

St. Charles North High School  
255 Red Gate Road  
St. Charles, IL 60175  
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## November 2023 General Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time, and Location:** Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the SCN LRC

**Meeting called to order by** President Susan Jones at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** Susan Jones, JoAnn Cassell, Robin Paris, Lori Bobisuthi, Erica Hauser, Tom Cassell, Renee Edsall, Saurab Sood, Heather Copper, Jenny Hunt, Birgit Paddon-Jones, Carla Schmitt, Student Liaisons - Nour Belhandouz, Aya Belhandouz, Anna Gagne, Brooke Hauser, Chloe Dedicatoria, Vidhi Patel, Alex Kosson

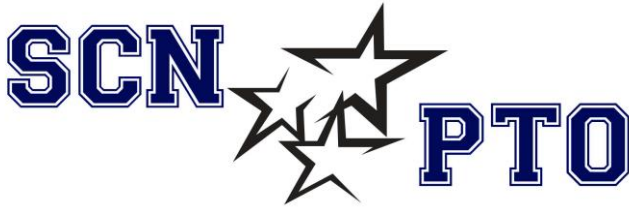
### Officers' Reports

President: given by Susan Jones

- Welcome and Introductions
- Grant Requests from Teachers – fully fund 2, partially fund 2.
- Senior Scholarship applications in the office, 2 \$1000 scholarships available
- Planning Future North Star Night for January - do another raffle for email addresses.
- Working on a Write a Check Campaign – feeling unsettled – any thoughts on how best to do that?
- Staff Hospitality – Coffee/Donuts/Bagels on 12/22. Need a couple of parents to help out.
- Homecoming & Halloween Hospitality – both events went great. Halloween Hospitality – for the first time offered bake or buy from Amazon Wish List – went over well.
- 3 of the 4 PTO Board members are senior parents – need parents of younger students to shadow/get involved/replace them next year.
- Roots & Culture Committee – teacher group keeping staff morale up, will be sending a representative to every PTO meeting
- Post Prom – student council committee to help give us input. What do the students want for prizes? Help advertise and decorate the display case. Put pictures on the TV screens from senior events throughout the year.
- Post Prom – create an Amazon Wish List and put it in Polaris if people are Black Friday shopping. Group gifting – contribute any amount towards a gift.
- Schedule a tour of Christ Community for January.
- Student Council – East does a senior handprint on the wall every year – would you like if we did that? Maybe we could do it for second semester of this year. Yes, that's super cool.
- Student Council offered to sell World's Finest Chocolates to raise money for Post Prom

Treasurer: given by JoAnn Cassell

- Budget provided. Expenditures and revenue reviewed.
- Quite behind on dues, but they are still trickling in.
- Funded the Conference Dinner, came in under budget.



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- Funded Hoco Dane and Nurse supplies.
- Received money from GotSneakers! Campaign – got \$54 only.
- Provided a PTO and Post Prom budget.

### **Committee Reports**

Student Council: given by Nour Belhandouz

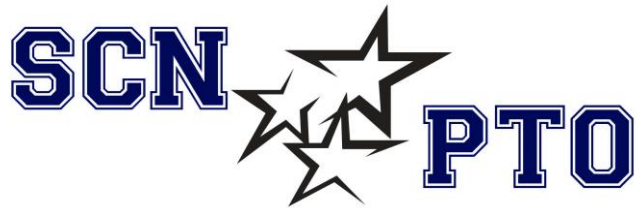
- Homecoming was amazing – lots of positive feedback from the student body.
- Princesses and Superheroes fundraiser for Prom – 12/2. \$10/ticket continental breakfast
- Reps for Post Prom Committee have been chosen and are in attendance tonight.

**Post Prom:** given by Susan Jones

- Volunteers – Robin Paris
- Ticket Sales – Lori Bobisuthi
- Decorating – Renee Edsall
- Casino – David Fairgrieve
- Fundraising – JoAnn Cassell – sending a letter to all businesses in St. Charles (working with the Chamber) asking for donations and sponsorships
- Games – Tom Cassell – went to “The Fun Ones” open house. New 360 photo booth. Cost of inflatables haven’t really changed from last year. What inflatables or games did the kids like/dislike last year? Mechanical Bull – yes. Basketball – no. Karaoke – yes. Lots of kids didn’t know there were games in the small gym.
- Prizes – students loved the electronics and college things – fridge, Keurig. Wireless over ear headphones PS5, virtual reality?
- Memory Wall – Erica Hauser to chair. Sleeves for the banner, stick pictures in. Eliminate “who am I?” clue. Digital might have resizing issues. Give parents option for digital or physical photo.
- Food, Prizes (got some things already on Amazon Prime Day), Security, and Karaoke.
- Theme is “Under the Stars” so we can buy decorations that are reused every year.
- Prom ends at 10pm, Post Prom 10:30pn-2:30am.

