

Purpose

The SLEHS PTSO is a non-profit organization whose members are the students, parents and legal guardians and staff of South Lyon East High School. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal code. The mission of the PTSO is to create a strong relationship between home and school. The PTSO sponsors assistance to teachers in the classroom setting, raises funds for supplemental educational materials, and supports school and family social interaction and provides a forum for sharing information on issues that impact our students.

- I. Meeting Called to Order by President Joan Herrinton. Those in attendance: Joan Herrinton Pres., Karen Timm V. Pres., Sandy Miller Treasurer, Florence Kasper Public Relations, Lynn Elkow-Moore secretary, Larry Jackson Principal, Debbie Jedinak SIP representative, three parents and 4 students.
- II. Treasurer's Report- Sandy Miller presented a copy to all in attendance with the past few months of PTSO activity. \$1443.24 in the PTSO asset account. Due to purchases and deposit on hypnotist there was an outflow of \$-291.91 for the period.
- III. Projects in process for the PTSO:
 - A. Directory Update- PTSO has been informed by the school district that PTSO cannot progress with the directories as planned. Provisions have been made next year to include on all emergency cards a section informing all families that their information will be used in the directory unless they indicate otherwise. This is just another hurdle that the PTSO has come across in trying to do good for the SLE community.
 - B. Hypnotist Jim Hoke will be performing on Sat. March 20 at 7:30 PM in the auditorium to an audience from freshmen to adults. Tickets are on sale at the Cougar Closet for \$5 or tickets will be on sale the night of the event for \$7. These are the same kind of fun hypnotist programs that students have enjoyed at the senior all night parties and it is PTSO's hope that we are providing the students at SLE with a fun filled night as part of our mission statement. Please tell all your friends to come out and have a great time at SLE.
 - C. Formal Attire Event- Sandy Miller and Karen Timm. A meeting was held Thurs. March 4 in the media center but even after much information that was sent home via the parent to parent email and the school email about the meeting and event no one showed up to the meeting except for the PTSO executive board members. If you are interested in helping with this event or any event please contact the PTSO at sleastptso@gmail.com . The show will be held on Sat. March 27 from 12-5 in the commons. The event will feature gently used prom dresses at great prices, and local merchants (seamstress, hairstylist, nail technician, jeweler, makeup and more). Spread the word that we are

looking for clean dresses to be sold on consignment. We would really like to make this an annual event to benefit our SLE community students with fabulous dresses at reasonable prices.

- D. CHEERS Absorption- Lynn Elkow-Moore presented the proposal that Laura Hogan, CHEERS representative, has requested that PT SO absorb the CHEERS position into its program so that the school and PT SO can work together for the common good of the SLE community. The CHEERS position will be supervised by the secretary of the PT SO. All those present were in agreement that this would be a good thing to do for CHEERS, the school and PT SO.
 - E. Parent to Parent Email- Florence Kasper explained the program and asked those in attendance to inform anyone they knew at East know about the program and how to sign up sleatptso@gmail.com .
 - F. Nominating Committee- Karen Timm as the Vice President of PT SO heads up this process per the PT SO bylaw guidelines and this will happen in April. Be thinking about people you know, or possibly yourself, who would like to run for a board position. If you need more information please contact the PT SO at sleatptso@gmail.com.
 - G. SIP Representative Debbie Jedinak presented a report from the last SIP meeting. The most recent report can be found online at the school's website www.slcs.us . Information was presented about the NCA visit Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Joslyn took to Royal Oak high school. Discussion about the late call on the last snow day and just a reminder to please not take it out on the secretaries as they do not have any control over this process. The SIP is looking at other avenues to take the place of Winterfest, which was again very poorly attended, as it is at the other high school too. Looking for other suggestions such as a marathon lock-in which would benefit a charity.
- IV. Principals Report- Larry Jackson reported that the MME testing is going on Tues. and Wed. all day and Thurs AM for all 11th graders and 12th graders that need to fulfill that requirement for graduation. All students will attend an abbreviated day on Thurs. starting at 10:55 AM. When asked how the students prepare for this event Mr. Jackson explained how there is a prep class available during Cougar hours for students. Discussion of conferences in the spring as requested by a parent via email who was not present at the meeting. Mr. Jackson explained how SL tried this in years past but it was very poorly attended and with the advancement of skyward and teachers being readily available by email that it just don't make sense. He reminded each and every parent that they can contact their child's teacher(s) and set up an appointment at any time to meet with them face to face for any reason. SLCS has an open door policy and asks families to please feel free to work with their child's teacher(s) on any concerns or celebrations. NJHS will be having a Cougar Week Event in April. Student Council will be having their Carnival on Sat., April 17 from 12-7 in the lower student parking lot.
- V. Presentation by Detective Bisio (Oakland County Sheriff as well as SLE liaison) Very educational presentation on the dangers of cell phones, texting, facebook, myspace, the internet and much more. Some website that Det. Bisio shared at this meeting were www.netsmartz.org , www.netsmartzkids.org , www.nsteens.org , www.cybertipline.com or 1-800-THE-LOST .

Det. Bisio suggested if you have any concerns or questions that he can be reached at the school or the Lyon Township substation. Det. Bisio's biggest suggestion was to get involved with your kids and don't worry about embarrassing them. His motto is if he is embarrassing his child then he is doing his job!! The PTSO would like to thank Det. Bisio for his time and expertise in helping us understand these programs.

VI. Next PTSO Meeting which will include nominations for the 10-11 PTSO Board is set for Tues. March 13 at 7 PM in the Media Center.