

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Kate Ampleman

Attendees:

Kate Ampleman  
Lisa Fetty  
Scott & Denise Gambill  
Rob & Gretchen Clark  
Katy Myers  
Courtney Carter

1. Election of 2019-2020 Board Officers:

President(s): Gretchen & Rob Clark  
Vice President: Courtney Carter  
Treasurer: Marja Johnson  
Secretary: Katy Myers  
Ways & Means:  
Communications: Rob Clark

The slate of officers was approved.

- There was a conversation about changing the Ways and Means position into a Special Projects position. This person would then be in charge of the 2 yearly dances for the Middle School students. Because we make our money with this fundraiser, we have less need to solicit funds from businesses, as we did in the past. It was suggested that we try to recruit a Freshman student parent for this position so that we can have continuity in following years and use the previous office holders as a reference person.
- Gretchen, Marja & Lisa need to go to the bank to transfer the signature card on the bank account. The account is at ANB on 87<sup>th</sup> St. in Lenexa (by Westlake Hardware).

2. Planning for picnic in August

- The picnic will be on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday after school starts.
- Should we try to book Sar-Ko-Par instead of Shawnee Mission Park this next year?
- Katy will call to get reservation and cost information and will relay that to Gretchen.
- For reference: This year, the cost at SMP Shelter #1 was \$75.
- The picnic will be scheduled from 6 to 8 pm. We will need to be there by at least 5 pm to set up if we are not cooking food, by at least 4 pm if we are cooking food.
- Lisa stated that the reservations are normally for one of 2 slots (morning or afternoon/evening).
- Curtis has offered to cook and then bring BBQ (because he is on a BBQ team). This may be cheaper than our usual hamburgers and hotdogs and much easier on the cooks. He will research the prices and get with Gretchen to help the new board make a final decision.
- Kate to send Gretchen an electronic version of the flyer that is used each year, so modifications can be made.
- We shouldn't need to buy any supplies. In the closet, we have partial cases of forks, knives & spoons. Gretchen will get in the closet the first week of school to verify that we have enough the first week of school. There are LOTS of napkins in the tubs. We have 2 rolls of yellow, plastic table cloth material left from last year.
- Food items for PRESTO to buy & provide: If doing BBQ: BBQ sauce, veggie burgers, 1 small bag of charcoal & lighter fluid. If doing burgers & dogs: From Costco, get frozen hamburgers & veggie burgers, 2+ large bags of charcoal & starter fluid. Ketchup & Mustard.
- We always have way too many side dishes each year. Decided to modify the potluck list of items for students to bring – add hamburger buns to the list (if BBQ) and also add hotdog buns (if doing burgers & dogs).
- We decided NOT to buy chips this year, since we had 3 boxes leftover from the last picnic and there are always enough side dishes anyway.
- If we do BBQ, Curtis will buy the meat (possibly at the restaurant supply store where he gets his BBQ

team items) and will then give the receipts to Marja for reimbursement.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- We have 4 scholarships to give away. Where are the 4 recipients going to college?
- Lisa will send a letter with instructions for them about how to receive their money to Curtis for him to send it to each recipient.
- The scholarship checks will need to be made out to the college and the recipient.
- Current account balance: \$9,076.07
- The DJ at the dance was paid in cash: \$300 fee + \$25 tip
- We made \$500 from the Banquet ticket sales. PRESTO paid \$665.00.
- The Banquet: spent \$1,165.00 for Sheridan's ice cream. There will be other receipts that have come in that will need to be accounted for.
- Discussed the price of the ice cream for the banquet and whether we need to make changes for next year. Do we need to charge more? Not have ice cream? Have more/different desserts? Curtis will be asking the students next year about what they want to eat and how they want to organize it.
- The positives of having Sheridan's: They are clean, organized, local & they provide all the supplies (cups, spoons, napkins, etc). It would probably cost the club more to do it ourselves.

### 4. Director's Report

- Placement tests are done. This is his Best & Worst Day. Lots of stress for all.
- This year, he added an additional judge to the roster – 3 judges instead of 2. 1 for violin, 1 for viola and 1 for cello & bass.
- Curtis told the judges to do something different this year. As soon as they had learned enough from the student, they were told that they could stop the student from playing. This is how it is done for a professional audition. This way, ALL the auditions were completed in 2 ½ days. This was quicker than in previous years.

### 5. Additional Business

- Scott will be forwarding all of the Communications info to Rob as he is taking over for next year.
- We had a discussion of potential dates for the Dances next year. We decided to have the first one in October again. We decided to move the second one to February instead of trying to have it in the Spring. The Spring is just too busy for everyone (at the HS & MS). Possible themes for October: homecoming? Halloween? Possible theme for February: Sweetheart? We will get both dances on the calendar at the beginning of the school year.
- We had a discussion on modifying the Banquet some next year. Keep it 2 hours long, no longer. It was a lot of work to set up the cafeteria and we're not in there very long. Curtis wants to be sure and recognize the kids who make district and state when he recognizes the kids who letter and number. Curtis said that he cut the Senior speeches for the kids by ½ from years before. We told him that that worked out well. No one was "slighted" in any way. A few months before the Banquet, Curtis will ask the kids about what they want to eat. Is ice cream important? Would they want something else? That way, the board will have a better idea about what and how to plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.