



Attendees: Mary Gerkin, Beth Treichler, Katie Robak, Michelle Wilcox, Mr. Charlie Kyle, Amy Dillenburg, Jane Keene, Kim Parrine, Carie Sanders, Kari Batka, Kelly Pursel, Tim Boles, Kris Galante, Julie Stahl, Janey Richmann, Val Grohe, Dawn Senger, Kathleen Dytrych, Raven Wortman, Jadwiga Gawlik

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:02PM

October 2015 Minutes were approved.

School Reports

St. Charles East H.O.P.E. Club: Members of HOPE club will again host the HOPE Hustle. The event will take place on Sunday, April 17th. Students from North High School along with the Middle Schools will participate this year. The HOPE club has requested between \$500-\$1000 donation from the PTO to help with the event. After discussion, the PTO determined it would donate \$500 to the HOPE Hustle event. Funds for the donation will be re-allocated from the Post Prom account.

Student Council Representative, Caela Obrecht: None

Teacher Liaisons, Raven Wortman and Jadwiga Gawlik: Finals are complete and the new semester has begun. A big thank you from the teachers and staff for the PTO food donations. Chromebooks will be piloted in certain classes. The annual ISO basketball game will take place on February 2nd at 7:00. The East ISO basketball team will be heading to state in March. The Math resource center is open periods 4-7. The science honor society will provide free tutoring in the LRC during all lunch periods.

Principal, Mr. Kyle: Illinois has replaced the ACT with the SAT. Current Juniors will take the ACT in March. Going forward, 8th, 9th and 10th graders will take the SAT. The Bowling team won sectionals and will head to State. As a reminder, parents should continue to check grades on HAC.

Treasurer Report, Katie Robak: All grants approved by the PTO have been paid. The post-prom committee will donate \$500 from its budget for the HOPE Hustle. The PTO checkbook balance is \$7,664.70 and the Post Prom checkbook balance is \$8,797.19.

Committee Reports

Grounds Beautification, Leigh Orchard: \$366 remains in the budget. Photos of the planters with fall and winter themes were shared.

STCE Directory/Registration/Membership, JoAnn Cassell: None

Post Prom, Amy Dillenburg & Carie Sanders: The logo for the event was shared. The committee made several large prize purchases on "Black Friday."

Student Activities, Val Grohe & Dawn Senger: On behalf of the PTO, Student Activities Committee provided over 500 small bottles of water and Reese's candy to the students, parents, and staff who attended Future Saints Night on Thursday, January 06, 2016. **Welcome Future Saints!** This committee will also be assisting the high school Skills USA Organization and the STCE Student Activities office with the Sadie Hawkins Dance. The dance will be on Friday, March 18th. If you would like to volunteer the night of the dance, or if you would like to help sell dance tickets from 9:45 am - 1:30 pm the week of March 14th, please contact Val Grohe, mvams@sbcglobal.net. Whether you are free evenings or during the day, either volunteer opportunity is a great way to be involved in the high school. Thank you!

Greater Education Foundation, Julie Strahl: The Jazz Event will be on February 20th at St. Charles Country Club. East will again pair with Wredling PTO for the auction basket. The basket will offer a private 7 course dinner at Heritage Prairie Farm in Elburn for 8 people.

District PTO Representative, Mary Gerkin: Assistant Superintendent, Seth Chapman, gave a presentation on PTO insurance policies. The district has a new carrier which now will cover all D303 PTO groups. There is no longer a need for each individual PTO to hold a separate policy. The PTO will still need bonding for the treasurer. Also, going forward, PTO dues paid at registration to the district will be deposited directly into PTO bank accounts. The district will no longer issue large checks at various times during the



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year. The PTO will essentially have their dues paid in "real time." Discussion was held as to future plans for the district. Ideas include upgrades to Thompson, building a new middle school at the Thompson location or on Randall Road, and a central stadium at the Thompson location to be used by East and North. A referendum is probable for the November election.

Senior Awards, Kathleen Dytrych: The committee approved the award application. An advertisement for the senior award will be placed in the Orange & Black.

Staff Appreciation, Jane Keene, Kim Parrine: The committee offered a gift card raffle for American Educator week. The next event will take place in February.

Senior Signs, Laura Kennedy: None

Senior Hand Print Wall, Sid & Mona Hasan: None

President's Report, Michelle Wilcox: Thank you notes were shared. The District will now provide liability coverage for PTO. The East PTO will terminate its liability insurance and be covered under the district policy. The PTO will continue to carry the policy for bonding of the treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Mary Gerkin, STCE PTO Secretary
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