

STCE PTO Minutes
May 25, 2021

Mary Gerkin called meeting to order at 6:30pm

In Attendance: Mary Gerkin, Katie Robak, Megan Grohe, Mr. Jim Richter, Lisa Dandre, Mr. Keith Glavan, Amy Sheridan-Dufresne, Yvette Stahl, Barb Fetter, Molly Risberg, Valerie Kelly, Crissy Webbe, Laura Wojdyla, Jaime Liska, Beth Ites, and Janit Ramos.

April 2021 Minutes were approved

School Reports

Student Council- none

Teacher Liaison, Mr. Keith Glavan:

Several thanks came in for all the great things the PTO does including the scavenger hunts, treats, etc. during teacher week. Special excitement from Jacquelyn Johansen on her Cooper's Hawk gift basket.

X-Ray - Leslie Ladowski

The X-ray newspaper sent five journalism students to IHSA state. Chloe Ladines, Jeff Pape, Katie Kempff, Dom Dipalermo, and Quinn Sidor. Jeff, Dom and Katie won awards, and our "team" placed 6th in state. Prior to that they placed 4th at Sectionals.

ISO - Donna Wisely, Maura Kenny

Saints ISO participated at the Region C Spring Games Open event at Marmion Academy in April. The athletes had a lot of fun while competing in wheelchair, walking, running and throwing events.

Saints ISO members had a blast at this spring's Big Game-Kickball edition. Students from Leadership Studies organized the event with members of the boys soccer team. Mr. Richter emceed the event. The kids had a great time.

After participating on the team for 4 years, 2 athletes earned their varsity letter this spring.

The team is planning to start the 2021-22 school year with participation in bowling and bocce.

Business Law II - Adam Boyer

Joey Varco won the 41st Mock Trial Tournament

Virtual Enterprises International - Adam Boyer, Keith Glavan, Nolan Possley

All 3 firms finished the year with a net profit.

Marketing II - Lisa Ruck

Our Marketing and Advertising II classes partnered with Colonial Cafe again this year to hold the *10th annual East vs. North Burger Battle!* The event was May 5th - 7th at the Colonial Cafe on Main St. Each Marketing II class was responsible for creating and marketing an original burger. East students unveiled The SatisFRY (1st hour) and The Big Pig (2nd period). The burgers competed against each other and the North's Smoky BBQ Burger, to see which could sell the most. The event is also a fundraiser and 20% of sales are donated to our Saints ISO team! At the end of the event, it was The Big Pig that won (by a snout). There were 202 burgers sold through the event, generating \$2498.57 in burger sales. We were happy to be able to donate \$499.71 to the Saints ISO. Thanks to everyone for their support of the event!

Totals: The Big Pig = 93, SatisFRY = 91, The Smokey BBQ = 18, Event Total = 202

STCE Digital Job Support Website - Shannon Stone - REMINDER

If your student is looking for a job, consider viewing the openings on our Job Support Website. Located on our school website (under student/college & career/STCE job support website). <https://sites.google.com/d303.org/stcejobboard/home>. Many jobs available! If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Stone (shannon.stone@d303.org). Also, if you have a local business and would like to post an opening, please let us know!

INCubator / ACCErator - Keith Glavan

Two East Teams won funding during the final pitch night on May 18th: *What Not Plant Shop* was awarded \$5000 created by Abhi Patel and Yarik Rybkin, and *Fog Shield* was awarded \$2,500 created by Nikhil Jain and Trenton Bush. Sharks consisted of Jill Card, Patrick McCarthy, Robert Saxe, and former INCubator student Jack Craney.

SkillsUSA - Keith Glavan

Congratulation to all State Competitors with special congrats to Julia Birchfield - 3rd place Job Interview, Bilal Kareem - 3rd place Customer Service, Mai Verrier - 2nd place Customer Service, Julia Johnson - 1st place Customer Service - heading to Nationals!

