

Sycamore High School PTO

PTO General Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 8, 2015

The meeting started with a PTO appreciation brunch and coffee with time to chat with our administration. The meeting was called to order by Tami Comerford at 9:15am. Approximately 35 parents/officers/staff were in attendance.

Recognition of administrative retirees – Dr. Adrienne James, Karen Bare, Renee Hevia, Vince Rahnfeld

Recording Secretary – Jamie Green

The minutes from the April, 2015 meeting was presented. Inger Sonntag made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Jill Whaley seconded. The minutes were approved.

Principal's Report – Doug Mader, Principal

- Introduced the new Athletic Director – Phil Poggi
- We are working on finalizing the course schedules and evaluating staffing levels.
- Graduation will be streamed live via the internet.
- All k-8 teachers will be invited to attend graduation and a pre-graduation reception. Seniors were asked to write a letter to a K-8 staff person that made a difference for them. These letters were delivered by the PTO with a customized package of seed & inspirational quote.

Teacher Representative – Vince Rahnfeld

- College Credit Plus – Most of the approved classes being offered at Sycamore are partnered with UC Main campus and one is with Cincinnati State. The counsellors have met with all of the students that are currently signed up to take these classes next year. The application deadline has been extended. We have 93 applications so far.
- Thank you for the Counsellor's fund and for the Projects
- June 1st – Last day to change schedule. It would be best to send the schedule change request by email.

Treasurer's Report – Rhonda Augustin

- See distributed financial reports for our current balance, income and expenses.
- We are looking to end our fiscal year with enough balance to finance the purchase start-up inventory for our new Bookstore with a projected balance of \$29,000.
- The Legacy Tree responsibility will be transferred to SAFA starting this summer.
- Bookstore update - Thank you to Jill Whaley, Lisa Tosh, and Becky Salach, Esther Adams, and the work study group. The last day the bookstore will be opened is May 29th. Camelback water bottles are back in stock, along with umbrellas, lanyards, pens, rain jackets and a new long sleeve vintage shirt. Summer Reading order should be delivered next week. Extra copies of "The Great Gatsby" are available for 11th graders that may have missed the pre-order deadline. 10th grade reading packets are only available in the bookstore for \$3.

Vice-President – Angela Radakovich

- Projects are completed.
- Bridge Builders Luncheon – April 28th – chaired by Lisa Borchers - 16 teachers and staff members (listed in the previous constant contact) were nominated. Lisa is reviewing the process in order to make the submission process more student friendly.
- Nomination Committee – Open Committee Chair positions are Picture Day Chair, Odd Couple (multiple openings, and Directory Assistant.

Corresponding Secretary – Maureen Gearin

- Maureen presented our PTO staff appreciation gifts to Mr. Mader, Mr. Rahnfeld and the rest of the team. PTO makes a donation to OGB in their names.

- Coffee is supplied by the TIP program.
- Staff Appreciation Meal was May 4th. – Chairs Christy Cough and Lisa Higgins –PTO supplied the entrée from Simply Grand and the High school administration supplied the sides and desserts from Montgomery Inn.
- The High School staff retirements are listed at the bottom of the minutes.
- Thank You notes are on the back table.
- Volunteers are needed for set up and serving refreshments for the Underclassmen Awards on May 22 at 8am till 10am and for Senior awards on June 2nd at 5:45 to 8:30pm. Contact Karen Rickert if you can help out.

President's Report – Tami Comerford

- 2015 Senior Class Committee (Karen Bemmes, Lisa Tosh, Angi Marks) –information has been sent home to the seniors and parents as well as on constant contacts. They need additional volunteers to help with the senior yard signs.
- After Prom – 5/17 – Theme is “Night at the Movies” – Fran Bitzer and Mary Wynn Haupt -Volunteers are needed for Saturday morning and the night of the event. Please use the link on the constant contact to sign up using SignUp Genius. Tickets go on sale next Tuesday and will remain \$20.
- PTO Scholarships – chaired by Mary Tyler – Nominations were received through our Counsellors and Administrators. Our 4 scholarship recipients will be announced on June 2 at Senior Recognitions.

Upcoming events –

May 16/17 – Prom/After-Prom

May 22 – Underclassmen Awards

May 29 – Bookstore - last day for this year

June 1 – last day to make schedule changes

June 2 – Senior Recognition

June 3 – Senior Picnic

June 4 – Graduation

August 19 – first day of school for Freshmen & New Students

August 20 – First day of school for 10-12 graders

August 28 – Back to school Coffee at 9am

New Business - none

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Next PTO Meeting is Friday, September 11, 2015 at 9am

Executive Board for 2015-16:

President: Tami Comerford

Vice President: Jamie Green

Treasurer: Sheila Kidd

Recording Secretary: Molly Polasky

Corresponding Secretary: Suzanne Van Den Brink

SHS Retirees:

Lisa Ander – Guidance, Administrative Assistant

Karen Bare – Assistant Principal

Reed Chacksfield - Teacher, Business Dept.

Lynn Davis – Educational Evaluator

Renee Hevia – Assistant Principal

Deb Klemt – Teacher, Art Dept.

Susan Palmer – Teacher, Science Dept.

Rick Pursley – Child Nutrition

Vince Rahnfeld – Supervisor of Guidance Dept.

Martha Reisenberg – Teacher, Special Ed.

Connie Smith – Teacher, English Dept.

Jim Stoll – Athletic Director

Carole Wood – Teacher, Art Dept.