

**Sycamore High School PTO  
General Meeting Minutes  
Friday, November 11, 2016**

The meeting was called to order 9:07 am. Recognized Mr. Mader as a veteran - thanked him for his service

Approval of October 2016 Minutes  
Minutes were approved as read.

Mary Tyler

Principal's Report

Doug Mader, Principal

- Results of the levy - We are very proud of and thankful for the support of the community (levy passed with 61% of the vote).
- Wednesday November 10 was National Signing Day. Three of our athletes signed with colleges in basketball, cross country and baseball.
- Wednesday evening, 141 new national honor society members were inducted. - 109 were present. The band was in Florida, which was not ideal timing, but that was the only evening the theater could be reserved. Administration is working to better synchronize calendars. Hopefully, music events will be able to be scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays next year leaving more flexibility in the calendar.
- The band did very well in Florida - placed second, best in Ohio.
- This coming Tuesday November 15 is Preflight pizza with the Principal. This gathering is to reach out to parents on the fence about sending their kids to Sycamore or private school. Post cards were sent to every student we currently bus to a private school and every district 8<sup>th</sup> grader.
- There is a pep bus going to the game to tonight - bus is free - leaves at 6. It is tough to park at Middletown, and parking is \$3.

Faculty/Staff Representative's Report

Ann Delahnty-Koenig, Counselor was unable to make the meeting, report postponed.

Treasurer's Report

Sheila Kidd

- Bookstore - Rhonda brought samples of new merchandise. Playoff t-shirts available now. We were able get the play off shirts very quickly as a result of a new consortium we joined. Last year craft show sales were \$6000. The bookstore is stocking required reading books. Rhonda expressed appreciation of the confidence the Executive Board has in bookstore. Reminder the book store is a work in progress. This is the second year in current location. Interested members are encouraged to plug in at book store as eventually we will need new leadership. Come to the store!!! The fun gifts are not available online - come touch and feel them in the store.
- Angela and Molly for Sheila. Generally speaking on target with budget - will be funding projects in upcoming weeks. We currently have enough cash on hand to carry through the next few months - craft show should bring bookstore revenue.

Vice President's Report

Suzanne Van Den Brink

- Projects Update & Vote  
Committee of 10 - The purpose of project funding is to support staff which is what we want to do. Project recommendations were presented. Total is a little over \$9000. We budgeted \$10,000, so have some wiggle room if projects need more funds than initially approved. Suzanne made motion to approve proposed projects up to the amount of \$10,000, Tammy Fales seconded. Vote carried.

#### President's Report

Angela Radakovich

- Odd Couples - dance March 11 - boys take moms, girls take dads - extra volunteers will be needed that night. The decorating committee is already starting to meet on Tuesday nights - super hero theme.
- After Prom - in May - Tami Comerford is chairing - desperately needs co-chair.
- Conflict of Interest Policy Signatures - committee chairs and co-chairs in charge of disseminating funds, need to sign conflict of interest forms
- Senior Class Events - sponsored senior Halloween. Seniors were permitted to dress up, parade in gym, prizes and lots of fun. Next event is a lunch next Thursday. Cap and gown information reservations due that day. December 21, large event at Scene 75 - \$25/ticket. Many attractions 10p-midnight. Tickets go on sale in December. Students will be bused to the event and back - administration and parent volunteers will be there.
- A parent asked what if students can't afford all these events - PTO provides funds through counseling department - do not want finances to be a deterrent. Counselors approach students they know might need assistance. Teachers can also bring needs to light. There are several avenues to assist students with financial needs.
- GEAR report - student to student forum in January. A group of Sycamore seniors will present to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th graders. Applications to sit on panel are due November 28 (earlier is better). Students will be selected to create a well-rounded panel.

#### Recording Secretary Report

Mary Tyler

- Directories have been distributed - ask your student if you did not receive.

#### Corresponding Secretary Report

Elizabeth Bruggeman

- TIPP tip jar - Tamara is looking for funding for YMCA membership (the TIPP students are able to use a family membership - \$96/month). We cannot fund as a project, but agreed to use TIPP jar at the PTO meetings to help fund that.
- Recycling Day - November 15 is America Recycles Day - day to highlight and recommit to recycling. Want to pass on to students, will ask students and staff to re-commit to recycling.

#### Old/New Business

- Requesting alumni band members for football game tonight - contact Ashwin if interested (band is in Florida for our playoff game).
- College Spirit Wear Collection - collecting any college spirit wear new or gently used to pass to a school in Winton Hills K-6 building. The

administration there hopes to get kids to set expectations and to see what is out there - contributions can be given to Nermine Banke before March madness.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Events

Nov. 11	PLAYOFF Football Game
Nov. 16	Coffee with the Counselors
Nov. 19	SBOB Art and Craft Show
Nov. 19	Variety Show
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Break Begins
Nov. 28	Classes resume

Adjournment 9:57 am.

**Next PTO Meeting is Friday, January 13 @ 9:00 am**