends tangible personal property taxes. Please contact your legislators to weigh in on this important issue.
- SAY Coalition Spring meeting: A Call to Action to Prevent Underage Drinking. Will take place on Friday 5/29 at Bellefaire JCB in Shaker Hts. A flyer about this event is available.

- Future PTA events: August 1, 2009, Ohio PTA Leadership Training Conference in Columbus. October 29, 2009, PTA Fall Ohio District Leadership Training Conference.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Academic Boosters:** No report

**Bylaws:** No report

**Box Tops:** Collection of box tops continues through May.

**Budget Bin:** No report

**Calendar:** No report

**Community Service Award:** Committee is tallying forms that have been turned in.

**Community Outreach:** Robin Stanton - Final project for the year is the collection of school supplies. Basic school supplies and additional clothing will be delivered to Case Elementary School on May 28. SMS students wishing to go to Case may get a permission slip in the office or the cafeteria this week. Students who go on the delivery will read to the Case Kindergarten students. Elementary level books and backpacks will also be accepted as donations.

**Dances:** See President report.

**Directory:** No report

**Eighth Grade Gift:** Tee shirts will be given out the last day of the trip. Students not going on the trip will get their tee shirts the same day at school.

**Health Welfare & Safety:** Tammy Strom - Please be aware that the summer between eighth and ninth grade has been identified as a time when many children begin drinking alcohol. Talk to your children and friends and remain vigilant to your children's activities. **Fall Sports:** It is the fourth quarter grades for the 08-09 school year that determines eligibility for sports for the fall semester of the 09-10 year. Students must have their completed physical form in to the athletic office prior to the first day of practice for any school sport teams.

**Hospitality:** Joanne Behnke expressed appreciation to the all of the members who eagerly shared their best homemade baked goods and delicious fruit for PTA meetings throughout the year. Each person in attendance today received a packet of thank you notes and a small pot of soil and seed (a "Grow Kit") with the quote, "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." – Elizabeth Andrew.

**Legislation:** No report

**Membership:** No report

**Newsletter:** Kari Kreft will be putting the final newsletter together soon. Please send her your information by this Friday.

**Parent Volunteers:** No report

**Sports Refreshments:** Final track meet was held last night. David and Jennifer Robertson thanked everyone for the opportunity to be of service through the concession stand.

**Staff Appreciation:** No report

**Student Appreciation:** No report

**Student Recognition:** A bar-b-queue will be held on June 3 to recognize students who got straight "A"s this year. A sign up sheet was circulated for volunteers for this event. There will be one more ice cream sundae bar for students who improved their GPA by 0.5.

**Workroom:** No report

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

The following persons were installed as SMS PTA Board Members for the 2009-10 academic year:

President: Cindy Castro

Vice President: Leanne Jones

Treasurer: Patty Lohiser

Corresponding Secretary: Lubee Rowell

Recording Secretary: Sandy Moentmann

Council Delegates: Robin Stanton, Louise Isroff, Susette Even and Roberta Riordan.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Recording Secretary Sandy Moentmann