

**Sycamore High School PTO
General Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 12, 2019 - 9am**

Board Members in Attendance: Alyssa Schmeling, Angela Radakovich, Missy Reardon, Carrie Dippold, Elizabeth Bruggeman, and Alissa Simms

Call to Order - 9:08am

Approval of March 2019 Minutes - Alissa Simms

- Minutes from the March 8, 2019 meeting were approved as read by Victoria Parks
 - [Http://tinyurl.com/quickminutes](http://tinyurl.com/quickminutes)

Guest Speaker - Karen Nader, Assistant Superintendent

- 2 opportunities for Sycamore parents
 - Sycamore Bridges -partnership with Neighborhood Bridges started by Rick Bannister -Rick wanted to spread kindness by using an online platform to connect those in need with those who want to donate -needs are posted online and donors respond to the needs they can fulfill -Lori Drasnin will be the director for Sycamore -she will help to get needs fulfilled faster and anonymously -many advocating for a program like this within our buildings and community -those willing to donate can drop off their items to designated fire stations and/or schools and an advocate will pick up the items to take to the family in need -email naberk@sycamoreschools.com for more info -soft launch is May 2019
 - April 22nd, 2019 - Professional Development Day -purpose is to engage our staff in authentic, empathy-building experiences to better understand the daily struggles some of our families may experience as a result of economic fatigue -17% of our Sycamore students are experiencing poverty -need 20 volunteers for each session to “role play” various community and business members -using HS Seniors who need volunteer hours -received a grant to provide this opportunity -contact beeche@sycamoreschools.org for more info

Principal’s Report and Faculty/Staff Representative’s Report - Doug Mader

- Ann DK is not here today because she is working with Zely and a student group on a mental health workshop
- Graduation
 - Dr. Isidro “Izzy” Risma will speak at this year’s graduation -he is a Sycamore alum with 2 sons graduating this year
 - Doug Mader met with Cintas Center -we have been getting Sunday morning graduations because it is the best option available -many schools wanting to graduate at Cintas and we are lucky to have the opportunity
 - AP Calculus is scheduled on the same day as graduation practice at Cintas -also doing a practice at the HS with all seniors so those AP Calculus students can at least walk through the program
 - Graduation 2020 has been confirmed - Sunday, May 17th at 9am

- Finalizing scheduling and staffing for next school year
- Secured a partnership with Kroger technology and other manufacturers in the area such as Festo Corp. (on Columbus Rd.) and Combined Containerboard Inc. (on School Rd.) who are looking for employees
- Prom - April 27 at Manor House (great venue for Prom)
- Award ceremonies coming up
- 30 National Merit finalists are above 212 -normal cut score is 218/219

Vice President's Report - Missy Reardon

- Nominating Committee Vote
 - 2 changes to the slate that was presented last month: Alissa Simms will be Co-President with Angela Radakovich and Sarah Baker is coming in as Corresponding Secretary
 - Charlie Stocker says we make the new slate an amendment to the original slate and all in favor
 - Vote as amended and approved by Tammy Fales and Tami Comerford with all in favor
- Spring Project Request Vote
 - Total amount: \$7872.85 and all in favor
 - \$10,300 to Doug Mader for more chairs and tables in the Commons -majority voted in favor and motion approved
- Sycamore Superhero Luncheon (formerly known as Bridge Builders) - THANK YOU!!! To all who donated -23 teachers were recognized -in the future publicize those teachers who are recognized at the luncheon -Dr. Yejide Mack suggested the name "Difference Makers Award"
- PTO Scholarships - Mary Tyler -those receiving scholarships will be announced at Senior Recognition Night (May 16 @ 5:30pm)
- Gina Rugari Award -Charlie Stocker has been funding this award and wants the PTO to consider funding it as a PTO scholarship -it is currently a \$500 award -PTO board will discuss at the next board meeting on May 3, 2019

President's Report - Angela Radakovich/Alyssa Schmeling

- After Prom -need volunteers for set up on Friday, April 26 -need casino dealers -need food donations and prepackaged candy for candy cove -trapeze for the students has been added into area with the inflatables -NO CHAIR FOR NEXT YEAR (Tami Comerford is willing to help the person who does chair next year)
- After Prom Preview -2nd year for the Preview which is run by parents not involved in After Prom at all -had 100 come through last year -gives the community a chance to see what our PTO is doing
- Senior Class 2019
 - May 3 Launch Day and Graduation Sign pick up
 - May 14 Senior Photo(8:30am) and Graduation Rehearsal at Cintas (10am)
 - May 15 10-1pm Senior Walk at Elementary Schools
 - May 16 9:30-12pm Senior Picnic
 - May 17 9am Graduation Rehearsal Walk through in the back gym
 - May 19 Graduation at Cintas Center
- Senior Class 2020 -chairs Rhonda Augustin and Kenna Wahlquist -meeting on April 30 @ 7pm in the HS Auditorium -self funded
- Senior Class 2021 -Victoria Parks and Kenna Wahlquist have volunteered to chair

- ByLaw revision presentation -more extensive revision than we anticipated -we had both standing rules and bylaws but we discovered that many standing rules were covered in the bylaws as well so now the standing rules have been folded into the bylaws which was mainly in the Committee Section -a link to the old and new bylaws are available online so people can see the changes we have made -email hspto@sycamoreschools.org to give suggestions
- Survey Follow Up -69 total responses
 - 18 non PTO members responded and some of those said the reason for not joining was because they forgot, because the membership is too expensive at \$12/year, and because they felt obligated to do something if they joined -might add a checkbox to next year's membership form saying please check here if you do not have the finances to join
 - 51 PTO members responded saying they joined for support, to feel a part of the school, and because they enjoy the PTO
 - 35 people said email is a good way to communicate -send brief reminders about certain events -adding social media updates for next school year
- Tahona Lunch -April 18th all day -no flyer needed

Treasurer's Report - Carrie Dippold

- Financial Report - good shape -current balance (Total Assets) -\$114,480.63 -we are spending down
- The Hangar Report (Jill Whaley) -spring specials and items have been added to clearance -currently working on orders for next school year -VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the 2019-2020 school year before school(6:50am-7:20am) and at lunch (11:30am-12:40pm) -volunteers must commit to working every other week and come in for training this spring -email sycamorebookstore@gmail.com if interested ("volunteer" in the title)

Recording Secretary's Report - Alissa Simms

Corresponding Secretary's Report - Elizabeth Bruggeman

- "Shed the Excess Threads" - Textile Recycling Competition is over -haven't received the final tally but Blue Ash Elementary probably won because they were ahead by quite a bit
- May PTO meeting is the last meeting of the current school year and the PTO will recognize those parents who have their last child graduating

Announcements

- Upcoming Events
 - Fiddler on the Roof April 11, 12, and 13 @ 7:30pm
 - Coffee with the Counselor April 17th @ 9am -Next Step
 - After Prom Preview April 27 from 7:30-9pm
 - After Prom April 28
 - Class of 2022 Parents Lunch - DeSha's May 1 @ 12:30pm RSVP <http://evite.me/P5NM1TDvRn>
 - Athletic Booster Golf Outing May 3rd @ 9:30am for ladies 9 holes -sign up online

Adjournment - 10:34am

Coffee with the Counselors Wednesday, April 17th @ 9am
Next PTO Meeting is Friday, May 10th @ 9am