

SHS PTO Minutes September 10, 2018

Attendees: Gina Riley, Kathy Campbell, Jill Eilers, John Huelskamp, Kara Stark, Jennifer Dixon, Kelly Hansen, Tristan Baker, Sara O'Donnell, Sarah Pearce, Deanna Middleton, Erin Hire, Torey Muhs, Susan Kaufman, Shuchi Chaula, Bilwa Patki, Helen Gould, Jada Bergemann, Angie Patterson, Sheila Brewer, Julie Chu

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. The June minutes were read and approved.

Introduction of attendees.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Campbell

- Concessions: made just under \$1K
- Merchandise: made almost \$9K
- Apollo Giving Program / Write-A- Check Requests: We have renamed "Write a Check," which is our annual fundraiser to fund programs that support the school. We need to remind people to do matching through their company. Discussed sharing with the community understand how the money is used from Apollo Giving, concessions, and merchandise in that these activities support the school and not individual athletic programs or teams.
- Expenses: we have a new software package with a \$166.00 license for the year. Will be easy to transfer the program to the next Treasurer.
- Auditorium: 100K raised to date. New soundboards and mics are here. Hope to have everything installed before the first choir concert.

Funding Requests

Grad mentor program: Kelly Elkins and Michael Garcia are requesting \$500 for school supplies, planners, inspirational books, snacks, incentives, positive reinforcements to serve 100 students throughout the year. This program identifies 60 freshmen who are the most at risk and by channeling them to areas of support, providing rewards, and drawing awareness to bring in students who are unaware of the program. Motion made to approve the funding request.

Liam Profit (Junior) Eagle Scout request: He has done the legwork to have a lockable skateboard wrack donated and installed in the front office to securely lock up to 12 boards. He is requesting \$100-\$150 for the donor's acknowledgement, shipping of the product and locks to use. Motion to approve with a note "not to exceed \$150" and not for the purposes of a plaque.

College and Career Center: Jennifer Gordon

- We have a lot of new mentors who have expressed interest.
- Some students are having a problem getting into counselors.

Concessions: Sara O'Donnell & Jennifer Gordon

- Going well. We have a new pretzel machine and a bill counter.
- Thank you to Sarah Pearce who has taken ownership of the volleyball stands.
- This Friday is Future Apollos Night. We will buy extra candy to have on hand.

- Homecoming theme is “Blockbuster” and the leadership group has asked we set up a “concessions stand” at the dance.

Grad Party:

- We have 132 students signed up so far. Deposits have been made for the venue.
- Upcoming fundraisers will include dinners and the Hallo-wine party which will be advertised in the newsletter.
- Deadline for pie sale is November 2nd.
- We are encouraging parents from the lower classes to help the senior parents.

Merchandise: Jennifer Dixon & Biluoa Patki

- Good feedback on new designs.
- Sales were good for the first game (lunch sales and the game).
- Thinking about doing a holiday sale during the month of December. Suggestions were made to dovetail or coordinate with other events such as the first home basketball home game (December 14th) and the fall play of “It’s a Wonderful Life” (November 10th), Band concert (December 5th) and Choir (December 18th).
- Leadership is trying to come up with merchandise to sell and we are trying to not overlap.

Staff Appreciation:

- No report.

Library: Deanna Middleton

- Chromebook checkout went smoothly.

Volunteer Coordinators: Kara Stark & Kelly Hansen

- This Friday is volunteer orientation. We are requesting all PTO members attend. We will give a tour of the school.
- Apollo Preview Days went smoothly.
- All PTO chair positions are filled.
- We will have a future drawing for 4 Disney tickets for the volunteers.

New Business:

- Discussion about a role that could be created on the PTO for the volunteer efforts taken on by Tristan Baker. She has been serving as a liaison, communication, and networking coordinator between many factions of the school. Should we give this a name?

Principal’s Report: Mr. Huelskamp

- Wonderful start to the new. Great freshman class.
- Cheri Martin is now assigned as the administrator overseeing the counselors. Counselor topics forum (Courageous Conversations) was held Sept 11th about Social Media. Oct 9 is next one in the community room, may move to Prince of Peace.
- A student was struck in the crosswalk on first full week of school. Washington County came up with half of the amount for a flashing light at the crosswalk. We will have one installed thanks to the PTO donation of \$5K and our community partners (Prince of Peace \$1K, SAC \$5K, LDS).

- Senior Sunrise: Year two of a new tradition. Seniors showed up at 6AM on the football field to watch the sunrise on the first day of school.
- For early release we hosted a forum and had managers from local neighbor companies to come and talk with the teachers about essential skills they need from their workforce. According to the teachers, it was an extremely useful presentation. They covered the “7 skills are the most important and why” with the foundation material coming from Tony Wagner’s book [The Global Achievement Gap](#). The staff are focusing on communication and collaboration, we are bringing corporate expertise to do the training. First Weds of every month.
- Latino parent night had a huge turnout last Weds – about 75 attendees. We hold them monthly or every other month.
- Class of 1968 had their 50th class reunion. A graduate made a \$500 contribution towards scholarships as a “pay it forward” from an award he’d received as a student.
- National Merit semifinalists – 14 at Sunset. They will compete to be a finalist.
- Oct. 11th is the Club Fair.
- Fall play November 9-10 & 15-16 is “It’s a Wonderful Life”.
- Future Apollo Nights – Mr. Huelskamp went to all feeder schools, giving out 300 string backpacks.
- Student planners were distributed. Had to order extra as we ran out.

New Business:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.
Minutes submitted by Gina Riley