

**Membership Meeting Of The  
Springer Middle School Family Association, Inc.  
Thursday, January 10, 2019 - 6:30PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

- I. Call to order at 6:33PM by President Jason Heller** (*Jason Heller*)
- II. Consent Agenda:**
  - A. Approval of the November 8, 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes (as posted online). A motion was made by Tracy Woodson, seconded by Jason Hale to approve the minutes as posted. Motion carried.
- III. SFA Monthly Financial Report** (*Pleshette Moore*) The treasurer was unable to attend this evening's meeting. The President reported that there is \$11241.65 in the bank and that we are trending ahead of all expectations. A full report will be posted online and available at the next meeting.
- IV. President's Report** (*Jason Heller*)
  - *Thank you to everyone who supported the first Springer Cookie Walk (aka Cookie-palooza). We had almost 50 bakers and many cash donations that made the event a success. The teachers were overwhelmed and so genuinely appreciative. Thank you especially to Amada DeCapula for organizing and both Amanda & Kathy for shopping for the additional cookies.*
  - *The regular monthly BSD Board Meetings were held on November 26th & December 17th. For the most part it was all routine business. At the November meeting, two new school board members were sworn in to fill vacancies on the board until the next election in May, 2019 - myself as the representative to 'nominating district G', and Dr. Debbi Zarek as the representative to 'nominating district F'. At the December meeting the final renovation plan for Claymont Elementary School was approved. The next meeting is January 14th.*
  - *There was a Board Workshop held on December 3rd focused on updates to the district / board policy manual which has become almost unusable due to its size. The school board has committed to work through the manual policy by policy this year to have it updated and in a user friendly format for both parents and staff.*
  - *I attended the district Parent & Citizen Advisory Committee meeting on December 10th at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School. As always, Springer had (by far) the largest representation at the meeting. Springer parent Adrienne Parker was appointed as co-chair of this committee by Dr. Holodick and Tannie Fenning was selected as Springer's delegate to the committee. Tannie is Springer's link to share information back and forth between the SFA, Springer Parents and the district committee. The PCAC is a policy-mandated committee consisting of parent representatives of each school in the district as well as interested community organizations who meet quarterly at a district level to discuss important educational topics and share information back and forth between families. Topics discussed at the last meeting included district finances and*

*educational legislative priorities. The next meeting is scheduled for February and is planned to be a legislative roundtable.*

- *Springer will be holding their 4th annual MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 21st and will again be collecting donation of food and clothing items, as well as books for donation to local charities from 8AM to Noon. Students are urged to volunteer!*
- *We will be hosting Springer Night at Chick-Fil-A next Tuesday, January 15th from 5-8PM at the Concord Mall. Just mention Springer at checkout and they will donate a portion of the sale back to us! Additional volunteers are needed that night as well.*
- *Springer's Orchestra concert will be held on Thursday., January 24th. We will be selling refreshments and Spirit Wear again.*
- *Our annual Box Top drive will be held next month. Box Tops will be collected from February 11th - 15th. Watch the Facebook page and announcements for details!*

**V. Member Comments on Agenda Items or General Springer Topics**

*(please respect the time of all members by keeping comments brief)*

**VI. Old Business**

A. Mini-Grant Awards

*The mini-grant application period recently closed. The executive board met and votes to award all grants that were requested totaling \$3970. A list of awarded grants and their purpose is attached.*

**VII. New Business**

A. Purchase of a Spirit Wear storage cart

*President Jason Heller shared past issues with the way our Spirit Wear is stored and organized including a considerable amount of time required to set up and pack up from sales, and the inability to easily know our inventory. A motion was made by Lisa Fabris, seconded by Kim Williams to allocate up to \$1000 on the purchase of Spirit Wear storage cart(s). Motion carries.*

B. Robotics Event Concessions

*President Jason Heller reported that Springer is hosting two regional robotics tournaments. A middle & high school tournament on February 16th and an elementary tournament on March 23rd. These will be all day tournaments with several hundred attendees. There is an opportunity to run concessions at these events. It was suggested that we split the responsibility and the proceeds of the event 50/50 with the robotics team. There was a motion by Amanda DeCapua, seconded by Greg Xenakes for the SFA to front the funds required to purchase the supplies for these concessions with the final proceeds to split 50/50 with the robotics team. Motion carrier.*

**VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08PM**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Jason Heller, Acting Secretary**

