

**Sycamore High School PTO
General Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 10, 2017 – 9:00am**

The meeting was called to order by Molly Polasky at 9:11 am

Minutes of the January 13, 2017 meeting were presented by Mary Tyler and approved.

Principal's Report - Doug Mader, Principal

- Busy - in the heart of scheduling - students will have list of classes before the end of this current school year. This should help with summer reading and assignments.
- The back gym is being re-done thanks to Athletic boosters - starts March 13 (after odd couples). The flooring is multipurpose and will be seamless.
- A parent inquired about students planning to take health in the summer - if planning to take in the summer - still put in schedule in the fall then will take out later. Another parent had trouble finding health class and wondered if it could be removed if full. Mr. Mader assured parents this is not the case with health. Other parents suggested looking up by course number. The scheduling software for students is a state run program - other schools are also having the same problem, administration has placed a request for resolution.
- School calendar shows early release on Monday the day of graduation and late arrival on Tuesday. This is exam week for everyone else. Parent asked if exam schedule is being adjusted. Doug confirmed - one exam on Monday will be earlier, two exams on Tuesday will start later and end at 2:20.
- Explanation of why graduation is during the week - have been working for the two years Doug has been here to get back to the weekend. Next year will be Saturday morning. Following year can't have Saturday so will have on Sunday (couldn't have Saturday because it is Xavier graduation). Cintas hosts 32 graduations each spring.
- Parent asked if we would need a tarp for back gym after resurfacing - no as long as chairs and tables have protector on the legs, will not be needed.
- Parent asked if there is an update on summer school schedule. Mr. Mader said it will be on the website next week.

Faculty/Staff Representative - unable to attend

- No Coffee with Counselors this month due to scheduling process

President's Report - Molly Polasky

- Odd Couples Lindsey - starting to sell tickets Friday the 17. There will be online ticket sales. Theme is super heros- students can get service hours for helping with decorations on Monday evenings. Laura Haid is volunteer coordinator - need help with decorating. Committees for this year are fully staffed - looking for raising freshmen parents for next year as there are several senior parents who will be rotating off. Come help with decorations on Monday nights at 6:30 in Little Theater

Theater

- After prom had first meeting - currently working on finding corporate sponsors
Work has started on decorations Thursday nights at 7 headed up by Christine Combs. Students junior high and older are welcome as well as parents.
- Tarp for gym floor \$6000 total - Mr. Mader asked executive board if PTO could contribute. In November, the PTO approved \$10,000 project expenditures. The amount paid out for projects is only \$9,120. Remaining \$820 from projects and an additional \$120 from the Board discretionary fund will be contributed. A vote is not necessary but board wants to be transparent.
- Drug awareness event April 9 - Sycamore community wide drug awareness program - free - will be offered at the high school for district. Details have not been finalized - it will likely be an afternoon event. Helps parents understand red flags and what to look for. The program has an interactive portion - developed by a police officer and a parent who lost a child to drug abuse as well as other experts. It is not about treatment but PTO will host information reception. Event is for parents only.
- Meal train for Tami <https://mealtrain.com/ol3k94>
Tami has been diagnosed with lymphoma and is currently in treatment. Because everyone wants to help, Brad set up a caring bridge account.
Caring bridge for Tami www.caringbridge.org/visit/welovetamicomerford

Treasurer's Report - Sheila Kidd

- Bookstore profit to date of \$9,947
- The bookstore will be open on pancake day/fine arts festival and on conference night next Thursday. Please encourage students to pick up required reading books before the last minute to assure appropriate stocking.

- Reminder that Pipkins, Kroger, GFS, Office Depot... all have rewards to SHS. We are expecting a Pipkins check shortly.
- Check recent check was received from Coke - A parent asked for clarification which Coke machines in the building are PTO fund raisers. The two machines on the right under the stairs and the ones across from the band room. Another parent asked if we could laminate a sign indicating the proceeds to PTO for those machines. Molly will check.
- Current balance \$44,523.16

Vice President's Report - Suzanne VanDenBrink

- Nominating committee has started. Talk to Suzanne if interested in stepping into a board or chair role.

Recording Secretary - Mary Tyler - no report.

Corresponding Secretary Report - Elizabeth Bruggeman

- PTO contributed to building donation to Chris Davis family - the family was grateful.
- Staff appreciation meal- Feb 16 (during conferences) will be catered by Simply Grand

Old/New Business

- College spirit wear collection for Winton Hills Academy is still going on. Distributing around March Madness with goal of increasing awareness of colleges for students. Donations can be dropped off in Mr. Willet's office.
- Sycamore Band and Orchestra Boosters fundraiser at Skyline fundraiser - need certificate.
- Kaitlyn LeBlanc asked we announce Drop Everything and Relax events within the junior class. Goal is to build a community. Flyers available. Events typically initiated with a group text.
- Molly invited discussion and ideas about meeting speakers - general consensus of members in attendance was between what we currently do and Coffee with the Counselors, it seems to be well balanced as it is now.
- Parent (Valerie Whittemore) offered a general suggestion of getting medical power of attorney when child turns 18 - If there is an emergency - doctor cannot talk to you unless the child has given permission. Valerie also indicated there is a website "Next of Kin" that you can list yourself as an emergency contact on a child's driver's license so, if necessary, a police officer can scan your child's license

and know to call you. <http://bmv.ohio.gov/dl-other-next-kin.aspx>

Announcements

- Upcoming Events
 - Feb 11- Live for Liz BB Game, 2pm Mason
 - Feb 11- HS Cabaret, 7pm, Commons
 - Feb 15- “How to Raise an Adult” Book Discussion, 7pm, HUB
 - Feb 16- Senior Class Blood Drive
 - Feb 16- Parent Teacher conferences, Staff appreciation meal
 - Feb 17- AP Exam registration deadline
 - Feb 20- No School
 - Feb 23- HS Transition and College Fair
 - Feb 24- See 1 Concert, 7pm
 - Feb 25- Fashion for the Cure, 7pm
 - March 1- last day to purchase Odd Couples Tix
 - March 11- Odd Couples Ball, 6pm

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

Next PTO Meeting is Friday, March 10 @ 9:00 am