

SAPTO General Meeting Minutes
3/4/25, 6:30pm, Zoom
Meeting ID:TBD | Passcode: SAPTO

1. President Judy Pitsios called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call of Officers:President Judy Pitsios; Treasurer Cara Daniell; VPs Elyse Leavy, Marie Holovacko, Danny Rodriguez, Teresa Soto; Corresponding Secretary Nicole Simonson; Recording Secretary Stefanie DePasquale
3. Reading of previous General Meeting Minutes ([1/14/25](#)): Stefanie DePasquale, Recording Secretary
4. Correspondence Report: Nicole Simonson, Corresponding Secretary
 - a. Reminder: Follow us on social media and at southamboyppto.org
 - b. If you have any questions, email sapto08879@gmail.com; please refrain from calling/texting board members directly.
5. Report of the Officers
 - a. Elyse Leavy
 - i. Book Fair recap (ended Monday)
 1. Went great and thank you to volunteers
 2. We were able to get books into every home
 3. Thinking about ways to use Scholastic Bucks
 - ii. Devils' game fundraiser
 1. April 16th vs. Redwings
 2. Free tote bag with purchase
 3. Utilize train station for easy transportation
 - b. Danny Rodriguez
 - i. Popcorn Sale pick up on March 10th
 - ii. SAES Fun Days: 3rd June 4 at YMCA (tentative); 4th: June 11 at Bowlero; 5th: June 18 at iPlay
 - c. Cara Daniell
 - i. PreK-2nd Fun Day (May 28, Raindate May 29)
 1. Ice cream truck this year instead of ices
 2. Bounce house, water games
 - ii. Spring recess fundraisers: Urban Air, Chuck E Cheese
 - iii. Box tops
 - d. Marie Holovacko:
 - i. PTO Expo
 1. PTO Board Members got to see new vendors, holiday fundraisers and possible assemblies.
 - ii. MS Fun Day
 1. Planning a committee for volunteers/committee
 2. Will take place on property with outdoor activities
 - iii. Teacher Appreciation Week on the radar or May
 - e. Teresa Soto
 - i. Monthly SAES Birthday Ice Cream celebrations are going well
 1. Next one is March 21st
 - f. Nicole Simonson
 - i. Mother-Son dance Friday, March 7 with online ticket sales closed
 - ii. You do not have to dress up, you can come as you are.
 - iii. Marie mentioned Party City in Hazlet is closing and has great costumes on sale
 - g. Stefanie DePasquale:
 - i. Remaining General Meeting for this school year: May 13 virtual and in person
 - h. Judy Pitsios:
 - i. The SAES year-end parties will take place on 6/24, the day before the last day of school. 5th grade bagel breakfast 6/23.

- ii. Scholarships
6. Old Business
 - a. We funded buses for a 4th-5th grade tubing trip on 1/30
 - b. 5th grade t-shirt purchase is coming up
 - c. Proud to report that the new gaga ball pit is in action! We'll share pics on social
 - d. We're in talks with SAES administration re: digital sign and inclusive recess equipment
7. New Business
 - a. Open up nominations for the SAPTO Executive Board for the 2025-26 school year. Elections will take place on May 13.
8. Membership Comments
 - a. Diane Smocovich mentioned another fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse
 - b. Middle School Spring Dance Fundraiser on March 6th.
9. Judy adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.
10. 3 Door prizes were raffled off after the Presentation for the referendum.
11. Members and community members were encouraged to stay for presentation directly after our meeting for information and q and a for the upcoming referendum vote.

TL/DR 😊

- Our meeting was held on Tuesday, March 4th at the MHS Cafeteria and on Zoom.
- Refreshments were provided; we had ~ 28 present in person and ~4 virtual.
- Our Treasurer Cara noted we had a balance of \$46,530.22
- Corresponding Secretary Nicole reminded members to follow us on social media
- Elyse updated us on a successful Scholastic Book Fair for Read Across America Week and the upcoming Devils Game fundraiser on April 16th.
- Danny said our popcorn fundraiser was a success and pick up will be March 18th. Also, 3rd Grade Fun Day at the YMCA will be June 4th, 4th Grade Fun Day at Bowlero will be June 11th and 5th Grade Fun Day at iPlay will be on June 18th.
- Cara shared our Pre-K-2nd Fun Day will be May 28th (rain date 29th). We will have an ice cream truck this year, in addition to games and bounce houses. Remember Box Tops earn money for our schools!
- Marie shared that a few of our PTO Board Members attended a PTO Expo and how there are possibly new assembly ideas, holiday fundraisers, and new vendors to explore.
 - MS Fun Day will be onsite and outdoor activities for the children. Ideas and volunteers for the committee are welcomed.
 - Also, Teacher Appreciation Week will be in May and we are starting to think of ideas.
- Teresa shared our monthly birthday celebrations are going well. March 21st is the next birthday celebration.
- Nicole shared our Mother/Son Dance will be held on Friday, March 7th and ticket sales are now closed.
- Judy shared we funded:
 - buses for 4th-5th grade tubing trip on 1/30
 - 5th grade t-shirt purchase is coming up
 - New gaga pit is being used and check out social media for pics!
 - We're in talks with SAES admin on a digital sign and inclusive recess equipment
 - She also shared we opened up nominations for the SAPTO Executive Board for the 2025-2026 school year and voting will take place on May 13th.
- Membership Comments
 - MHS Teacher Rep Diane Smocovich shared another fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse
 - Also the MS is having a spring dance fundraiser on March 6th.

President Judy adjourned the meeting at 6:50 and a referendum info/q & a session about the referendum followed our meeting.