**Principal’s Report:** given by Shanna Lewis

- Thank you for the Halloween Treats!
- Encourage families to check out our social media presence.
- Hoco Dance was a huge success, supervisors said vibe was great and kids seemed to be having a great time
- Appreciate all the family support from the various drives going on at North,
- It’s concert season, hopefully families can support our talented music students
- Freshman cross country athlete finish 33<sup>rd</sup> at State



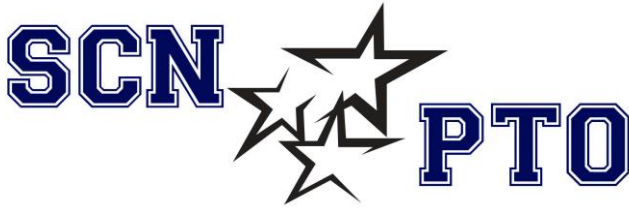
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- Girls Swim Team has multiple members qualify for State and will send them off tomorrow morning

**Next meeting is Tuesday, February 6, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. in the school LRC

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

**Minutes compiled by** Lori Bobisuthi, Recording Secretary



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## November 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes

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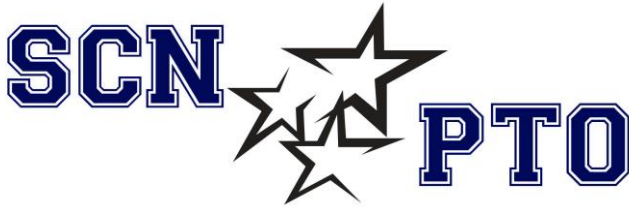
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### Officers' Reports

#### New Business

- PTO Scholarship Letter Envelopes – 10pk/\$23.
- Christmas – asked Christine if staff would like a coffee and donut station. She said yes.
- New Roots & Culture Committee – do things for staff morale. Doing raffle for teachers for Christmas, we will coordinate with them and do our coffee/donut/bagel day on 12/22.
- Roots & Culture Committee – starting after Christmas will be sending a faculty member to our PTO meetings so we can partner on things better.
- Teacher Grants – four requested - determined two to be fully funded, two to be partially funded.
- St. Charles East PTO – got email back from questions we'd asked them. They do pay for outside storage, but have a couple of shelves in a closet at the school. They do a memory wall for Juniors & Seniors, receive photos digitally and print them. Post Prom – ticket sales only through Push Coin, not in person. They do a handprint wall, during materials pick up – every senior puts their handprint on the wall in the cafeteria and then it's painted over for the next year.
- Memory Wall – Under \$500, 60 inch x 30 or 40 ft. long with grommets.
- Email from someone asking to make a donation to Mock Trial of \$500. If she donates to a non-profit her company will match. Can she donate to PTO and we donate to Mock Trial? Yes – miscellaneous in and out.
- Scholarships are in the CCR office.
- Homecoming – used 29/44 cases of water, returned the rest. Juice pouches used 42/50 cases.
- Halloween – teachers seemed happy, Amazon wish list worked well. Good mix of baked and bought.
- Post Prom Prize Ideas
  1. MacBook Air – 15 inch (bigger than 13inch from last year) on sale at Best Buy for \$250 off - \$1050
  2. Lululemon Bag with \$100 gift card
  3. Guitar



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4. Electric Scooter/Bike
5. Dyson Hair Dryer (bought on Prime Day)

- Student Post Prom Committee – consists of all class levels. Can freshman and sophomores attend/work at Post Prom? TBD.
- Future North Star Night – January 11. JoAnn will give speech. Candy & mints.
- Write a Check – don't have a good plan. Hard push for Post Prom instead?
- Brainstorm an alternative way to fundraise.
- Post Prom Letter – JoAnn to send to local businesses
- DPTO – D303 insurance – not covered for crime. PTO is intended to support and add to the educational experience of all students, not so much for staff.

#### **Post Prom**

- Volunteers – Robin Paris
- Ticket Sales – Lori Bobisuthi
- Decorating – Renee Edsall
- Casino – David Fairgrieve
- Fundraising – JoAnn Cassell
- Games – Tom Cassell
- Ask at meeting if anyone wants to head any open positions
- Theme – Under the Stars
- Memory Wall – try to figure out a way to make the banner reusable year to year

**Next meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.**

**Minutes compiled by Lori Bobisuthi, Recording Secretary**