

Friendswood High School PTO Meeting

December 1, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 11:52 a.m. by Tammy Lewis. There were 13 members in attendance. Board members in attendance: Tammy Lewis, Celine Wilson, Kristi Carpenter

Campus Report

Mark Griffon discussed the following events happening on campus. Please refer to the FHS website for a full list of activities.

- 12/1 - Band Christmas concert, Drama performances thru the weekend
- MCS - Streamathon fundraiser 12/2 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- Boys Basketball 12/4 Fan Jam Market
- Choir 12/9 7 pm
- Parade 12/10 - 6 p.m. Band, Choir and other involved
- Finals schedule online - 12/12 Band/Choir Christmas program assembly
- 12/15 PTO teacher luncheon
- Christmas Wish Project - Adopt low income school from Pasadena. Collect gifts & toys and deliver to school
- 12/12-12/16 Finals - schedule online 12/15 & 12/15 early release dates. Exemption forms this week
- Choir - Vocal ensemble performing at UH venue
- Band - Completed & finished 23rd out of 239 bands
- Forensics - earned enough points & ranked in top 20% in Nation
- Academic Decathlon - hosted fall invitational
- Football - finished a great season
- wrestling - in season
- Lacrosse - in season
- Golf - Fall season complete - Moody Gardens tournament - Girls won, boys finished top 10
- Swim - Hosting Mustang Holiday Splash 12/9 & 12/10
- Basketball - in season

General safety concerns were discussed with regard to gun possession at the school. Investigation has been completed and was determined that no specific threat was intended against any student. Mr. Griffon explained specifically how the investigation was handled and strategies used to obtain information. Both students involved are not allowed at the school for a calendar year by State Law. Additional officers were placed at school as prevention prior to Thanksgiving break. Police presence has always been a focus at all schools yearlong. Safety reviews with students have been done to encourage self reporting drugs, alcohol or weapons. Run, Hide, Fight Program trains students & teachers on the methods needed in extreme circumstances. Program with video presentation will take place again in January. Mr. Griffon answered open floor questions regarding the incident and discussed search methods used when searching for drugs, alcohol or weapons.

Jann Davies - discussed lockdown situation with FPD incident this week with training for teachers at Transition Center. Handled very well, along with the students in the TC. Puffins fundraiser still ongoing. Special Ed senior student needs assistance to purchase a bike for transportation and she will arrange through PTO. Past PTO president Kristie Robinson has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and will require surgery. Jann can update anyone interested in her progress. Please keep her in your prayers.

November 2016 minutes were distributed and discussed. Approval of the Nov 2016 minutes was motioned by Janet Sinopoli and seconded by Laura Couillard. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Laura Couillard discussed the Nov 2016 Monthly report. No changes in Income or Expenses. Band Festival donation at this time is only \$15, based on our income of \$150 at the event. Laura asked if it might be possible to add to that amount to make it worth their while to allow us to have a table there. She will find out if they charge to have a booth.

Committee Reports

Fundraising & Merchandising - Tammy reported for Rose Presley - Fundraising meeting 12/6 10 a.m. at High School Library. Celine discussed getting involved in the other sports and selling PTO merchandise at those events

Hospitality - Tammy reported for Dawn Barta -Christmas Faculty Luncheon on 12/15 with Joe's BBQ catering after student release. Custodial dinner at 6 p.m. on 12/15 for 55 people. Mari Castellano with FISD would appreciate any help our PTO's can offer, whether gift cards or help serving. Discussed sending out a google doc to Hospitality committee to see what can be donated. Nov/Dec Faculty Birthday celebrated tomorrow, 12/2

Webmaster - Jackie Gibson will newsflash any info needed for any committee. Some people are not receiving newsflashes (check spam folders)

Student Success - Tammy reported for Liz King - Students in need are helped through this committee. Gift Cards, food, etc. needed. Deadline 12/13 for Christmas Wish donations

Academic Banquet - Sangie Gardiner reported progress for table decorations. January will have table set up to show. Celine asked if students can earn service hours to help assemble, and Sangie agreed and would love the help

Scholarships - Pamela Fridye - Have awarded some scholarships to teachers who have requested to attend classes throughout the school year. Committee meets as requests are received. Application will be slightly revised.

Old Business

- Athletic Parking Spot - follow up - A replacement sign has been installed
- Discussed the urgent need for a volunteers to shadow the following Board positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentarian. Academic Banquet, Fundraising & Merchandising positions need shadows as well to take over for next year. Anyone interested please contact a board member ASAP.
- Sign up on our FHS PTO website for Newsflashes

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.