

Schuylkill Valley Middle School PTO

Monday 9/13/2021 at 6:30 PM

MEETING AGENDA

Middle School LGI Room

Melissa Miller, President

Whitney Clark, Vice President

Victoria Gleboski, Treasurer

Alana Schmitz, Secretary

Adrienne Leshner, Technology Director

- I. **Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by President Melissa Miller.
- II. **Treasurer's Report:** Melissa Miller reported we are doing pretty well with income. We sold \$125 in membership, Leesport Community Days - we do not have a final amount but we did very well. We hope to do Leesport Community Days next year. As for expenses, we paid our insurance, website fee - normal operating expenses. We hope to have some more events.
Treasurer report approved by Ann Ostrowski and Ashley Witman.
- III. **Secretary's Report:** Please make sure to put your name, phone number and email on the sign in sheet. **Secretary report approved by Ann Ostrowski and Ashley Witman.**
- IV. **Middle School Representative, Mrs. Wert:** Melissa reported Mrs Wert is making sure all documents are available for the current year. She is also reaching out to staff regarding membership.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **No Cook Night (NCN):** Ashley Witman reported SVMSPPTO made \$265 from Andali's. Next Tuesday, 9/21 from 5-9 PM is Elementary NCN at Chipotle. Digital or paper flyer must be shown.
 - B. **Merchandise:** <https://svmspto.org/square-shop/>. We have cookbooks, pop sockets, one youth medium short and one cup. Please visit our square shop to purchase the items.
 - C. **Spiritwear sale:** The middle school spirit wear sale will be in the spring. We need a chairperson for this committee. If you are interested in running this committee, please reach out to a board member..
 - D. **Staff Appreciation:** Janie Mattern Grosselfinger and Melissa Becht are co-chairs for this committee. Melissa reported the Staff Appreciation may be in October. All staff are included in the appreciation, which is celebrated twice a year. More to come on this committee. Andrea Rodriguez mentioned she helped with elementary staff appreciation so she is happy to help with the middle school - if any assistance is needed.
 - E. **Rewards Programs**
 - a. **Amazon Smile:** Just type Amazon Smile into your browser, or go to Smile.Amazon.com. After you sign in, search for and select Schuylkill Valley

Middle School PTO as the organization to receive 0.5% of any purchases you make on Amazon Smile. Same items as on Amazon!

- b. **BoxTops:** You can continue to support the MSPTO by scanning receipts on the BoxTops app. Just be sure to select Schuylkill Valley Middle School PTO as the recipient at <https://boxtops4education.com/>
 - c. **Redner's Receipts:** Use your Redner's Rewards card at any Redner's every time you shop. Send in your entire receipt, including the name of the store, purchases and Save-A-Tape total. Redner's will donate 1% of your eligible purchases to the middle school PTO. Anne Ostrowski is the current Chairperson but she would like to turn this over to a new person. Andrea Rodriguez mentioned she would like to help with this committee and will speak with Anne.
- F. **Mini-Grants and Classroom Allowances:** Teachers can request up to \$50 for classroom necessities. Mini-grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis for programs or enrichment that serve all students. Teachers and staff – please find the updated forms on our website at <https://svmspto.org/forms-handouts/>. Melissa reported Mrs. Wert mentioned we should have some classroom allowances coming our way soon.

VI. Old Business

Spirit Share: Anne Ostrowski is the current Chairperson. She reported this committee was started to collect new or gently used spiritwear to distribute to students in the district whose families may not otherwise have the funds to afford to buy new spiritwear in the fall or spring spirit wear sales. The idea is for any staff member to reach out to the committee chairperson with the size and article of clothing needed. No info on the student or family is communicated and no questions asked. The chairperson gets the clothing from our inventory and gives it to the school. The staff member pulls in the student to give them the gift of spiritwear. We currently have 64 articles of spiritwear. Melissa will reach out to the building Administration to make sure they will allow us to continue this program. If they allow, Melissa will ask Administration or Mrs. Wert to reach out to the Middle School staff to provide a reminder about Spirit Share. Anne agreed to remain as the Chair of this committee.

VII. New Business

1. **Bylaws:** Adrienne reported the current and proposed bylaws are located on our website and Facebook page. Some revisions to the current bylaws are replacing the Director of Committee position with Director of Technology, some changes under nomination, elections, general meetings and amendments of bylaws sections. All the revisions on the proposed bylaws are highlighted in yellow.
2. **Committees and volunteer opportunities:** Other than previously mentioned committees, we may have the following volunteer opportunities:
 - a. **Book Fair:** The book fair is in October. We may have volunteer opportunities to be the cashier during school hours.
 - b. **Cookie Dough Fundraiser:** The school does a cookie dough fundraiser. 10/7/21 is the assembly. The fundraiser ends on 10/21/21. They may ask the PTO to count the orders and hand out the ducks. We might need some volunteers to

help count and separate orders. There is a possibility that this will be all online. If it's virtual, we may not have any volunteer opportunities for this fundraiser.

- c. **Music Fest:** We are hoping to bring back Music Fest on 4/24/22. Jeremy mentioned we are trying to secure the bands and venue. We are looking to see if any high school students have a band and would like to participate. We need to look into food trucks. We will sell tickets in advance. We have a few sponsors but we will be looking for more. We will need smaller committees to take different pieces of this event.
- d. **Winter Event:** We are looking for ideas that will draw the students in for a winter event. If you have any ideas, please reach out to any board members. Anne mentioned a talent show. Some other ideas suggested were a few nights at The Works, escape room and a skate night. Depending on the event held, we may have volunteer opportunities.

VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM by President Melissa Miller. **Approved by Jeremy Winterstein and Ashley Witman.**