

**Sycamore High School PTO  
General Meeting  
Friday, April 7, 2017**

Call to order 10:50

March 2017 Minutes were approved as written.

**Principal's Report - Doug Mader, Principal**

- Tarp follow up – tarp ordered but was not shipped as promised. Was shipped yesterday. Have borrowed King's High School Tarp for events in meantime. The one we ordered is thicker and fits from wall to wall. Doug expressed appreciation for PTO contribution.
- Back gym is complete – does not need a tarp
- Finishing up AIRR testing – It is always a challenging week. Since we are 1 to 1 we can test more students at one time. Has gone relatively smoothly all week.
- Today is a big day. Drug awareness - Documentary – Chasing the Dragon – powerful video – panel in gym – students can write questions for the panel in their ACE bell. Law enforcement, attorney, parent who lost student to drug overdose and other professionals are on the panel. We know there is a lot of recreational drug use in our student body.
- Right Under Your Nose is Sunday – important event for parents – open to the community
- Planning for ACT April 19
- Graduation plans being finalized  
Finalizing exam schedule – since graduation is on a weeknight, the next day will be a late arrival day (rather than early release). Schedule should be in weekly update.

**Faculty/Staff Representative's Report**

Ann Delahnty-Koenig, Counselor

- Ann's report was primarily the same as Doug's.
- Currently meeting with juniors one on one and immersed with seniors "on the bubble" of maybe not graduating.
- Chasing the Dragon has consumed a lot of resources. Brenda Fisher has taken the lead. Hoping today and Sunday are a success. Other staff contributed a lot. Teachers have been trained. Made a video yesterday and sent out to students about what our expectations are. There was discussion that there are a lot of students either not at school today or opting out of Chasing the Dragon. Doug commented we can only provide the education – we can't force the students to partake. Parent asked if the panel will discuss the potential of legalizing marijuana. Doug talked about the difference between controlled substance and the medically approved marijuana.

**Treasurer's Report – Sheila Kidd**

- \$46,970 balance
- All projects have been paid \$8,899.08 (approved \$10,000)
- \$389 away from having \$100,000 revenue in the book store
- Jill – went to Upper Arlington book store – very interesting – bit of a different perspective. Shared some sources, looked at some of their best-selling items. They are interested our work resource program. Kite Runner is in stock for sophomores.
- Most Odd Couples invoices have been paid
- Kroger Community Rewards- no renewal needed

**Vice President's Report - Suzanne Van Den Brink**

- Nominations – PTO Board nominations 2017-2018 - have plan A and a plan B for treasurer. Plan to take a nomination from the floor next month and have a paper vote. When nominations are taken from the floor, the vote has to be written according to the by-laws.
- Slate for SHS PTO Board

- Co-President: Molly Polasky
  - Co-President: Suzanne Van Den Brink
  - Treasurer: OPEN
  - Vice President: Mary Tyler
  - Recording Secretary: Alissa Simms
  - Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth Bruggeman
- Bridge Builders- 2 salads still needed
  - Bridge Builder's committee chairs are coming back next year. Are planning to change timing and maybe the name. Participation was down this year so looking at ways to increase participation. One parent mentioned that her child would have completed if she didn't have to put her name on it. Another parent commented that she felt a new name would be helpful as Bridge Builders is really vague. There has also been a recent change in how announcements have been delivered, so in the transition, not all students may have seen/heard announcement.
  - PTO Scholarships – meeting – will be announced at senior award night.

#### President's Report - Angela Radakovich

- Odd Couples – about 500 were in attendance which is a little lower than last year. Are evaluating how to get word out to explain the event better. Already have an idea for a theme for next year. Thinking of moving a few weeks ahead to not be so close to the end of the quarter (last weekend of February).
- “Right Under Your Nose” Event- April 9, 2:30
  - Please encourage people to come – will have interactive display – this is the third time this organization has been presented – has been very well received.
  - PTO will sponsor cookie reception table – could use some more cookies.
- After Prom- Decorating help very much needed- Tues/Thurs nights 7-8:30
- NHS hours needed by the end of the month. Can get service hours for helping with decorating.
- Senior Class Committee - class of 2018
  - April 24 – senior service day – can use parent chaperones 9-1
  - Picnic Thur 18
  - Practice Friday 19 for graduation
- Senior Class committee – class Of 2018
  - Co- chairs for class of 2018 have organized night for rising senior parents April 28 – over view and brainstorming for ideas.
- Winton Hills spirit wear update...Between SJH and SHS, we were able to provide over 165 t-shirts and sweat-shirts! Enough for all the students in 3rd through 6th grades.
- Newly formed Racing team & Engineering Club – entering an electric car race in Indianapolis – are looking for donations.
- May meeting- volunteer appreciation! Please come!
- Senior Connection presentation at May meeting program that pairs HS seniors with seniors in the community.

#### Recording Secretary Report - Mary Tyler

- No report

#### Corresponding Secretary Report - Elizabeth Bruggeman

- Elizabeth is not present today as she is receiving a volunteering award for all her work in recycling today.

#### Announcements

- Upcoming Events
- Big Fish-The Musical - April 6th,7th,8th @ 7:30pm
- Relay for Life - April 8<sup>th</sup>
- “Right Under Your Nose” Drug Awareness event for adults - April 9th, 2:30pm
- Operation Give Back Open House- April 10, 2-6pm

- No school April 14th & 17<sup>th</sup>
- Coffee with Counselors - April 19th, 9am
- Mr. Sycamore- April 21, 7:30
- HS Jazz Concert - May 1st, 7pm
- HS Band Concert - May 3rd, 7pm
- Sycamore Athletic Boosters Golf Outing - May 5<sup>th</sup>
- HS Choir Concert - May 11th, 7pm
- Prom/After Prom - May 13/14
- After prom having City BBQ fundraiser later this month – will be in newsletter (will need flyer)

Adjournment 11:40