

SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL PTO

General Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 8, 2021 - 9:00am

Via Zoom

Via Zoom (17 participants) and Facebook Live (21 participants)

Call to Order

Karen Wolter

- Called to order at 9:03 am
- Approval of General Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve: Karen Ronningen
 - 2nd: Angela Radakovich
 - November 2020 minutes approved unanimously
- [Link to November 2020 meeting minutes](#)

Principal's Report

Doug Mader

- January 14th: Virtual Academic Fair
 - Presentation with course information links
 - Videos from different departments providing information relevant to their courses
- Changes in Graduation Requirements
 - Effective 2021-22 school year, PE requirement will be waived if student participates in 2 interscholastic sport or marching band seasons
 - More information will be mailed to families this spring
 - English 9/Physical Education combination class will be replicated as an additional Geometry/Physical Education class
- Construction timeline has been moved up by 3 months due to work completed over 2020 Winter break
 - Currently expecting it to be a 24 month project
- New contact tracing/quarantine protocols
 - Not changing safety protocols as they are working well

- Taking temps upon arrival really has sent the message to students that we are taking mask wearing seriously
- Building is cooler than it normally is due to the dampers being left open to introduce as much fresh air as possible, boilers can not keep up when it is cold outside
- Semester Exams will take place despite results of survey due to district requirements for student assessment
 - Exams will look different this year to reflect the change in teaching methods that have taken place this year

Faculty/Staff Representative's Report

Ann Delahnty-Koenig, Counselor

- Next Coffee with the Counselors will be January 20th at 9am

Presidents' Report

Alissa Simms/Karen Ronningen

(hspto@sycamoreschools.org)

- Holiday Gift
 - Gave administration spices from Spice Baby and it was well received
- Senior Class
 - Cap and Gown orders due by today
 - If financial assistance is needed, please contact Adrienne Sanders
 - Yearbook contributions for Baby/Senior Recognition Ads due Feb 26th to shsleaf.org/yearbook

Treasurer's Report

Amy Courtney

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- Minimal expenses due to event limitations this year
- Moving

Vice President of Operations' Report

Michele Neat

(hsptovp@sycamoreschools.org)

- Scholarships
 - Applications will be out for students in January or beginning of February
- Winter Projects cycle starting soon
 - Applications accepted Jan 15-29 from PTO members, staff, and students
 - Will vote on Winter Projects March 12th general meeting
- Looking for nominations to fill several PTO positions:
 - Social Media - update Facebook, Twitter & instagram with latest HS PTO data. This can be a team.
 - Scholarship - in January/February publish applications for our College Scholarship and chair a committee to choose recipients
 - Senior Class Parents - help organize Senior recognitions such as cookouts, gifts, events, etc.
 - Staff Appreciation - coordinate support for our teachers, administrators and support staff such as meals, thank yous and cards
 - Sycamore Family Ambassador - help new and international families navigate the HS, organize social gatherings to help families connect, help bridge language barriers by finding translators
 - Academic Achievers - recognize students who have been nominated by teachers at games
 - Difference Makers - organize a staff recognition lunch for staff that has been recognized by the students

Vice President of Bookstore's Report

Carrie Dippold

(hsptohangar@sycamoreschools.org)

- Bookstore sales were slightly behind last year's sales, but given this year's situation, we are pleased with the numbers

Recording Secretary's Report

Karen Wolter

(hsptorecording@sycamoreschools.org)

- DirectorySpot still open to all families, not just PTO members
 - Total users: 2132, Users logged in at least once: 727

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Sarah Baker

(hsptocorresponding@sycamoreschools.org)

- Staff Appreciation
 - Will be delivering Chick-fil-A cookies later this month to staff
 - Looking for suggestions for other ways to show our appreciation to the staff
 - Online Yoga class

Attendance

- Zoom attendees - 17
- Facebook live viewers - 21

Adjournment at 9:51 am

Coffee with the Counselor is Wednesday, January 20th @ 9am

Next PTO meeting is Friday, February 12th @ 9am

