

Swift Creek PTA  
General Meeting  
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 @ 6:30pm

**Zoom Link:**


<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84647420301?pwd=TEJzbnlDOVRGQnlzMHVKc3BOaVJ0dz09>  
<http://tinyurl.com/scesPTAMeet>

**Has quorum been met (20 attendees)?** Yes

**Attendees:**

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| 1. Marie Dexter      | 13. Robin Lane (Cary Rotary)   |
| 2. Colleen Muldoon   | 14. Heather Weiner             |
| 3. Sarah Lewis       | 15. Deb Killion (Online)       |
| 4. Tina Chadwick     | 16. Jessie Andricks            |
| 5. Darrell Propst    | 17. Sarah Wholdmann            |
| 6. Jenaé Delayan     | 18. Lisa Saad                  |
| 7. Shana Barr        | 19. Abby McAward (Online)      |
| 8. Jennifer McIntyre | 20. Megan Sedaghat (Online)    |
| 9. Trey Hines        | 21. Zoraida Fernandez (Online) |
| 10. Amanda Green     | 22. Lisa Kropilak              |
| 11. Danielle Davis   | 23. Laura Monaghan             |
| 12. Rachel Blackmon  |                                |

Agenda Item	Notes
Call Meeting to Order/Agenda (Marie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting called to order at 6:32pm</li><li>• Agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Approve September Minutes</li><li>○ Read a Book Presentation</li><li>○ Creative Arts Team</li><li>○ Budget update</li><li>○ Committee Updates</li><li>○ Advocacy</li><li>○ Principal's Report</li></ul></li></ul>

Approve September Minutes (Marie)	<div>  Sept 2022 PTA General Mtg         </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion from Jenae</li> <li>• Second from Danielle</li> <li>• Minutes Approved</li> </ul>
Read a Book Presentation (Cary Rotary Club: Robin Lane)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robin Lane presented a check for the Read a Book program in the amount of \$250.00. This is the first check and there will be another later in the year.</li> <li>• There are over 1.5 million members of the Rotary Club, worldwide. There are 40 Rotary Clubs in Central NC. Their focus is to support the community, including education and reading.</li> <li>• Over 1,000 books a year are donated to SCES students through this program.</li> <li>• Students read books with volunteers and when they have mastered the content they get to take the book home and keep it.</li> <li>• Reach out to Mannie Green or Eloise Sheets if you'd like to be a volunteer reader.</li> </ul>
Creative Arts Team Presentation (Barr)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you would like to volunteer in the media center, reach out to Mannie Green at <a href="mailto:amarinello@wcpss.net">amarinello@wcpss.net</a>.</li> <li>• Rebranded the team from specialists to Creative Arts Team. They are an extension of the learning that happens in the classroom with the core curriculum.</li> <li>• Each member of the team (Barr, Hines, McIntyre, Hines, Green) shared their goals for learning and covered some of the skills they teach.</li> <li>• January 22nd at the 4pm UNC Women's Basketball Game, the SCES 5th Grade students will sing the National Anthem at the game. Before the game they will do some activities on campus.</li> </ul>
Budget Update (Marie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Fun Run-\$21,039 raised as of 10/10/22!!!!</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Expenses             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ 90th Anniversary Party</li> <li>◦ Recess Equipment</li> <li>◦ Staff P2 Shirts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hospitality Lunch for Staff</li> </ul>
Recess Equipment & Staff P2 Shirts (Marie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recess equipment has been distributed to all grade levels.</li> <li>● P2 shirts have been given to all staff.</li> </ul>
Presentation for Hispanic Families (Marie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PTA will provide snacks for this event on 10/27</li> <li>● Tina, Sarah W, and Jessi will be there to represent the PTA</li> </ul>
Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Membership (Danielle) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 114 Current Members</li> <li>○ Last year we had 145 members</li> <li>○ \$4 of the membership dues go directly to Swift Creek</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fun Run (Annie, Deb, Michele) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$21,039 RAISED as of 10/10/22!!!</li> <li>○ Collections continue through 10/14/22.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Spirit wear (Rachel) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spirit wear should arrive to school on 10/12/22 and be distributed by 10/14/22.</li> <li>○ If you are getting it shipped to your home, you should have a tracking number by now.</li> <li>○ Next orders are due by 10/16/22 and this is the last order of the year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Room Parents (Jessi) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Emails have been sent out to room parents and teachers.</li> <li>○ Contact Jessi if you didn't get an email and expected one.</li> <li>○ You do NOT have to be a stay at home parent to be a room parent.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Healthy Lifestyles (Lisa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current committee members: Jessi, Deb, Zoraida &amp; Lisa</li> <li>○ If you'd like to join the committee, email Lisa</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Kropilak

