

Sycamore High School PTO
General Meeting Minutes
Friday, Oct 11, 2019 – 9:00am

Call to Order, 9:08 A.M.

Angela Radakovich/Alissa Simms

Approval of September 2019 Minutes

Camilla Millar

<http://tinyurl.com/quickminutes>

A few minutes before the meeting the url was presented and people present were given a moment to look at the minutes. Victoria motion to approve. Minutes approved as presented.

Principal's Report,

Doug Mader, Principal

- Mr. Sweeney was called to jury duty-but the other counselors are filling in the gap. It is the first year of the new format with each class having a dedicated counselor.
- Homecoming week ends today with a Pep rally, parade, and dance tomorrow night. He thinks it will be a record crowd. He expects we will have a great dance, great behavior. Not one drug or alcohol drug processing in 6 years.
- Community forum at the junior high tomorrow morning at 11 A.M. There will be tours at the hs at noon.
- October 16th is senior career day or college day. It is also testing day for the other grades. ACT, PSAT, and ACT writing portion. They are doing it during school hours because the feedback in the past is that athletes and band members are very busy and it is hard for them to miss school.
- October 16th national merit scholars honored at the board meeting and they will be honored at football game on the 18th.
- Halloween will be celebrated on the 25th. Senior Halloween is an annual tradition that the Friday before Halloween can dress up. They really get into it and have group costumes. Many are very creative. Rules are pretty tight to keep things under control. No clowns. It will also be associated with senior lunch and senior service. There is a Halloween during 7th bell, which starts around 1:30. If visitor parking is full, we don't want parents on the bus ramp. That won't be a problem if levy passes because there will be 500 additional spots.

Faculty/Staff Representative's Report,
Counselor

Ann Delahnty-Koenig,

- She was at another meeting and could not attend

President's Report,

Angela Radakovich/Alissa Simms

- Candidates Forum presented by ASSPO (association of sycamore Parents organization). There are 3 candidates running for 2 positions. It will be videoed but put up on youtube after the event. Next Tuesday night at the Junior High.
- Chairs were asked to sign a conflict of interest form for financial responsibility.
- Senior class needs 5 dollar gift cards and candy for senior Halloween. Carol will send an email out today.

- Odd couples is still in the early stages. A survey was sent out and a link will be sent out to fill out form to get feedback about changes/etc. Elizabeth is still looking for a co-chair and a volunteer chair.
- After Prom chairs are working through understanding the big picture of the job. They are thinking about switching the time and maybe how long it will run. Most important position to fill is raffle (but it is door prizes). There is a budget to purchase, but soliciting is also welcome. So shopping, assembly, etc.

Treasurer's Report,

Carrie Dippold

- Current balance is at \$97, 496
- Staff appreciation meals have gone through
- Bookstore is a little bit behind where they were last year, but are still doing fine.

Vice President's Report,

Karen Ronningen

- Projects are like grants, or special requests from teachers, staff, students, clubs, etc. Things they look at are how many students that it will benefit. Examples include calculators for math department, new graduation chairs, books for language arts department. 3D printers, something that will be used for a club. Information is located on the treasurer's page of the website about rules, explanations, etc.
- Projects committee will meet after the levy vote.
- November 6th is application open date. It will run through the 18th.
- Beginning of December will be approval. December 2 will be the first meeting. People invited were those that indicated interest to serve on the projects committee in the volunteer forms.
- January meeting will be where votes are made to approve projects.

Recording Secretary Report

Camilla Millar

- Lisa Berry has been compiling volunteer lists and has gotten those to chairs who needed lists right away. She predicts that she will send out all the lists next week.
- Sudha and Jen are hard at work on the directory. They are finishing up the final pages this week and it should be to the printer next week.
- There is a Facebook contest going on right now to connect your Kroger card to the PTO. It ends at Midnight Sunday (right when your kids should be getting home from the Homecoming dance!)

Corresponding Secretary Report

Sarah Baker

- Staff Appreciation dinner was last week Cindy Lynn and Betsy Rinehart did a great job. The staff appeared very happy.
- We purchased a Sandwich Board that can be used as a directional sign.

Old/New Business

- Elizabeth Bruggeman reminded us about community composting. The partner is GoZero.org. Follow the prompts on community composting. You can get a bucket at the district office. Dump your bucket in the compost carts at most of the schools. The

website says where the carts are at each site. We get rebate back that helps the district with composting spots. Once you sign up, you take your receipt to the district office. It is a subscription of \$10/month.

- There will be some canvassing happening for the levy in the next week. If you are interested, please contact Yes! For Sycamore.
- There have been some negative, anonymous emails regarding the levy that it looks like they got email from the district website that contained some misleading and false information.

Announcements

- Upcoming Events
 - Oct. 12 - Homecoming Dance 8-11pm
 - Oct. 15 - Candidate Forum 7pm @ Greene -5200 Aldine Dr.
 - Oct. 16 – Senior College/Career Visit Day – Seniors do not report to the HS
 - Oct. 16 – Class of 2022 Parent Lunch 12pm at Senate in Summit Park
 - Oct. 19 – Aviator Flight Fest at the Junior High
 - Oct. 25 – Senior Service Activity and Halloween Parade
 - Oct. 25 – Haunted Festival at Blue Ash Elementary 4:30-8:30pm

Adjournment

NPTO Meeting is Friday, November 8 @ 9:00 am