

FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PTO MINUTES

February 4, 2021

Executive Board: Liz Fischer, President; Aimee Reyes, VP; Libby Sims, Treasurer; Allison Cravens, Parliamentarian; Kristi Carpenter, Secretary; Shawna Lewis, PTO Faculty Liaison

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order @ 11:46 a.m. by Liz Fischer. Members in attendance were Liz Fischer, Shawna Lewis, Kristi Carpenter, Molly Crow, Annie Clary, Dene Dexter, Leanne Skinner, Nathalie Sweeney, Maria Karg. Crystal Fortner

Liz discussed recent Booster Club events and wanted to make sure everyone knows our PTO is a separate entity and if anyone has any questions, please reach out to any PTO Board Member, Shawna Lewis or Mark Griffon

Mrs. Kinard - SEL Counselor - discussed student health UTMB - TCHAT Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine. Mental health assistance via Telemedicine through Dr. Shotwell. This is an excellent program we are able to offer students. Each counselor within the district has access to the packet to process for any student that needs assistance. This program is free of charge, and first appointment can include parents. 48 students have participated in this program so far. Virtual students can access via Zoom, but there is a room in the Annex for psychiatry access due to nurse taking vitals. Appointments can happen quickly, usually within a few days of request. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Kinard or Mrs. Lewis. Please feel free to share this info across campuses, but be aware these services need to be accessed through an Fisd Counselor. Informational flyer will be posted on our FHS PTO page.

Campus Report

Mr. Griffon was not in attendance. Please visit FHS website for detailed list of events & student accomplishments. Shawna Lewis reported:

- Newsies 2/4-2/6 all tickets purchased online
- Go Red 2/5 for heart disease awareness
- 2/8 Asynchronous Day all FJH & FHS
- 2/8-12th FCCLA - Battery collection
- 15th - student holiday
- 26th - Jazz concert @ 7 p.m. in auditorium
- 3/1,2,3 - Dual credit testing in labs on campus.
- UIL Debate - had 2 first place & advanced to State
- Science Fair - Virtual this year - all students will compete in Feb
- Rodeo Art - 9 students received recognition
- 20 Athletes participated in Signing Day yesterday
- Swim won district, both boys & girls
- Baseball starts 2/8 with a home game
- Softball starts 2/16th in Dickinson

Secretary's Report

January minutes are posted on PTO Website. One minor change in wording was made with regard to delivery of Gina's for the Custodial Lunches. Motion to approve was made by Maria Karg, seconded by Leanne Skinner - Minutes were unanimously passed.

Treasurers report

Liz Fischer reported for Libby Sims, who was not present. Discussed financial process for our FHS PTO, and transparency of our finances. All Board members review monthly bank statements and PayPal statements. One debit card held by current president. 2 signatures required on all checks. Audited by PTO members annually and Fisd auditing guidelines. Receipts required for all purchases. Cash Box events require board member presence and 2 people count balance. January activity was light. Faculty Breakfast was sponsored by Mark Miller. We are behind from last year, but as expected due to lack of income. Leanne Skinner motioned to approve, with Molly Crow seconding. Unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

- **Fundraising** - No new report - Need chair for upcoming school year. Please reach out if interested.
- **Merchandising** - Need chair for upcoming year. Need to begin thinking about new t-shirt designs for upcoming year
- **Hospitality** - Maria Karg reported the following:

No new events to report. She donated a couple of Mustang blue tubs for waters for events. We need baskets donated for misc. items for our tables for events so if anyone has any to donate please let her know. We do have some interest in a Chair for Hospitality for next year!

Faculty Birthday Cookies will be delivered tomorrow. Birthday Cupcakes are a huge hit and they are really appreciative of our efforts! Thanks to Krystal Kaplan for her donation.

Academic Banquet - Event date is 5/6/21 in auditorium. Fundraising campaign has begun in December. Please let Shawna or Liz know if you are interested in helping. Meeting next week. We have received several donations, about \$1400 so far. Officer Wagoner will provide security for the event. Need a couple of volunteers getting donations, and assembling swag bags for students (approx. 230-250 students)

Mustang Cares - Leanne Skinner reported:

- All receipts have been turned in to Treasurer
- Counseling Center - delivered Kleenex to Nurses office.

Scholarships - Liz reported for Michelle Kallessen - Mrs. Deckard will post notice in Naviance and will be posted on our FHS PTO website. Due in March. Students can electronically send submissions, along with references. Will be due after Spring Break. 2 scholarships awarded - PTO & Future Educators (education majors) Amounts will be determined based on budget allotment. Need volunteers for Scholarship Committee. Molly Crow agreed to volunteer.

Behind The Scenes - Nathalie Sweeney - Need teachers to submit names for scholarship recommendations. Forms will go out to all faculty. Faculty nominations only. Awards are usually presented at Faculty Luncheon, but TBA based on Covid restrictions. Would like to do a formal "presentation" recognizing the students instead of just mailing a check.

Friendswood Education Foundation - Virtual Gala in April - Shop Local! 2/25-2/27/21 10% of sales from local vendors will be donated to FEF. \$20,000 has been put back into the schools so far this year. Adopt a Grant program is different this year. "We are Mighty" program has been a success. Flyer is on our PTO website. Please shop local on these days to help our schools!

Need to create a Nominating Committee for next years Board positions - please contact Liz Fischer

Thank you to all our Sponsors & Donors!

Meeting Adjourned @ 12:37 p.m.

Upcoming dates:

3/4 - Next PTO meeting 11:45 a.m.