

**Sequoyah Elementary School
PTA General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

Attendance (based on sign-in sheet)

20 people attended: Dr. Kimberly Yearn, Heather Whirley, Francesca Cannetti, Heidi Crabtree, Jean-Yves Van Halle, Kelli Markham Miller, John Moriarty, Sandy Walsh, Linda K., Tina Webb, Susan Ostrinsky, Doris Ryba, Stephanie Strahan, Grace Ng, Elizabeth Hoff, Andi Dumas, Jeremy Sausser, Stephanie Sausser, Mrs. Croce, and Kathleen McInnis.

Presentation: "Parenting in the Digital Age" guest speaker from 7-8pm.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:10pm by Heather Whirley. Motion to approve April Minutes was made by John Moriarty and seconded by Heather Whirley.

Principal's Report – presented by Dr. Kimberly Yearn

- **"Happy Video":** a purple opt-out form was sent home to be filled out by parents if they do not want their child to participate. The video will be used for the Kindergarten orientation and on the school website.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** the teachers loved the teacher appreciation booklets and food events.

President's Report - presented by Heather Whirley

- **Elections took place.** Thank you to Sandy Walsh for announcing the **SES PTA Board for 2014-2015 school year:**
 - President: Heather Whirley
 - President Elect: Tina Webb
 - Vice President - Fundraising: Francesca Cannetti
 - Vice President - Programs: Kelli Markham Miller
 - Secretary: Stephanie Strahan
 - Treasurer: Jean-Yves Van Halle
- **Bylaws Issue:** The bylaws need to be renewed and they have to be posted to the website for the general membership to review by the end of the school year. A 15-person quorum is needed to pass the bylaws, which will take place at Movie Night on June 6.
- **Recognitions:**
 1. The following 5th grade parents whose children are moving on to Redland MS in the fall were recognized for all their work with the PTA throughout the past years: Marina Connor, Danielle Rice, Susan Ostrinsky, and Heidi Crabtree.
 2. Volunteer of the Year was given to Sandy Walsh.
 3. Thank you to Elizabeth Hoff for all her work with the book fairs past few years.
 4. Thank you to the rest of the 2013-2014 board for volunteering their time and efforts to the school and PTA.

VP of Programs Report – presented by Heather Whirley

- **K Orientation:** May 15 and 16 more help is needed
- **5th Grade Farewell** will take place the day before the last day of school.
- **Talent Show & Art Auction:** May 30th
- **Spring Concert:** May 29
- **Movie Night will take place on Friday June 6.** The movie will be “Frozen” and Carmine’s will provide food for sale as well as school concessions and popcorn.

Treasurer Report – presented by Heidi Crabtree

- More money needs to be allocated for the **after school buses**. Motion to extent additional final bills up to \$1000.00 for after school club transportation was made by Tina Webb and seconded by John Moriarty. John accepted the budget as presented and amended. The bills for the transportation will get paid, the money just gets moved around from the budget to cover the cost.
- **The Book Fair** made \$5,009.00, from which \$1000.00 will go towards purchasing books for the school library. Stepanie Strahan will Chair the Book Fair next year.
- **Bingo Night** made approximately \$1,300.00.
- There is approximately \$10,000.00 in the PTA checking account and \$16,000.00 in CDs.

VP of Fundraising Report – No Report

Committee Reports – No Report

Secretary Report – No Report

President Elect Report –No Report

Adjournment

John Moriarty moved to adjourn and Heather Whirley seconded motion at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Francesca Cannetti
SES PTA Secretary, 2013-2014