

St. Charles North High School
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ST. CHARLES NORTH PTO MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2016

In Attendance:

- Ellen Salyards, Co-President
- Jane Harland, Co-President
- Steph Porteous, Vice-President
- Marisol Acevedo, Co-Treasurer
- Jenny Montgomery, Secretary
- Hannah Smiley, Student Council Rep
- Tom Mullally, Boosters
- Cathy Kruger
- Karen Smith
- Michelle Bancroft
- Tanis Simoncelli, LRC Staff
- Melinda Roberts, SCN Assistant Principal

Meeting commenced by Co-Presidents at 7:00pm

Today's quote to start the meeting:

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." Mother Teresa

• **Secretary's report by Jenny Montgomery:**

Amend and submit last month's meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

- **Treasurer's Report by Marisol Acevedo:**

Financial statements were distributed as were previous month's transactions, all were reviewed. Marisol updated PTO on the bank change that took place. SCNPTO has moved from Old 2nd to US Bank. US Bank is better fitted for non-profits. Our account is interest bearing. We received the \$235.00 check from the Potbelly Fundraiser.

- **Student Council report by Hannah Smiley:**

The winter dance is coming up on February 20th. The dance is sponsored by the Sophomore class. It will be titled the Winter Wonderland Dance. Student Council requested PTO for volunteers who can help supply cookies and a few to be there the night of the dance. Ticket sales will be the 16th - 19th. The dance will be from 8:00 - 11:00 pm. The winter olympics may be cancelled due to the fact that not enough clubs have signed-up. Mr.s SCN, which is sponsored by the Junior class will be Thursday, March 24th.

- **Co-President's Report:**

Save the Date for Wednesday, June 1st, 2016 for an all-star event at Cougars stadium. PTO is sponsoring an exciting event which will include the whole of North Star community. Planning has begun. Jane and Ellen met with the Roots and Culture group and everyone is on board and excited. It was suggested that a PTO representative come to a student council meeting to spread the word of this event. Jane updated on the application for the PTO scholarship. A judge from last year has made some revisions. Once they are all made, the application will be distributed to students. We also had a conversation regarding assistance to our free and reduced population and those in need to be sure they are included in all programs regardless of financial ability. The PTO will be hosting a "Valentine Party" for the teachers. Friday the 12 of February. We will be putting out a sign-up genius soon to get volunteers for the ACT snack on March 15th. Meeting participant Karen Smith volunteered that she would look into helping us with Social Media. An area that we need help in. Thanks Karen.

- **Vice-President's Report:** The PTO will be holding a food night. On February 23rd at Potbelly restaurant in South Elgin from 5-8. February 5th will be the next Pizza with the Principal. There is still coffee for sale. We will have some on the table next week at In-coming Freshman night.

- **Principals Report by Melinda Roberts:**

Ms. Roberts gave an update on the use of the new Chrome books that have arrived. This is a pilot program and She has seen first hand their effectiveness in the classroom. It provides more information and keeps kids involved.

- **Tanis Simoncelli:** Ms. Simoncelli came to PTO to discuss TEAM Polaris and the upcoming dance being held at North. The Dance is being held on Saturday, February 27th from 1-5. They are looking for helpers for the dance. There will be a volunteer training on February 18th in room 302. The PTO will be willing to assist in recruitment if needed. She has also asked that we provide a link on our website. The dance will charge \$5.00 per person or \$15 per family.
- **New Business/Looking ahead:**

PTO will be selling Butter Braids in February. Ideally we hope it can all be done through the SCN PTO website. Tom gave a Post prom update. The meeting at Christ Community Church on January 25th was well attended.
- **DPTO report:** Seth Chapman and Wendy Sedwick were the speakers at the DPTO meeting. Seth confirmed that the district holds an Insurance Policy that includes all the PTO's. This includes everything **except** bonding of the PTO members. If the PTO holds an event on site and a third party is there, ask them for their "Certificate of Insurance", If we hold an event off site and are asked to sign anything, please bring that form to the District office to let them see if before signing. Wendy informed the group that the PTO dues that used to go to the district and then sent a check can now be directly deposited into the allocated schools account. Wendy needs information from each school. Contact name, email and copy of cancelled check.
- **Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm**