

**South Lyon East High School**  
**PTSO Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**7:00pm to 8:00pm**

**Principal: Larry Jackson**  
**President: Joan Herrinton**  
**Vice President: Shelly Gagon**  
**Treasurer: Sandy Miller**  
**Secretary: Karen Timm**  
**Media Relations: Debbie Jedinak**

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**1. Call to Order**

Joan called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes for March 10<sup>th</sup> were approved by Shelly Gagnon and seconded by Debbie Jedinak.

**2. Treasury Report**

Sandy presented her report. We are running at a loss at the moment because of activity night. We paid out \$888 and only received in \$362.

**A. Cougar Closet**

**1. Tent Event April 24<sup>th</sup> 2009**

To try to move some of our items we will be holding a Tent Sale on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. It is a busy sports day and we hope to generate some interest and sales! It was also mentioned by parents that May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> may be dates to look into as possible days to sell Cougar Closet inventory as they are holding a clinic and tournament here at East!

**3. PTSO Projects and Activities**

**A. Review of Activity Night**

It was decided by the Board after discussion that we are going to possibly hold Activity Night every second year. It also needs to be in Winter and not Spring.

**B. Homecoming BBQ for 2009/2010 school year**

The PTSO will be concentrating our efforts on Homecoming this year as our main Fundraiser! We are looking into getting outside vendors to sell their food. A Homecoming committee will be formed and this will be discussed in length we hope to provide more "choice" food wise this way!

**C. Formal Attire Sale "Swap Meet"**

We would like to hold a "Swap Meet" of gently used Prom dresses and men's suits before Prom next year. A committee will be formed to organize this. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Karen Timm at karen@timmfamily.com

**D. Electronic Sign for front of school**

Discussions for the building of an electronic sign for the front of the school are underway. A few of our board members have met with the town planning committee and we are now looking into prices, position etc. A committee of Joan Herrinton, Shelly Gagnon and Debbie Jedinak was formed to spearhead this project. There will be another meeting held in two weeks which we plan to attend. In order to generate funds for the sign, Debbie Jedniak asked if bricks could be "sold" for a specified amount. Mr. Jackson agreed with this idea.

**4. Principal Report**

Mr. Jackson asked if everyone present would fill out an evaluation report for the SIP committee. He also had applications for any parent wishing to apply to be on the SIP committee.

### **5. Nominating Committee Representatives for 2009/10 PTSO Board**

Shelly Gagnon read the requirements for nominating someone to be on the PTSO Board from our school bylaws. We have two openings for next year's board. Shelly Gagnon and Debbie Jedinak will no longer be available. They will be missed for all their hard work, ideas and happy faces!

These positions are vacant for the next school year:

Vice President  
Media Relations

Joan Herrinton is happy to continue in her position as President.  
Karen Timm was nominated to fill the Vice President position.  
Sandy Miller is happy to continue in her position as Treasurer.  
Lynn Elkow Moore was nominated to fill the Secretarial position.  
Marily Steudle was nominated to fill the Media Relations position.

If there are any other nominations for these positions please contact any member of the present board. Emails are above. The voting will take place at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. If there is more than one person nominated for any one position voting by secret ballot will take place. Mr. Jackson thanked the present PTSO Board for all their hard work this year!

### **6. Guest Speaker : Nathan Mueller, Staff Writer from the South Lyon Herald**

Nathan told us that the South Lyon Herald is now run and owned by Gannett. They have little say as to what will be in the paper in any given week. They submit what they would like to see in order of priority but then it is out of their hands. He understands the frustrations of parents/students at East that it seems as if South Lyon is given more "space" in the paper than East. He explained that they only have one sports reporter and one photographer and they have to cover 6 schools. He added that this is not an excuse to not have a fair representation of both schools but it is very difficult. He asked that booster clubs/parents help them out by taking photographs and writing reports themselves and then submitting it to the paper. He can't promise that they will always be included but it helps. He said if at any time any parent /student had a problem they should not hesitate to contact him or other members of their staff and they would be happy to listen and help if possible. You can contact him at: Nathan Mueller Staff Writer 248.437.2011 [nmueller@gannett.com](mailto:nmueller@gannett.com)

### **7. Items for next meeting**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.  
Thank you to EVERYONE that attended!

**Next meeting: Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Media Center**