**Swift Creek Elementary PTA Meeting- September 12, 2017**

In Attendance (Quorum met for voting purposes): Marie Dexter, Kim Partin, Elisa Pearson, Stephanie Wils, Carey Burkhalter, Kristin D'Amelio, Tina Chadwick, Jessie Cillian, Heather Phillips, Cindy Robinson, Bobbie Lipe, Marsha Hanna, Mary Zardas, Jennifer Natarcola, Erin Galloway, Carrie Fernandez, Jamila Moumen, Megan Sedaghat, Julie Hoover, Michelle Steinberg, Sarah Lewis, Amy Johns, Annie Pilz, Adrienne Gross, Aaron Clark, Kim Sheppard, Pam Myers, Elizabeth Worthy, Deborah Killion, Kristi Matthews, Aimee Langerhans, Julie Nolan, Hafida Chahid

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Marie Dexter, PTA President, welcomed all attending.

**Read-A-Book Grant**

Mr. Propst, SCES Principal, introduced Mr. Fletcher representing the Cary Rotary Club.

Mr. Fletcher described Rotary Club and its focus on literacy and leadership, and how the Read-A-Book program works.. The Rotary Club provides funds to the PTA so the school can run the Read-A-Book program.

Mr. Fletcher presented a "check" to the PTA for $500.00 to be used through the year for the Read-A-Book program. (The funds will actually be paid for through the year by the Rotary Club as needed. If SCES needs more than $500, we should contact them.)

**2017-2018 Swift Creek Elementary PTA Budget**

Budget sheets were passed out to all in attendance outlining income and expenditures.

Pam discussed the budget for the upcoming year.

Delores Ragsdale- motion to approve 2017-2018 PTA budget

Kristin D'Amelio- second the motion

2017-2018 PTA Budget approved

**Swift Creek School Vision**

Mr. Propst presented the vision for this school year and beyond: "Built For A Bright Future"

Items that align with this vision:
- Many new staff
- Vision 2020 Instructional Blueprint (SCES School Improvement goal)
- Focus on college/career ready
- Plans for reaching academic goals (differentiation & dynamic learning experiences)
- Watch D.O.G.S. program
- Swift Creek 85th Anniversary Celebration Oct. 7

**Character Education**

Mrs. Hoke, SCES Assistant Principal, described a new character education movement for Swift Creek kicked off this week: The Positivity Project

The Positivity Project is a non-profit that partners with schools to teach 24 character strengths. It helps you recognize the good in yourself and in other people. "Other People Matter"

A video was shown about the movement

Next week the school will start going over character strengths

**MTSS (Multi-tiered System of Supports)**

Kristin Lewis(SCES school psychologist) explained this system.

It is a data driven process that allows teachers to quickly identify student needs and to respond.

There are 3 tiers for Academics/Behavior:

| Tier 1 | Core Instruction | 80% of students will meet goal with this instruction |
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| Tier 2 | Core Instruction + more targeted intervention (teachers create a Tier 2 intervention plan) | |
| Tier 3 | Core Instruction + intensive intervention (parents invited to Tier 3 mtg) | ~5% of students |

The idea is that a student at Tier 3 will eventually move back to Tier 2 and then Tier 1.

A sample intervention plan was shown.

Mrs. Lewis requested volunteers for the HELPS reading fluency intervention program. Someone will be in touch for those who have signed up.

Marie recorded and will put on the PTA YouTube page. We need parents at tonight's meeting to encourage others to be in school to help.

**Fun Run**

Kim Partin gave an update about the Swift Creek PTA Fun Run.

The Fun Run has been the primary fundraiser for the PTA for many years.

The theme this year is "Running Through the Decades"

Each grade will make a video about their decade.

Date- Oct. 19, 2017    Rain date- Oct 24, 2017

Goal: $17, 000

Prize structure is being revamped. There will be a Fun Run Prize wagon each week for students who bring in donations.

We are working with The Get Movin' Crew, which provides an online fundraising site and database for schools. Students can create a personal online fundraising page.

Meeting concluded.

Minutes by Kim Partin, PTA Vice-President