

SOCSD PTA Council Minutes
Monday, January 4, 2010
Tappan Zee High School

7:03 Meeting called to order

In Attendance: Victoria Caramante, MaryBeth Carley, Jane Anne Casey, Janet Dayson, Marian Gryzlo, Michelle Jones, Micki Leader, Kathy Mart, Christine Brew Mitchell, Mary Paul, Tania Peterson, Mary Ryker, Mary Ryker, Anne Savatteiri, Ron Shapiro, Bonnie Bello

Mr. Cherian introduced, Rosemary Pitruzzella unable to attend secondary to death in family

Mr. Cherian: If gross income less than \$25,000 file 990EZ, if greater than \$25,000 may not file 990

Question/Answers: If an organization has not filed there is a penalty of \$20.00 per day after 5 months, if you speak with the IRS they will usually waive penalty. Encouraged those that haven't filed in years to go back and file. Collect all budgets and bank statements and work from there.

Non profits can give money to another non profit as a tax exempt 501C3 we are tax exempt from Federal Government and no sales tax to NYS

There is a web site for non profits to look and see if taxes have been filed.

Discussion: Quicken Book is an easy program to use and all units could use it, units to individually discuss,

Space needed to store all the units' information under one roof. so it is easier to find year after year. To check into filing cabinets in the PTA closet at SOMS.

If units want Quicken workshop bring it back to council and new people interested.

Units to discuss hiring a accountant to do taxes and continuing with that individual/group in order to keep continuity.

Ron Shapiro question regarding if units have a budget to hire an accountant—advised that each unit can add it to their budget.

Minutes: Kathy Mart to find and send out last months minutes prior to the next meeting

Treasurer's Report—Kathy Mart—reviewed

Correspondence: next month Annmarie Uhl will attend as the school board representative

Parents as Partners

Waiting to hear back from Bill Hughes on regards to when he or another representative can attend a meeting

President's Report: Dr. Mitchell's updates –

Bullying—still gathering information

Community Survey—report will be out Jan/Feb.

Field trips still being discussed

Grants—would like PTA to come up with a K-12 process

February 8—retreat

Mailings—if we are going green with report cards, how are mailings to be done—units will have to determine what needs to go out ie. summer mailings, scholarship, project grad.....

County Superintendent—drug abuse, cyclical, need to also look at cause of drug abuse and not just drug abuse “self medication”

Unit Reports:

TZHS-Marybeth Carley-Jan 19 the PTA is running a program with SOCASE regarding prescription drug abuse, Founder's Day recipient is Liam Frawley—District Athletic Director

SOMS-Bonnie Bello—we have added 3 more members, Glen Spiegelman is the Founder's Day recipient, in March there will be a workshop for girls regarding self esteem and bullying

SOCES-Anne Savattieri-executive board meeting last month Lenora Mesibov attended regarding Reflections and the decrease in the number of participants secondary to the date change. She would like all the PTA's to contact the state PTA regarding this, Kristen Bridges Germ Smart program—absences are down at WOS

SEPTA-Micki Leader-Feb 2 a special education speaker from the Hudson Valley, Tania Peterson announced that George Gaine is their Founder's Day recipient

Committee Reports

Founders Day-Vicki and Christine—all units have their recipient except SOCES which is doing it this week, next meeting Jan 13

Old Business

Ad Hoc Committee on TV/Video—bring back response from each unit by 2/1

K-12 Speakers: Survey your unit re: scheduling speakers

Bylaws Committee—needs three volunteers tonight—Ron Shapiro volunteered
We need to elect nominating committee at the beginning of the next meeting.

K-12 Speaker on Sleep

K-12 Speaker on Depression

New Business

Invite parents to school week –can we get the district to let this happen—each unit should talk to their principals to see if it can happen next school year

Legislative Conference What Legislative/Education Conference Feb. 27/28, 2010 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY—please go back to your units and encourage someone to go

Summer Leadership Conference July 30-Aug. 1, 2010 at Utica College in Utica
NY—please go back to your unit and encourage someone to go

Grant Process Drafts K-12 submitted/volunteers for Council Draft k-12

Procedure

Need to work on postcard for budget vote. We have to find out if the person
who has done them in the past is willing, but he can not have the mailing list. The mailing
labels may need to be put on by PTA members

Meeting Adjourned: 9:02pm

Submitted by Mary Paul

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