

AHS PTSA Meeting
October 18th, 2017
Meeting start: 7:02pm

Attendees: Sylvia Mazzelli, Jessica Gomez, Kelly Williams, Lesley Harrison, Karen Marder, Anna Tihin, Jeanne Desire, John Timm, Christine Longwell, Nicole Hepler, Sharon Lovell, Howard Poole, Christine Lent, Nancy VanCoughnett, Brian Hogaboom
A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report – Lesley Harrison

Motion to accept September 20th's minutes, as amended made by Christine Lent, seconded by Karen Marder. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Sylvia Mazzelli

- Checking account balance is \$20,211.31 on October 16th 2017
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Lesley Harrison, seconded by Karen Marder. Motion passed.

President's Report – Kelly Williams

- By-laws are due in January, a committee to do this needs to be formed
- Harlem Wizards basketball game committee are asking for \$1,000 from each PTA (up from \$250 last year), will need to amend budget line to reflect this

House of 2021 – Mr Hogaboom

- Sept 27th was assembly day. Mike Fowlin spoke to freshmen about acceptance and diversity. Students were v. engaged.
- 3 weeks ago sent 6 boxes of supplies to the adopted Texas High School
- Guidance councilors have met with all freshmen and are now looking to meet with anyone who is struggling
- Small Schools Committee's 1st event is apple cider and donuts on November 1st
- They are looking to show a movie for their second event
- After the first marking period ends they will be looking to recognize outstanding admirals.

House of 2020 – Mr Timm

- Small Schools Committee's 'goodness and grades' will recognize outstanding admirals and new students
- Looking forward to Safe Halloween on October 30th, last year they gave out over 400 pieces of candy!
- Arlington Ambassadors program has been very successful so far.
- Project Hope: holding the food drive Nov 1-16. Nov 16 students will help unpack, along with other schools, in Fishkill.
- Had a good turnout on October 12th for guidance night.

House of 2019 – Ms Desire

- Student parking – cape driving program dates are online. Students must attend with a parent.
- Last Saturday was the PSAT, we had a good turnout.
- Students are meeting with Guidance Counselors to ensure they are doing everything they need for college and future goals, including looking at subjects they may want to major in.
- Senior portraits are due at the end of the school year.
- 1st Small Schools Committee meeting focused on volunteering and giving back such as collecting for Project Hope, collecting for Veterans and also collecting for Puerto Rico. They want to ensure that 11th graders get to participate in something
- December they will be participating in Operation Christmas Child
- Progress reports are out, if anyone needs help, please ask your teachers, tutors and in the labs.
- We will be recognizing 11th graders at the beginning of next month
- For Safe Halloween they will be making 500 cupcakes for trick or treaters to decorate.

House of 2018 – Dr Tihin/ Ms Nilson

- Small Schools Committee meeting on Monday will be organizing decorating a Safe Halloween room
- Seniors in the city is on December 15th, registration deadline is November 8th. Expect about 350 students to sign up
- Senior Trip parent information night is Dec 1st, for a white water rafting April 4 day trip near Lake George. Sign ups are on Nov 15th
- We now have 12 commended students announced on the National Merit Scholarship, along with 4 semi-finalists
- The Arlington featured student, Lezly, a high school student, is on the district website

- Shared a letter from an impressed parent commending senior volunteers and coordinators who organized an event to raise money for childhood apraxia
- Students can order class rings, order forms are in the house offices. The Josten cap and gown order forms are in the house office too.
- School pictures are being distributed all this week, retake day is October 27th, students to return picture package when doing retakes

PTSA Council Report – Christine Lent:

- Congratulations to Mary Anne Meaden, council treasurer, who is the newest Board of Education member, voted in last week.
- The last presentation was about the district's new wellness policy and how it affects fundraising and bake sales.
- The first district passport event, the marching band's invitational, had 35 passports stamped. Upcoming events include ASM touch a truck, safe Halloween, and bone-anza
- The open positions next year will be President, Secretary and Treasurer

Membership – Sharon Lovell

- Currently at 231 members, our goal is 260
- Our staff membership is about 100 people, an increase from last year

Spirit Wear – Kelly Williams

- Has been a very good month for sales, we have sold \$16,000 so far this year
- Need to restock and make a new order form for a sale in early December, with the order form out in November
- The last sale we used a credit card reader which resulted in \$2800 in credit card sales.
- Still looking for a new chair

Stop and Shop A+ Rewards – Christine Lent

- Have gone from 263 to 291 people signed up this month.
- Program started on October 6th
- Still need to publicize more.

Reflections – Leslie Lugo

- Deadline is approaching for both the theme search and for entries
- The awards ceremony will be at LMS on Dec 7th at 7pm

Harlem Wizards – Karen Marder/Kelly Williams

- Each PTA needs to provide 4-6 volunteers
- AHS PTSA runs the concession
- Need to find 6 faculty volunteers to play, 3 for each game.
- Will be 2 games, noon and 5pm, tickets start at \$15 (\$13 for students) and will be \$17 (\$15 for students) on the door
- November 8th 2 Wizards will visit each school in the district.
- District wide logo contest for Tshirts, which needs to include each school name in logo is due on October 31st

New Business

- The MS&T Fair is March 3rd, 2018. They are asking that no latex is used in projects. They will need lots of volunteers. More information to come at the PTSA Council Meeting

Next Meeting: November 15th

7:07pm meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Lesley Harrison, Secretary

Approved/Approved as modified: