

Stafford Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA)
General Meeting
7 February 2012 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Attendees:

Jennifer Lockwood, SEPTA President; bahjen@yahoo.com
Lori Kasey, SEPTA Secretary; lorikaseySEPTA@yahoo.com
Gini Bolton, Membership Chair; Bolton_virginia@yahoo.com
Laura Bucklin; lauraann98@hotmail.com
Michelle Roshioru, Special Programs Chair; mgr25@aol.com
Heather Wilson
Joyce Resh
Christine Wyatt
Becca Leggett

Call to order at 6:10pm by Jennifer Lockwood.

Presentation by Zumba instructor Candice Fathi with Potomac Valley Church of Christ

DISCUSSIONS:

Ms. Lockwood introduced Ms. Laura Bucklin as a candidate for our new Treasurer. Ms. Lockwood nominated Ms. Laura Bucklin as Treasurer for SEPTA and asked for other nominations from the floor, no other nominations were made. Ms. Bolton 2nd the nomination; nomination was voted on and approved for Ms. Laura Bucklin as Treasurer.

Amanda LaRose was appointed as PR Chair.

SECRETARY: Lori Kasey

Minutes were read from November 1, 2011 and were approved.

TREASURER: read by Jennifer Lockwood

TOTAL: \$167.53

TOTAL MEMBERS: \$80.53

CiCi's Fundraiser made \$81.00

Donations: \$87.00

We had one withdrawal since November

- Est. \$55.25 to go to VA PTA on 3/1/12

Executive Committee Report: Jen Lockwood, President SEPTA

1. Working the 2 year Strategic Plan, which will be introduced in May and will support the priorities of members. An email will be sent out to all members requesting input.

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2. Meeting with Conway, Stafford Elementary School, and Rocky Run Elementary to brief their PTA/PTO and Principals on SEPTA and answer any questions.
3. Requesting parent liasons at every school in order to better get the word out about SEPTA.
4. LOGO-no update at this time

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

IT/WEB: read by Jen Lockwood FB Page, website, resources and document page are password protected. There is a blog on the website StaffordSepta.com and an active forum. An email will go out to all members with the password.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: read by Michelle Roshioru

1. Dental Group from Dumfries, VA scheduled to come February 17, 2012 at 3 pm at the Stafford Hospital to talk to kids and parents about Dental health and will have some items for kids to take home.
2. Card making event: March 3, 2012 1-4 pm for the kids to make cards for Teacher appreciation
3. Project Lifesaver: March 13, 2012 7:00 pm with Deputy Daryll English presenting at Stafford Hospital
4. Zumba: free intro class for special needs kids, their parents, and their siblings. March 17 Austin Ridge Community Center from 10:00 – 11:00 am
5. Group Birthday Party: Massad YMCA March 24, 2012 1-4 pm. We will have access to the Wellness pool, Electronics Room, have a room with cake, ice cream etc. Need to rsvp for this. Will also have a gift exchange.
6. ABA Presentation: April 18, 2012 7:00 pm at Stafford Hospital rooms 5,6

Jennifer requested suggestions for workshops.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Maureen Crowe (read by Jen)

1. Some ideas that were discussed were to do a random drawing once a month and honor a teacher/staff member with a basket of cookies, balloons, muffins, coffee, etc for their birthday.

PR: No update

MEMBERSHIP: Gini Bolton

1. 61 Members as of 7 February 2012
2. There are a few memberships drives coming up.
3. Some ideas were discussed. i.e., having a big banner/sign to take to drives or a tri fold sign to set up with SEPTA information, research data, schedule of meetings and workshops etc.

Gini requested that she have more volunteers to help out with the membership drives.

Next tentative membership drive will be March 10, 2012 at the DRC in Fredericksburg at the "Oh, the Places you will go" Workshop. RSVP is through the DRC.

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CiCi's fundraiser will be March 12, 2012 from 4-8 pm at the Stafford Location

FUNDRAISING: Lori Kasey

Currently, there are two fundraisers scheduled:

1. CiCi's in Stafford off of Rte 610 on March 12, 2012 from 4-8 pm
2. Chuck E Cheeses in Central Park on April 26, 2012 from 3-9 pm

Closing comments:

Exceptional children's week: 20-24 February 2012. Ms. Lockwood encouraged everyone to call their school and find out what they were doing to raise awareness for the students this week and if nothing, ask "Why?"

Drew Middle School is having Family Week the week of the 13th of February 2012 with Family fun night being the 13th. SEPTA will have a membership drive there.

Advocacy workshop: Emotions to Advocacy meeting once a month and limited to 10 people. One chapter is read and discussed once a month. Next meeting will be February 24, 2012 probably 7:30 – 8:30 at the home of Jennifer Lockwood. More information to follow.

Public comments: None

Jennifer Lockwood adjourned meeting at 6:55 pm

The meeting was then turned over to Scott Campbell.