Principal's Report, Mr. Jim Richter:

All of our Senior events have concluded and went very well. In May, we had: MORP, Post Prom, Senior Tailgate, Senior Movie Night, Senior Honors Night, (I wish we would have had a better closing for the video released on Wednesday. I sincerely apologize for the confusion and concern that was created) Senior BBQ, Legacy Walk, Senior Victory Lap, and Graduation. We had a Trunk Full of Funk Performance highlighting many Seniors. Our music department has given many band, orchestra, and vocal music concerts. Our Spring musical, *Working*, was released. We had our ISO Big Game - a kickball game at the stadium. Student Council had their See-Saw-A-Thon last weekend. The Tyler Caruso Memorial Concert is this Thursday at Lincoln Park. Athletics are going well, we have a shot at deep playoff runs in Girls Soccer and Softball. School ends this week! Registration information will be forthcoming (beyond what is already available through the district website).

Treasurer Report, Katie Robak: PTO and Post Prom budgets were presented. The balance in the PTO checkbook is \$1744.84 and the Post Prom checkbook balance is \$6,218.34. All reimbursement requests are due by June 30th. Approved motion to raise PTO dues to \$25.00 starting next year. Donations to janitorial staff from PTO as thank you will be given this week. Kris Gallante

Committee Reports

Grounds Beautification, Crissy Webbe and Valerie Kelly: Committee planted Spring flowers in 4 planters using the remainder of the annual budget.

Post Prom, Katie Robak: Well attended. Big thank you to Barb Fetter, Lisa Dandre and Jim Richter for all the planning and support. Decorations looked great, a big thank you to all the parent volunteers. Discussed possibility of Go Fund Me next year to raise revenue.

Student Activities, Mary Gerkin: None

Greater Education Foundation, Mary Gerkin: Donated a wine basket from Cooper's Hawk valued at \$300 on behalf of PTO for the auction.

District PTO Representative, Alison Murnane: none

Senior Awards, Amy Sheridan-Dufresne: Committee has received 11 applications, and 4 winners were awarded scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Awards were named after Staff members that are retiring this year.

Staff Appreciation, Aracely Curtis, Crissy Webbe and Valerie Kelly: Families donated gift cards or gift baskets (\$25 value) for our staff raffle. We planned a week of events for staff appreciation week and decided it would be necessary to thank our custodial staff (\$20 Portillo's GC, \$5 Dunkin) for all they have done this year. \$20 gift cards were donated for our custodial staff. Mr. Richter supported us by creating the raffle via a Google Doc and sent to staff. He also put it into Google Sheets for which it listed who signed up for each category and we did a random pick to find winners. This is an event that the staff looks forward to. We think we should continue to thank our custodial staff. Custodial Appreciation Day is October 2nd. For next year, we need a master list for donations at the front desk and a check off to manage items coming in. We would like to provide a meal of sorts next year if COVID protocols allow and possibly a sign or decorate a wall/window.

Senior Signs, Megan Grohe, Katie Hollman, and Bonnie Marinucci: Parent volunteers delivered over 600 signs to graduating Seniors last weekend, have not heard anyone did not receive one! Thank you to all the volunteers and to Bill and Barb Fetter for sponsoring the signs for the class of 2021.

President's Report, Mary Gerkin: New Board and committee Chairs were announced for next school year.

Co-Presidents Yvette Stahl and Janit Ramos

Treasurer Katie Robak

Secretary Megan Grohe

Grounds and Beautification Crissy Webbe and Beth Ites

Staff Appreciation Crissy Webbe, Valerie Kelly, and Jaimie Liska

Student Activities Molly Risberg

Greater Education Foundation Megan Grohe

District PTO Representative **OPEN**

Senior Awards Amy Sheridan-Dufresne

Senior Signs Megan Grohe, Yvette Stahl, and Michelle Brown

Senior Handprint Wall **OPEN**

Post Prom Co Chairs **OPEN/OPEN**

Decorations **OPEN**

Security Kris Galante

Tickets **OPEN**/Mary Gerkin will advise

Prizes Laura Wojdyla

Food Molly Risberg and Kris Petrick

Donations Katie Robak

Publicity Kris Galante

Games **OPEN**/Barb Fetter will advise

Display Case **OPEN**

Thank you Notes Megan Grohe

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Megan Grohe STCE PTO Secretary 2020-2021
