

Friends of Sauganash Elementary
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2022, 6:30pm (at Sauganash Elementary cafeteria)

Attendance:

Officers

Deepak Babu
Rebecca Locks
Jules Rhoades
Lindsay Stavrakas
Heather VanZant
Moira Workman

Staff

Maria Sopena

Parents

Carrie Freiswyck
Abby Mneimne
Robert Szcznesziak

Agenda Items:

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm – Lindsay Stavrakas
- 2) The following meeting minutes were unanimously approved:
 - a. None
- 3) The March 16, 2022 and April 20, 2022 regular meeting minutes will be posted to our website (<https://www.friendsofsauganash.org/resources>), and will be approved at the next meeting.
- 4) The Monthly Budget Report was presented and discussed – Heather VanZant
- 5) Ongoing Items:
 - a. Amazon Smile
 - b. Box-Tops for Education
 - c. Sauganash Dining Night Out, fundraising for the DC Fundraising committee
 - i. Graziano's – May 18, 2022
 - d. Sauganash Swag available on website (fospto.itemorder.com)
 - i. Shorts
 - ii. T-shirts
 - iii. Polo
 - iv. Hat
- 6) 2021-2022 PTO Events:
 - a. Pasta Night – April 28, 2022 – Kate Siemsen
 - b. Walkathon – June 9, 2022 – Heather Van Zant / Sean Kennedy
 - c. Sip & Stroll – June 11, 2022 – Jules Rhoades & Moira Workman
 - d. Spring Benefit – Rescheduled to November 5, 2022 – Heather VanZant
- 7) PTO Ongoing Events:
 - a. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 2, 2022 through May 6, 2022 – Laura Honda & Carrie Frieswyk (with a lot of assistance from Tracy Mayer, and Malin Vasavanont)

- b. Book fair for next year – Patrick Mears & Amanda Mulcahy
 - c. Write Stuff – Rebecca Locks
 - i. Pending lists from teachers
- 8) New Business:
- a. A request was made to the PTO to donate \$2,214.60 towards 8th-Grade graduation costs to pre-pandemic levels.
 - i. Heather proposed a budget amendment of an additional \$2,214.60 to the 8th Grade Support Expense.
 - ii. After due discussion, the donation and budget amendment were unanimously approved.
 - b. A request was made to the PTO to acquire Spanish curriculum materials totaling \$1,820.00.
 - i. Heather proposed a budget amendment of an additional \$1,820.00 to a new Expense, Spanish Curriculum.
 - ii. After due discussion, the acquisition and budget amendment were unanimously approved.
- 9) Open Forum:
- a. There was a discussion regarding how the PTO can administer scholarships to 8th-Graders who may not be able to afford the Washington DC Trip.
 - i. It was agreed to form a committee to recommend a process to collect applications and choose students.
- 10) The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm – Lindsay Stavrakas