South Anchorage High School PTSO
General Membership Meeting
November 5, 2026
@Raven's Ring Brewing + OWL
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Courtney Luff, Jennifer Wagner, Jennifer Torpy, Kim Leary, Carla Woods, Shelley Cooper, Nicky Marshall, Van Angel, Cristy Jensen, Jyll Green, Jerrod (online).

1. Call to order- 6:00 by Courtney Luff

2. *Approval of Minutes*
    a. Approval of October meeting minutes. Motion to approve: Kim Leary, Seconded by: Van Angel
3. *Principal's Report*
    a. Dr. A sends his regrets-multiple school events tonight.
4. *Teacher Representative Report—Kim Leary*
    a. First grant request is from Tara Devlin. Asking for $1000 for her after school club Thrive. This is year 4 for Thrive at South. She appreciates all the past support from PTSO. The students that participated last year never missed a meeting. This is a SEL/academic support group. She would pull people out of the halls and have them join. The Thrive space allows space for kids to be part of a community. These students are not in ELL and not supported by other funds. She wants to submit receipts for reimbursement up to $1000. Jennifer states they have lots of surplus supplies like composition books as well. Kim states any excess school supplies can be delivered to E204. Kim makes a motion to approve and Cristy seconds. All approve.
    b. Second grant was approved by text. Veronica Bogdziewicz requests funds for artistic mural in the gym. $252 to cover art supplies.
    c. Nicky Marshall requests $1,080 for a Sparks skate sharpener. This automated sharpening tool will be used by all before practice and games. Difficult to get skates sharpened in town and it costs $8-10 each time. $4050 is the total fee to sharpen the HS hockey teams skates for the season. Recent ASD funding cuts are not helping. Hockey fees have gone up and ice time is down. Ask from Courtney to have the hockey team parents join the PTSO. Kim makes a motion to approve the purchase and Cristy seconds it. All approve. Nicky will encourage all hockey parents to join PTSO. Nicky will submit receipt for reimbursement.
    d. Verbal addenda requested by Shelley Cooper for her Sunshine Club grant. PTSO has been giving $100 a month and she is requesting an increase to $150 a month. Courtney makes a motion to approve and Cristy seconds. All approve. Courtney then recommends lumping this as a line item for staff appreciation in the budget and keep it out of the grant process. Motion to amend the budget by Cristy and seconded by Courtney, all approve. This will start in November.
    e. Kim Leary is appreciative of the PTSO provided lunch on conference day. It was appreciated by all the teachers.

f. Classes are big. Hopes elections go their way so the right people are elected who will support education.
g. Van, Anikka and Courtney are solely in charge of social media now. Kim states she will be in charge of the website FOREVER.
h. South Hockey plans to play a friendly against Service on 12/18 to support one of the hockey staff's children who has been diagnosed with cancer. This date is tentative and they are looking for a location. They plan to have a silent auction. Nicky states they have received approval for a chuck a puck.

5. *Student Report*
    a. They have been making more social media posts than usual, which is great.
    b. Student government is pushing for a dance in January (SnoCo was canceled) and hoping that PTSO can support with chaperones. 24 chaperones needed total (teachers plus parents). Admin doesn't like having dances--hard to find staff volunteers around the holidays, but after new year might be OK. Sadies is the last week in February. Looking at giving a discount to the dance for students with no tardies to class. Student government provides a host room for the chaperones. Arrive 7:30 and dance is over at 11. PTSO could chip in for the chaperone dinner.

6. *Officer Reports*
    a. President's Report
        i. In October the Trunk or Treat was awesome. Bigger than last year. Great weather and the families were really sweet. Kudos to Student Government for setting this up. Next year we should hype it up and advertise it. Hoping to get businesses involved. Recommendation to sell a parking spot to a business to make money.
        ii. Silent auction baskets for the PTSO membership drive were OK. Everyone liked the spirit wear baskets. Next year they should have someone who sits at the table to encourage registration in the PTSO and talk about what we do. Recommendation by Courtney to start the membership drive earlier
        iii. All school breakfast is 12/14. Carla was already given approval to buy new griddles at the last meeting.
        iv. Still in need of a committee for the Bo Seward award selection. Kim will send out a notice to the teachers to find someone to take this on.
        v. Need to organize staff and night crew appreciation before winter break. Jamie did the whole thing last year. Shelley states she can motivate Sunshine Club and/or Student Govt to help put on the night crew dinner. The night shift appreciation dinner has a $500 budget. There is also a $200 staff breakfast in the budget as well. There is $6000 for staff appreciation week in May.
    b. Treasurer's Report
        i. Cheddar Up memberships and donations have been included in this month's report. Not so many members, but lots of donations ($940 since last meeting).
        ii. Clothing sales are doing well. Table was out at conferences.
        iii. School store chugging along.
        iv. Some expenses for raffle basket supplies and movie license and a few grants paid out. Paid to file taxes and paid insurance.

v. Need to watch out for biennial report and fee to the State of AK. After a quick online search, it appears it was mailed to a very old address and is overdue. Courtney will track this down.

vi. Still about $37k available for teacher/school group grants. Kim Leary does her best to let people know about the grant availability.

7. *Committee Reports*
    a. Senior Events
        i. None
    b. School Store
        i. Carla said things are going well. She will be traveling a bit in November so hoping to get more parents to sign up while she is out. Everything is stocked up ahead of her absence.
        ii. Volunteers seem to wax and wane. Next week is fully staffed.
    c. Spirit Wear
        i. New items in such as sweatshirts and keychains and hats. Need winter hats.
        ii. Sold about $1200 at conference night.
        iii. Waiting on stadium seat cushions.
        iv. Appreciates Amber Forth's effort at putting bar codes on everything to make it easier to check people out.
        v. Plans to do more pop-up events like choir, etc. We need a master list of events.
        vi. Suggestion to have a large wolverine logo magnet.
    d. Membership
        i. Total around 70. As above in treasury report, lots of donations since last meeting.
8. *Old Business*
    a. None

9. *New Business*
    a. Recommendation by Cristy to have waterproof stickers made that say Funded by SAHS PTSO. All agree.
10. *Announcements*—Next meeting December 3, 2026, at 6 pm at Ravens Ring Brewing Company.

11. *Adjourn*— Motion to adjourn at 6:59 by Courtney, seconded by Kim Leary.