


SAPTO General Meeting Minutes

1/16/2024, 6:30pm, Zoom

1. Meeting called to order 6:34pm by President Judy Pitsios
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Officers, Judy Pitsios, Vice Presidents: Elyse Leavy, Karin Mayer-Roessle, Jennifer Rowley, Danny Rodriguez; Corresponding Secretary: Marie Holovacko; Recording Secretary: Nicole Simonson
(*Treasurer: Angie Martell, absent*)
4. Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes,
 SAPTO General Mtg 23-11-14. MINUTES by Recording Secretary, Nicole Simonson
5. Treasurer's Report by Judy Pitsios for Angie Martell
 - a. Total account balances \$54,496.06 as of January 6, 2024.
 - b. Number will be higher due to Wizards game and \$3,704 in CheddarUP account
 - c. ~\$40k still earmarked for facilities improvements. Please send us your ideas
6. Correspondence Report-Marie Holovacko
 - a. Thank yous for the PTO
 - b. follow us on social media and via southamboyppto.org for the latest news, email sapto08879@gmail.com with any questions.
 - c. Big point worth repeating: If you have any questions about PTO activities, please do not call, text, email board members directly! Your surest and quickest way to get a response is to email sapto08879@gmail.com
7. Report of Officers:
 - a. Judy Pitsios on behalf of Angie Martell
 - i. Gift Auction date changed to 4/12. There will be a committee meeting in the media room at the MHS on 1/29. Please join us if you are a committee member or a class parent. Will be discussing changing of basket ideas and gift donations.
 - ii. Danny Rodriguez on behalf of Angie for upcoming fundraisers, there will be an event at a trampoline park at the end of January. More information to come on that and some other events happening in February, TBA.
 - b. Marie Holovacko
 - i. Wizards Game recap: A big thank you to the community of South Amboy, filled up half the gym and needed to add some bleachers on opposite side. Thank you to the staff and administration for playing in the game and entertaining the crowd. It was ~\$5k profit which goes back to the school and

the kids. It was a great time, and we can do something like this again if agreed.

c. Nicole Simonson

- i. Popcorn fundraiser kicking off this week on Friday, 1/19 for National Popcorn day. Fliers will be going home. Please use the form that is supplied by Kastle when submitting orders. It makes it easier to keep track of everything in the event something is wrong.
- ii. Father-Daughter Dance Friday February 9, 6-9 at MHS-Candyland Tickets have gone on sale. Please purchase them ASAP if you would like to attend. If they are sold out, we cannot permit entry at the door and we will not be selling tickets at the door.
- iii. Mother-Son Dance Friday, March 8th 6-9 MHS, Hollywood Red Carpet. Tickets will go on sale at the end of January.
- iv. Reminder of remaining b-monthly meetings. March 12th, nominations for 24-25 school year board will take place. May 14th voting will take place. All at the MHS cafe 6:30pm and also via zoom.

d. Elyse Leavy

- i. Spring Scholastic Bookfair last week in February. Will be expanding the bookfair because of 2 half days that are scheduled that week, so that everyone gets a chance to purchase books. Please sign up to volunteer and help out!
- ii. Fun Run coming up soon at the end of the year. More information soon

e. Karin Mayer-Roessle

- i. Holiday Shop Recap! Thank you to volunteers and teachers who helped to make it a success. Reached the goal this year of selling \$10k, Sold, \$10,500.60. PTO gets 20% profit, so \$2,112 made! Looking for people who are interested in taking over for next year. Please reach out!. MHS also did well: \$2 squishy brain was the best seller!

f. Jennifer Rowley

- i. Birthday Ice Cream on Friday 1/19 1:30pm at ES.

8. Membership Comments:

1. Ja'mon Dunn thanked PTO for the Wizards Game. Fun time for all.
2. Michelle Buchannan thanked PTO for all their efforts
3. Diane Smocovich thanked PTO for their efforts and Wizards Game.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm

TL/DR 😊

- We met over Zoom on January 16 due to a storm on the original date. Judy called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.
- Judy gave the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Angie. As of January 6, total bank account balances were \$54,496.06. She encouraged members to send ideas for spending down funds earmarked for school improvements.
- Corresponding Secretary Marie reminded members to reach out to our email with any questions; to refrain from contacting board members directly.
- Judy reported on behalf of Angie updates to the Designer Handbag Bingo and mini-Gift Auction, including the change of date to April 12 and the next committee meeting at which changes to basket themes would be discussed.
- Danny reported on event fundraisers including a trampoline park in Jan (which was nixed) and said stay tuned for more.
- Marie reported on the Wizards game and thanked all who played and volunteered to help: We made ~\$5K.
- I (Nicole) reported on the Popcorn fundraiser which kicked off on Jan. 19; said tickets had gone on sale for the Father-Daughter Dance on Feb. 9 and that Mother-Son Dance tickets would go on sale at the end of January; reminded of the remaining bi-monthly meetings.
- Elyse reported on the then-upcoming Book Fair and asked for volunteers; also said the Fun Run is coming on May 28.
- Karin reported on the Holiday Shoppe; met our goal of \$10K in sales! PTO earned \$2,112 profit. Asked for someone to volunteer to run it next school year.
- Jen reported that the next birthday ice cream would be on 1/19.
- Membership comments from Ja'Mon Dunn regarding what fun the Wizards game was; Michelle Buchanan thanked the PTO for our efforts; and Diane Smocovich thanked the PTO for efforts and the Wizards game.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.