

# Sarasota Academy of the Arts

## PTO Minutes

October 3, 2013 at 6:00 pm

Location: Sarasota Military Academy Cafeteria

Members present:

- Kelly Marsh
  - Hillary Chojnacki
  - Denise Gagne
  - Cecilia Blankenship
  - Sabrina Lugo
  - Terry Curry
  - Jazzmine Williams
  - Pat Jardin
  - Christine Worthley
  - Idalia Thompson
  - Jean-Louise Caldwell
  - Barbara McLain
  - Rick Knowlton
  - Danielle Beatt
  - Grant Beatt
  - Bill Lahman
  - Amanda Leuck
  - Giustina Solano
  - Jenn Stacey
  - Sharon Boyas
  - Stephanie LaRose
  - Olan Quattro
- Call to order at 6:02pm
  - General News
    - PTO Meetings will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month
    - We will post PTO meeting information and minutes on the SAA website.
    - Each person who attends the PTO meeting will receive one (1) hour of volunteer time.
    - Our PTO membership consists of every parent/grand-parent/guardian of an SAA student, as well as several members of our faculty and staff. We welcome new members and welcome student involvement.
    - As this is a start-up PTO, we will work together for the remainder of this school year as a whole, and then elections will be held in the spring for the next school year.
    - Going forward, future PTO meetings will be held at SAA.

- Volunteers/PALS training
  - PALS is expected to be in place at SAA the following week.
  - Volunteer training regarding onsite visits, raptor process, PALS process, Level II clearance, Golden School Award and 5 Star School Award
  
- Volunteer Opportunities
  - Committee Descriptions, assignments, procedures
  - Room Parent Responsibilities
  - Current Needs:
    - Stephanie LaRose (needs a Room Parent to make copies, posters, bulletin boards, displays. Also needs a tutor
    - Leanne Budwick (copies, pull-outs, etc.)
  
- Events
  - Family Fun Nights – hope to have several more
  - Parking Issues at School, working on a solution to have more events at school to promote a family/community feel.
  - Art Show has been changed to October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Selby Library
  
- Fundraising
  - Cookie Dough Orders to arrive on October 9<sup>th</sup> (field trip accounts)
  - Yankee Candle Fundraising – Free shipping over \$100 for out of town friends and family, all other orders are a flat rate shipping of \$5. Approximately 40% of profits come back to SAA. All items are presorted and will arrive in time for the upcoming holidays.
  - Yearbook order forms will go out next week. Will be able to pay by credit card.
  - Boxtops – Headed up by Sharon Boyas. Information will be sent out for big push next week.
  
- PTO Budget (Denise Gagne)
  - Our first fundraiser – Family Fun Night brought in over \$900 so it's a nice way to start the new school year. We are looking for other ways

to raise money for PTO to put on fun events for our students. If anyone has ideas, please bring them to our next PTO meeting.

- Show Committee/Costumes & Props (Julie McHugh):
  - Getting ready for our upcoming Fall Follies. We need volunteers to help fit all the students in costumes. Volunteers are needed Monday, Tuesday & Thursday of next week. Please contact Julie for details.
  - Also looking for venues to hold the “end of the year” show for an affordable price, and for the days needed. If you have any connections in the community to hold our show next May, please contact Julie.
  
- Next Meeting: Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, to be held at Sarasota Academy of the Arts.
  
- Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

*Minutes submitted by Kelly Marsh*