

Friendswood High School PTO Meeting

Thursday, September 1, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 11:47 by Tammy Lewis . There were 23 members in attendance. Board members in attendance: Tammy Lewis, Celine Wilson, Laura Couillard, Kristi Carpenter, Marcia Hamm

District Report:

Trish Hanks thanked all members for their involvement. Discussed the importance of our involvement especially at the high school level. Discussed the tax ratification election being held on 9/10/16. Early voting now thru 9/6. She discussed in depth what the ratification involves and how the funds are distributed as well as how our district compares to surrounding districts. Detailed information regarding the tax rates and ratification can be found on the Fisd website at myfisd.com

2016-2017 Board Introduction: Tammy Lewis, President - Celine Wilson - VP, Marcia Hamm - Parliamentarian, Laura Couillard - Treasurer - Kristi Carpenter - Secretary

CAMPUS REPORTS

Mark Griffon – Highlighted the following happenings on campus. Please refer to district website for full list of activities. Welcomed all members and thanked them for their continued support.

- Currently have 2122 students enrolled
- Chrome Books being used in English this year.
- Thursdays - PLC Late arrival school starts @ 9 a.m.
- Open House 9/26 6 p.m.
- Labor day - holiday 9/5
- Dual credit student meeting 9/6 during 3rd period
- Senior portraits - sign up in Mr. Griffon's office asap - see Ms. McFadden for questions
- 9/17 Delta Kappa Gamma teacher conference 8 am - 1 p.m.
- 9/24 - Marching band contest
- Discussed the new meeting room addition in library
- Robin Culling asked Mr. Griffon the Pep Rally requirements regarding mandatory attendance. Highly recommends (but not mandatory) they attend and be on campus for pre-school pep rallies for home football games.

Jann Davies - Teacher liaison - thanked PTO for back to school breakfast & teacher birthdays. Teacher PTO memberships contest winners: Special Ed department won!

May 2016 Minutes were distributed and discussed.

Approval of the May 2016 Minutes was motioned by Janet Sinopoli, seconded by Marcia Hamm. Unanimously approved

Treasurers Report

Laura Couillard distributed and discussed the June & July Monthly report. Scholarships, Future Educators, Teacher scholarships, Behind the Scenes are just a few of the expenditures by the PTO. Discussed the use of the Square credit card swiper used at registration and the costs involved. PTO memberships purchased online will be documented for next months budget report. Dawn Barta motioned to approve the June/July Reports, Pamela Fridye seconded. Unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

- Fundraising – Rose Presley reported Spirit Store organizing over the summer (jewelry, blankets, bags, etc.) Still need volunteers for working home football game spirit table. Visit www.fhspto.org to volunteer using our newly renovated, interactive website. Working with La Escondido for Spirit Night. Would like Freshman parent volunteer to work with Space Center Orthodontics, Sonic and acquire donors for Academic Banquet for fundraising in the future. Auctions were successful - \$1500 for student parking spot, and Athletic spot sold for \$550. Auction was held online and was very successful. Many thanks to Jackie Gibson for her work on the website and with getting the word out.
- Hospitality - Dawn Barta discussed her committee (Liz Fischer, Michelle Kallesen) - the next Teacher Breakfast will be held 10/6, honoring the Special Ed dept. which was the first to have 100% PTO membership participation this year. 12/15 will be next Teacher Luncheon and will need desserts and donations for drawings. Any help would be appreciated for setup as well. Teacher Birthdays will be celebrated last Friday of

each month. Donations/Sponsors appreciated to help with costs. 2 Happy Birthday sheet cakes are needed each month. Contact Dawn if you can help in any way.

- Student Success – Liz King discussed her committee. Nurses need hand sanitizer and Kleenex, and can be dropped off at front desk. She will have additional needs from the membership around the holidays and will advise what is needed.
- Webmaster - Jackie Gibson discussed the new FHSPTO.ORG website. Includes PTO membership, calendar, spirit store, minutes, financials and many new features. Volunteer requests, signups are available online as well. Please sign up for Newsflash to receive important notifications. Committee chairs are welcome to send info for her to post online. Laura Couillard expressed a need for volunteers to man the PTO table for the Band Contest on 9/24 10:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. and will be posted on the website to sign up.
- Membership - Janet Sinopoli discussed the Membership process. Using Access this year instead of Excel to organize memberships. Working on membership numbers now.
- Volunteers - Dawn Barta discussed volunteer turnout from Packet stuffing, Packet pickup, Counseling Center, Graduation Program assembly, etc. Thanks to all the parents and students who helped with all these events.
- Academic Banquet - Sangie Gardiner discussed her committee events. Top 5% freshmen, 6% sophomores, 7% juniors & 10% of seniors, UIL Winners, Academic Decathlon & Octaganon are rewarded with an end of year banquet to be held on May 4, 2017 at South Shore Harbour. Will need volunteers to help with decorating, centerpiece decorations, etc. She would like to have an underclassman parent shadow her this year since it will be her last year. Fundraising raised about \$9000 last year. Will need sponsors/donors to help with the cause. Pamela Fridye encouraged parents to volunteer.
- Behind the Scenes - Tammy Lewis briefly discussed - students nominated by faculty to qualify for scholarship given at the end of the year.
- Scholarships – Pamela Fridye reported - awarded \$3000 in scholarships at the end of the year to seniors and Future teachers. Discussed guidelines for qualification (Parent PTO member, Student involvement, etc.) Largest number of applicants last year. She thanked parents for their involvement.

Old Business -

Thank You note received for End of Year celebration from District, also from a student receiving a scholarship. Any student volunteers that need volunteer sheet, please contact Tammy Lewis.

Shadow volunteers are needed for those committee chairs who are on their last year of service. Please signup for the committees that interest you.

Raffle Guidelines: Will be posted online on FHSPTO.ORG. Jann Davies described the fundraising guidelines with regard to raffles. The guidelines are established to ensure that proper laws are followed. PTO will retain 10% of raffle sales revenue from class raffles due to handling monies and organizing through 501c3. Raffle timeline - limited to 30 day period. Voting for guideline approval is tabled, pending change of raffle timeline, and posting notification on the PTO website.

New Business -

Tammy Lewis discussed the district requirement of our PTO to carry General Liability Insurance. The Executive Board has researched and found a policy which meets all the district requirements. Policy cost is \$599/year and was unanimously approved by the Executive Board.

Marcia Hamm thanked Laura Couillard for keeping our finances in line, and always having a balanced budget.

Meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.