

**SOMERSET PTSA General Meeting
Minutes
September 13, 2011**

ATTENDEES: A sign-in sheet is attached to these minutes. A quorum was present.

HANDOUTS: Agenda, June General Meeting minutes, Proposed Amended Budget, Summary of Proposed Amendments to Standing Rules

CALL TO ORDER: President Francine Wiest called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

WELCOME: Francine welcomed all attendees to the first General Meeting of the 2011/12 school year. She thanked parents for participating and introduced the members of this year's Executive Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Francine next reviewed the minutes from the General Meeting held on June 9, 2011. There being no discussion or objections, the minutes were approved as submitted.

BUDGET REVIEW: Treasurer Sandrine Gupta presented a Proposed Amended Budget and briefly explained the rationale behind the proposed amendments. ***Motion: Ruth Raskind moved to accept the Proposed Amended 2011-2012 Budget as presented.*** The motion was seconded and passed.

STANDING RULES: Francine then reviewed a Summary of the Proposed Changes to the Standing Rules. She presented an additional change which would include as one of the Treasurer's duties (in Section 7), the responsibility to "file all appropriate paperwork in accordance with the deadlines listed below" and the inclusion of a calendar of those deadlines. ***Motion: Ruth Raskind moved to approve the changes to the Standing Rules as proposed in the Summary and as presented by Francine.*** The motion was seconded and passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Francine next explained the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee and asked for nominations from the floor. Nominations were accepted by Sangeeta Gogri, Lindsay Wilme, Diane Fern and Audrey Scallon. This slate of four was presented and approved by acclamation. The Committee would welcome other volunteers who are interested in participating in the nomination process.

REPORTS

Walkathon – Sangeeta Gogri reported that the Walkathon will be on October 5 and that registration is now available online.

Communications – Michael Ketchum reported that all parents should be getting the eNews by email. Please contact him with your email address if not received.

Breakfast Program – Francine Wiest reminded parents that the Breakfast Program is again being run at Somerset this year. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria beginning at 8:30 am and costs \$2.25 per student.

Programs – Kayoko Price reported that they are still seeking Committee Chairs for the PhD Program and to organize the Festival of Cultures. Check the PTSA website for other volunteer opportunities.

Auction – Ruth Raskind explained that the next auction will be held in the Spring of 2013. Auctions are held by the PTSA every other year and provide the majority of financial support for our activities. She and her committee are just beginning the planning for the 2013 event and would welcome new ideas, perspectives and volunteers. Please contact Ruth if you are interested in getting involved in the planning of this event.

NEW BUSINESS – Francine reported that the PTSA has scheduled a “Spring Festival” in April but it is still undetermined what format this event will take. Anyone with ideas or who is interested in organizing a new event, please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Francine Wiest adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Diane Fern, PTSA Secretary