**Upcoming Dates of Importance:**

1/10/19 - 7:00PM - 8th Grade Dance Volunteers Meeting

1/15/19 - 5:00-8:00PM - Springer night at Chick-fil-a

1/22/19 - 6:00PM - Delaware State Police presentation on bullying / cyberbullying / technology

**2/13/19 - 7:00PM - Springer Family Association Meeting**

Staff Member(s) Requesting Grant	Current SFA Member?	Amount Requested	Description of how the grant would be used to benefit our students/families:
Casey Biddle / Dione Allen	Yes	\$300.00	As Springer's cheerleading coaches it is important to us and our student athletes to represent Springer with pride and dignity. We're looking to purchase new uniforms for our cheerleaders of Springer Middle School. Cheerleading uniforms have evolved greatly over the years. They have been reinvented to reflect the function and athleticism of our cheerleaders. It is important for our student athletes to feel empowered and confident in their uniforms while representing our school. Springer's cheerleaders have come together in unity to ensure they are viewed as one team, one uniform. New uniforms for these athletes will complete their mission to look and act the part of Proud Springer Cheerleaders.
Maureen Romeo, Dave Brown, Susy Schmidt	Yes	\$265.00	We are asking for money to support our garden program here at Springer. All 7th graders participate in planting and harvesting the garden in the fall and the spring. Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids program compliments our Diversity of Life Unit. Money will be used to repair the garden beds, shelving for the shed, new gloves, hose nozzle and supplies for the harvest (salad dressing, plates, forks, etc.).
Michael Glazier	Yes	\$54.95	I would like to purchase 5 Magnetic Maps of the United States to help 7th Grade students with the State Geography Standards.
Chris Lake / Jason Heller	Yes	\$500.00	\$250 would be used to provide team t-shirts to the students for the upcoming competitions. \$250 would be used for additional parts that the students need to build and enhance their robots.
Lauren Bott	Yes	\$99.98	This is for a wheeled lectern/stand-up desk for the library available through Amazon. This would help with class presentation and assignment storage during school hours, and would be used for groups presenting in the library in the evening. Currently, class materials are being stored on the window sill and on top of the PC on the cart. This would allow presenters (students and adults) to stand closer to the screen in front of the class with notes and materials in front of them, rather than being tied to the side of the room.
Michael Oberly	Yes	\$500.00	2nd annual Stratosphere Project (Spring 2019). I will be offering an after-school STEM club that focuses on understanding more about our Earth's atmosphere.  Students will: - Learn about the composition of Earth's atmosphere - Learn more about air pressure - Build, launch, retrieve, gather, and analyze data using a weather balloon that reaches up to 100,000ft.  Data collected = GoPro video, temperature, air pressure, humidity, altitude, UV radiation levels, GPS tracking.  The extra money will help fund the following items: * New weather balloon * 2 medium canisters of helium gas (160-170 cubic feet) * UVA / UVB sensor * GPS subscription  Website: <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/east-coast-hab/springer-middle-school-2018">https://sites.google.com/view/east-coast-hab/springer-middle-school-2018</a>
Janette Madison	Yes	\$1,800.00	Our new Illustrative Mathematics curriculum depends on technology to be readily available for teachers and students to interact and work together sharing ideas while learning. The new math curriculum is engaging and elicits collaborative conversations between classmates. Have the ability for students to share their ideas and manipulate the objects with their hands on the board and using the digital applets by touch screen would enhance the curriculum to it's fullest potential. (Pricing could be adjusted with the purchase of additional SMARTBoards). Price could adjust between \$1500 - \$1800 depending on the model of my projector. Contact person Brendan Fowler: (610) 637-1676 at Visual Sound, Inc. 485 Park Way, Broomall, PA. He is the Brandywine School District SMARTBoard representative.

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Kevin Brown	Yes	\$350.00	<p>I am requesting \$200 for the Springer Energy Conservation Evening to be held in the spring. This is contingent of the approval of our mini-grant proposal to Green Pathways for Delaware Schools.</p> <p>I would also like to request materials for water testing for our Environmental Studies program. Chemical Test kits are approximately \$60. I would like to order a Nitrogen test kit, a Phosphate test kit, and replacement chemicals for the Dissolved Oxygen test kits and Bromthymol blue for the liquid pH test kits. This would total about \$150. We would order from Ward Scientific, Carolina Biological Supply company or LaMotte Water testing Co. If this is a possibility I will look up and specifics from these supply companies and have the information available to you.</p>