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A past president of the Parent Teacher Association at Singing River Elementary School in Gautier, Mississippi, has been arrested on a charge accusing her of embezzling thousands of dollars from the group.

Gautier police Lt. Jerry Cooksey said Sue Cunningham, 41, of Gautier, was arrested last week on a felony charge of embezzlement.

An audit of the account, which is ongoing has accounted for more than \$10,000 in missing PTA funds, Cooksey said. That amount could rise once the audit is completed.

Cunningham was taken into custody Jan. 23. After her arrest, she appeared before Municipal Judge Jason Thornton. Thornton set Cunningham's bond at \$5,000 and she was released from custody.

Cunningham served as PTA past president and treasurer. In addition, she'd been named parent of the year.

Felony embezzlement is punishable by up to 10 years in jail and up to \$25,000 in fines.

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