- Will continue Run Club this spring
- Ideas:
  - Winter Movement series with yoga and mindfulness activities
  - Advanced Run Club as a 4 week series for more serious runners
  - Yoga for teachers on workdays. Jessi is a yoga instructor. If you are too, let us know!
- Cultural Arts (Marie on behalf of April)
  - We are looking for someone to shadow April this year to take over Cultural Arts next year
  - Events for this year:
    - Michael Beadle writer's workshop in 4th grade
    - Billy Jonas performances for all students
    - Billy Jonas sound workshop for 2nd grade
    - Number Drummer performances for all students
  - The United Arts Council Grant contributes to the cost of these programs and the rest is paid for by the PTA
- Original Works (Laura)
  - Packets were sent home a few weeks ago for students to create their art which can be turned into products.
  - Due by 11/10/22.
  - Orders will be back in time for the holidays if you want to order gifts.
- Painless Fundraising (Jenae)
  - Totals from Ruckus Spirit Night: \$413
  - Next Spirit Night at City BBQ on 11/3
    - If you go in person, mention Swift Creek
    - If you order online, enter promo code:

#### FundA

- A flier will go home in Tuesday folders
- Make sure to select Swift Creek on your Amazon Smile account. If you do that online, you also have to select Swift Creek in the app on your phone.
- VIC Cards
  - Swift Creek's sign up code is 2126.
  - We currently only have 50 members, which is down from last year.
  - This needs to be renewed every August.
  - You can sign up online, ask Jenae to do it for you, or you can ask the cashier to link your card.
  - You can link your card to more than 1 school.
- Box Tops
  - We have earned \$167 so far this year, with over \$70 earned last month.
  - Check your bonus offers!
- Cougar Counter (Sarah L)
  - Sign up to volunteer at:  
<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bW73RNob>
  - School store open on Fridays during arrival
  - Everything costs 25-50 cents
  - Pencil grips, pencils, erasers, etc...
  - Volunteers should arrive at 8:30am to get set up before arrival
  - This is not currently available for kindergarten students
  - Action Item: Add income and expenses for the Cougar Counter in the PTA Budget next month.
- Yearbook (Lauren)
  - If you take pictures, email Lauren at [yearbookpics.sce@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookpics.sce@gmail.com)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nationwide discount is effective for another month.</li> <li>○ If you want to donate a yearbook for a child, you can buy it now and list the name as Swifty Cougar.</li> <li>○ All of our Backpack Buddy students have always been able to receive a free yearbook.</li> </ul>
Advocacy (Marie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check your sample ballot for school board members running for office during the 11/8 election</li> <li>● There is a school bond being voted on as well. Swift Creek is not directly going to benefit from this bond, but Athens Drive HS likely will.</li> </ul>
Principal's Report (Propst/Smith)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building Community session for Hispanic families, led by Mrs. Morales on 10/27</li> <li>● December 1st-Literacy Night, in conjunction with the book fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Each team will present on how families can support literacy at home</li> </ul> </li> <li>● EOG Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overall, in WCPSS and beyond, EOG scores have trended downward since the pandemic</li> <li>○ Our overall proficiency (levels 3, 4, 5) is 57.7%</li> <li>○ Our scores dipped from the 18/19 scores to the 20/21 scores, which was expected due to the pandemic. The area superintendent hoped schools would gain at least ½ that amount back in the 21/22 year. Our school met our pre pandemic scores 100% in the 21/22 school year, which is fantastic!</li> <li>○ Even more good news is that, not only have we met our 18/19 scores, we have met or exceeded GROWTH in all areas. This is not being seen commonly in schools right now.</li> <li>○ How did we do this? We were intentional about teaching the standards. We recognize all students come to us at different levels. We are focused on differentiating our core instruction to help students grow.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11/15 at 6:30pm</li><li>• 2nd Grade will present</li><li>• We need to amend the budget and will need at least 20 participants</li></ul>
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**Link to Slides:**

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1b8oWgavqCnXTESWd7qquolS\\_2gk6jg9b2erUb7zrLzY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1b8oWgavqCnXTESWd7qquolS_2gk6jg9b2erUb7zrLzY/edit?usp=sharing)

Meeting ended at 7:26pm

Minutes by Tina Chadwick, Secretary