

AHS PTSA Meeting
September 20th, 2017
Meeting start: 7:02pm

Attendees: Lesley Harrison, Janet Scaraville, Sylvia Mazzelli, Claudette Mack, Eva Czukkermann, Jennifer Nilsen, Nicole Hepler, Michelle Englishby, Christine Lent, Paula Morro Wrafter, Kelly Williams, Richard Carroll, Sandhya Gates, Jessica Brochie, Lynn LeFevre, Sharon Lovell, Hilary Roberto.
A quorum was present.

President's Report

We held an emergency meeting on 9/11/17 to vote in our new officers and pass the budget for the current school year.

PTSA Council Passports – Christine Lent:

- Being given to all elementary students in the district by this Friday
- Aim is to help promote the many different functions at AHS each month
- Students get a stamp in their passport when they attend an event, 3 stamps and they choose a prize
- Being talked up at school open houses and is on the district website.
- October events are the Bone-Anza Concert, Safe Halloween and the Marching Band Invitational.
- A PTA representative should help coordinate volunteers for each event

Secretary's Report – Lesley Harrison

- Motion to accept May's minutes, with corrections, made by Claudette Mack, seconded by Christine Lent. Motion passed
- Motion to accept Sept 11th's minutes, with corrections, made by Claudette Mack, seconded by Paula Morro Wrafter. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report – Sylvia Mazzelli

- The budget for the year was passed in the Sept 11th meeting
- Only got the audited books at the end of August, so still getting to grips with it all
- According to the 9/1 statement we have \$11,489.83 in the checking and \$2,673.92 in the savings accounts.
- We need a volunteer to run the TOPS grocery store rewards program
- Motion to accept report by Christine Lent, seconded by Lesley Harrison. Motion Passed

House of 2021 – Mr Carroll

- Brought 18 completed membership forms from the staff
- The Small Schools meeting will be at the beginning of October
- 450 freshmen came to the freshmen orientation, with the Link Leaders, and had a good turnout for the parent orientation
- Guidance Counselors, Principal and Vice Principal visited ELA classes and gave out planners, Activities Directory and talked to about the importance of regular attendance and getting involved.
- Counselors will be talking to each of the Freshmen soon
- Staff have been stressing the importance of student IDs and using them to scan in/out of offices
- Adopted a Texas High School and held a supply drive for the school
- This week is Spirit Week, Homecoming is Friday with a 6pm kick off, and the Dance is 7pm on Saturday for all grades. Tickets for the Dance will only be sold in advance, not at the door.

Small Schools

- Came out of changing to the house system
- Each grade has its own committee
- They plan events that help to promote community within the grade
- The committees are composed of staff, students, parents and administrators

House of 2020 – Ms Roberto

- Next Small Schools Committee meeting is Sept 28th
- Arlington Ambassadors Program aims to help new students in our school, student members sit with new students, ensuring that no-one eats lunch alone. They are holding an event for new students the 1st week of October for new students to meet other new students.
- They are having an obstacle course in the House Office for Safe Halloween
- October 12th guidance night presentation is concerned with an in-depth look at Family Connection/Naviance and how it can help explore college and career options

- The school has completed all state mandated fire drills along with one lockdown

House of 2019- Ms LeFevre

- We have about 30 new juniors this year, and the link crew is helping them transition successfully to our school
- Have peer tutors which help freshmen
- Last night was our guidance presentation evening was 'PSAT & the College Process' about testing protocols and visiting colleges.
- Small Schools committee is on Oct 3rd
- Ms LeFevre and Ms Desire visited ELA classes to talk about important dates such as the PSAT and the Junior Prom date (May 11th at the Villa Borghese)
- September 27th is Assembly Day for all students and Open House is on October 5th.

House of 2018 – Ms Nilson

- Small Schools Committee meeting is on 9/28/17 and they need to plan something for Safe Halloween
- The college Fair was on Monday and was well attended
- Have 4 students who are National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists
- Friday 9/22/17 is the Senior Breakfast at 6:45am in café D, when details will be given of senior trip, senior portraits, yearbook deadlines, senior quotes, and activities. Portraits can be submitted via Weebly. All deadlines are on the website calendar, many in November.
- October 4th is last Cape session for students that want to park at school. Student must attend with parent.
- Councilors have been presenting in ELA classes on Naviance and the Naviance process
- Guidance presentation evening was Sept 14th and was a seminar on college aid. Powerpoints are on the website.
- Prom is June 21st

Naviance

- Has an activities résumé to fill in each year
- Parents have their own log in, and can see what colleges their child has been looking at
- 9th graders are given access towards the end of the year
- See your Guidance Councilor if you have forgotten your password.

Stop and Shop A+ Rewards – Christine Lent

- Last year we had 263 participants and raised over \$2000
- Handouts are being given to parents, to remind them to sign up if their school has changed from last year
- Will be advertising in the AHS musical's playbill

Membership – Sharon Lovell

- Had 245 members last year, this year our goal is 260
- Currently we are at 95 members

Spirit Wear – Kelly Williams

- Sold during lunch periods on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week for spirit week
- Had to order more stock for open house, as we had run out of some sizes and styles
- So far we have sold about \$7200 between freshman parent night pre-orders and this week

New/Old Business

- MS&T fair on March 3rd will need volunteers and looking for AHS clubs to contribute
- Open House - October 5th, 12-2:10pm and 7-9:10pm. Will be maps and lots of students to help parents find their way around
- Bus drills – one done, 2 more to come

Reflections

- Theme is 'Within Reach', with a deadline of December 15th
- The awards ceremony will be coordinated with other schools in the district again
- We need a new volunteer to train up and take over from Leslie Lugo next year

Next Meeting: October 18th

8:12pm meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Lesley Harrison, Secretary

Approved: as modified Oct 18th 2017