

MINUTES
Shady Grove Elementary PTA Board Meeting
April 11, 2013

Present: Sue Manley, Stacey McKenna, Tracy Teal, AnnMarie Lobred, Amy Foy, Melissa Taylor, Alison Crowder, Carrie Sweeney, Michelle Bone, Diana Tittermary, Sarah Westmoreland, Kaje Stuckey, Christine Shamus, Jenny Conklin, Regina Schwab, Crissy Rhyne, Debbie Taylor

Absent: Sally Raderer, Andrea Wright, Beth Clark, Deana Collier, Anett Crumley, Lucille Lindamood, Cheryl Bemis, Brian Levitin, Karen Wakefield, Stephanie Marcus, Laura Girard, Kelly Plageman, Shannon Johnson, Mary Wilson, Amy Jessup, Colleen Bohlman, Esther Black, Susan Schools, Justine Sherman, Andi Elliott, Debbie Armstrong, Angela Roupe, Mary Sue McClintock

Call to Order (Time - 6:34pm) – Sue Manley

Approval of Minutes-Sue Manley

Motion made by Diana Tittermary to approve the minutes from the March 2013 meeting. Tracy Teal seconded the motion. No one opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence-Stacey McKenna

*Several thank you notes from students and teachers were circulated during the meeting.

President's Action Items/ Announcements-Sue Manley

*Read slate of candidates for Executive Board for next year. Still need a Treasurer. Have combined Outdoor Classroom and STEM positions for next year. *Motion made by Kaje Stuckey to approve the slate of candidates for the Executive Board. Christine Shamus seconded the motion. No one opposed, motion carried. Slate of candidates will be presented to the general membership for a vote.*

*In the process of reviewing the 11 applications we received for the Fernald Scholarship.

*Need to start thinking about forming an audit committee. Let Sue know if you know of someone who is interested in serving on the committee.

*Please work on filling out an "end of the year" report for your Board position. This will help with the transition for next year.

Principal's Update-Dr. Regina Schwab

*Kindergarten registration took place today.

*SGES was chosen as one of five public schools to use a kindergarten screening program.

*Career Day will be held on 4/18.

*Field Day will be held on 5/3. Everyone will wear pink in honor of Ms. Turner.

*The Fourth Grade Virginia History Play will be held on 4/25.

*The class placement process has begun for next year.

*An ice cream social will be held on 5/2 to welcome the new students from Rivers Edge.

*The County is predicting that we will have 740 students next year.

Treasurer's Report- Tracy Teal

*An updated forecast was distributed to the Board.

*Anticipate having an excess of \$13k at year end. Discussion was held about how to spend these excess funds.

-Motion made by Kaje Stuckey to spend the following: \$900 for basketball hoop installation, \$750 donation to Kaechele PTA and \$750 for welcome gift for redistricted students. Tracy Teal seconded the motion. No one opposed, motion carried. Will go to general membership for a vote.

- Discussed potential wish list items: Promethean Board (approximately \$3,500 each, Promethean Company will match up to \$3,800), iPads (approximately \$500 each if we buy 10)

*Discussed upcoming Silent Auction. Hoping that funds raised will cover the cost of the Book Room. Currently have collected \$15,000 worth of items, not including teacher experiences and classroom baskets. Discussed logistics of the evening.

Executive Committees:

1st VP Programs- Sally Raderer/Andrea Wright

*Due to a late-season snowstorm and wet ground conditions, the 2013 Cardinal Fun Run was not able to be held. In its place, the PTA sponsored the "Cardinal Spring Jam" on Wednesday, March 27. From 3:00-3:45, K-2 students danced, sang and played through 45 minutes of aerobic fun. From 4:30-5:15, 3-5th grade students enjoyed friendly competition, some of their favorite dances, and fit fun. Mrs. Michelle Reynolds, Shady Grove's P.E. teacher extraordinaire, led the activities with her incredible energy and spirit. She was assisted by several dozen SGES staff members and parents, who at times joined in the dances and games themselves. A total of 120 students participated in the fun-filled "Cardinal Spring Jam." We are now in the process of planning the PTA picnic for May.

2nd VP Finance- Beth Clark/AnnMarie Lobred/Deana Collier

*Kroger Plus Shoppers' reward program: We have accumulated 112384 Kroger points for this year. Mrs. Taylor has so kindly volunteered to once again head up what we purchase with the points earned.

*Papa John's Pizza Nights: We unfortunately came in second place in our Massanutten contest with 80 participants. Last year we documented 91 participants in our contest. The first place winner, Evergreen Elementary, overwhelmingly beat us with 129 participants. We made \$240 for our February pizza nights. We now have collected 35 free medium pizza gift certificates. If anyone has use of these for the school or a school event, please let me know.

*Silver Diner Night: Our Silver Diner Night is quickly approaching! Please mark your calendars for Thursday April 18th from 5-8. Our teachers have again graciously volunteered to serve food and drinks for us. Students will receive a \$10 coupon towards food purchases that can be used on our Silver Diner Night or later on if used with your Eat Well Do Well card. PLEASE don't forget to bring your card, linked to SGES, to our Silver Diner night. If you are registered already and forget your card, SGES does not benefit from your purchase. If you haven't linked your card to SGES, you may do so at our Silver Diner night.

If you do not have a registered Eat Well Do Well card, you may get one while you are eating. Please ask your

3rd VP Volunteers- Amy Foy/Anett Crumley

*Met with Mrs. Reynolds today regarding Field Day, May 3rd (rain date May 10th). We will be working with Esther Black and Mrs. Reynolds in recruiting volunteers through nList from each classroom to help with set-up and the multiple stations throughout the day. We need a few "extra" volunteers and would like to ask the board to help us staff the Welcome Table with two people from 11:15-2pm.

*We also are in need of 6 strong, early rising individuals to assist with set-up from 6a-8a that morning. Please let Amy or Anett know if you or your spouse would be interested in helping out. Mrs. Reynolds will supply coffee!

4th VP Communications – Melissa Taylor

*Remember to get information to Melissa for blasts.

Lay Advisory- Lucille Lindamood/Cheryl Bemis

*A Lay Advisory meeting was held on March 18, 2013. We have 2 more meetings this year and all are welcomed to attend. Both meetings will have staff from Henrico Co. Public Schools to discuss the meetings' topics:

Tuesday, April 16 - Laptops and Teaching Effectiveness and Monday, May 20 - Discipline & Suspension.

*Both meetings will be at Moody Middle School at 7 pm.

*Lay Advisory is working on developing a closer relationship with County Council and also issues to discuss with the school board.

County Council- Brian Levitin/Karen Wakefield

*No report.

Standing Committees:

After School Programs- Alison Crowder/Stephanie Marcus/Laura Girard

*No report.

College Scholarship Fund- Kelly Plageman/Shannon Johnson

*We are thrilled to announce that we have purchased new flooring for our Ga Ga Pit with the proceeds from the sock sales. After research as well as consulting with a local contractor we have decided to go with "stone dust" for the flooring. The material is both economical and easy to install.

*We are planning to install the new Ga Ga pit flooring next Friday April 19th at 3:00. Many hands make quick work so please check your calendars and let Sue know if you will be available to help. We plan on bringing our children and letting them play while the moms spread the material. If you are available please bring sunglasses or some sort of protective eyewear, the material is a little dusty at first. I will provide paper masks. It will be similar to spreading mulch.

Cultural Arts/ Education Enhancements- Mary Wilson

*The VA Opera was a huge success and a great big thank you to Dr. Schwab for getting all the things together that the VA Opera group asked for. They had by far the most requests of any of the CA groups that have come in.

*The final program will be taking place tomorrow, April 12th. The Chinese Acrobats will be coming in to entertain the 2nd grade students.

*We had hoped to bring in the Richmond Symphony but the timing is not working out. If they have a time free up that works with our schedule, we will bring them in, but at this point it is not looking good.

Hospitality-Carrie Sweeney/Michelle Bone

*In March, we hosted a potato bar for the teachers and staff.

*Our next event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th. Theme – TBD. Thanks again to all our wonderful volunteers!

Legislative-Diana Tittermary

*No report.

Membership- Amy Jessup

*No report.

Outdoor Classroom-Sarah Westmoreland

*Today all five kindergarten classes planted peas, carrots and potatoes in the raised veggie patch behind the school. The day was filled with digging, planting and discussion about how seeds grow.

*Fourth grade will be planting in the last raised bed with the three sisters garden: beans, corn and squash.

*I will be posting a request for a volunteer, group, or family to accept the responsibilities of the butterfly garden starting this summer. If anyone knows someone who might be interested please let me know otherwise the butterfly garden may be at risk for demolition.

Parliamentarian-Kaje Stuckey

*No report.

Reflections- Colleen Bohlman/Mary Wilson

*No report.

Room Parents-Esther Black

*Sue reminded the Board that Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up. The PTA will be providing a luncheon and a small gift for the teachers. Students are asked to honor their teachers in a manner they see fit.

School Store- Christine Shamus

*No report.

Spirit Wear-Jenny Conklin

*Field Day t-shirts are being ordered. They will be neon pink.

*Students will also receive pink shoelaces.

*Teachers and staff will receive free t-shirts.

STEM Lab Coordinator-Susan Schools

*No report.

Yearbook- Justine Sherman/Andi Elliott/Debbie Armstrong

*No report.

Silent Auction – Angela Roupe/Mary Sue McClintock

*Sue filled the Board in on some of the details of the Silent Auction.

Teacher Reps- Ms. Rhyne/ Ms. Taylor

*No report.

Time ended: 7:48 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Stacey McKenna, Secretary**

**Next Meeting:
Thursday, May 9, 2013
6:30pm**