**Service High School PTSA Minutes**

October 11, 2016

**In attendance:**

Mary Rosenfield, President

Amy Vukasin, Vice President

Ron Bates, Treasurer

Holly Rogers, Cougar Cache Mgr.

Kerri Scoggins, Alumni Liaison

Kim Garcia, Website/ Secretary Pro Tem   
Frank Hauser, Principal

Princess Foley, Teacher Liaison

Tel Finnerty, Student Liaison

Lesli Olson, Teacher

Ellen Scott, Teacher

Mary Rita Ely, Teacher

Luke Kiskaddon, XC Running Coach

Bright Nygard, member/parent

Lori McVay, member/parent

Pat Higgins, School Board  
Grace Abbott, Rep. Millett

Amanda Vukasin, Student

**Introductions**

Luke wanted to thank PTSA for donating towards the cost of 65 uniforms in April. Started out with 30 kids, now up to 100. Kids are disqualified for being in wrong uniforms. None disqualified this season. He presented a personalized thank you card from the team and a team photo and candids.

**President’s Report** – Mary Rosenfield

**Minutes**

Minutes from the September meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer’s Report –** Ron Bates

* Income last month $12,704 Expenses $1,745
* Income year to date $18,315 Expenses $3,805
* Current balances: Checking $55,229 Savings $5

**Principal’s Report** – Frank Hauser

* Painting is being done at this moment. Maroon stripe is going away. Don’t know why SHS has that color. Green trim will be going on doors and windows.
* Talking to staff to get permanent displays. Since we’re one of the only PLTW/Biomed schools, Frank would like to get banners prominently displayed to greet visitors.
* Honor shields will start to go up at the end of the year displaying AP students, etc. last year approximately 85 – 100 students would have been on the shield. Start at redone courtyard and move outward each year.
* Football semifinals @ 1600 at AFS.
* ATM will be moving to GFMA commons.
* Frank pointed out SHS doesn’t have an alumni assoc. He will be in contact with alumni to create a formal association w/Deb Benson heading.
* 50% accreditation advanced education survey will be sent out soon.
* Thank you for donation for Thanksgiving in October.
* Jeanne Ilgen celebration of life tomorrow, 12 October at trailside church. Tel mentioned how many positive comments were posted on social media about Jeanne.
* Mary asked about business partners. Do we have a teacher running this program yet? Frank said no.

**Teacher Report** – Eileen Foley

* Dress like Jeanne day or dress in something Jeanne would have made a comment about, 12 October. Kelsey Gray long-term sub for Jeanne. Big shoes to fill.
* Federal approval for student aid. 80 students scheduled to attend College Fair at UAA.
* Talked to Allison about park in front of school - no time now, will consider it in November.
* CIT - met with Barb Dexter who was very appreciative of SHS PTSA and how proactive we are concerning these kids and all we’ve done to help the CIT students. 23 students at SHS are CIT. It was brought up that these kids don’t have food during holiday breaks. Possibly create a ‘store’ where kids can shop for food after a food drive. Provide nail clippers, clothes, etc. Mary asked about cache punch cards. Haven’t started planning. Need to track gift cards, get a group as a committee. Frank reminded that this information must be kept confidential. Gunny can help with a food drive. Mary asked about getting Fred Meyer gift cards for food only. Carr’s has gift cards for food only. Lori asked if this will be planned before Thanksgiving. She can commit the hockey team to collect food. Mary Rita mentioned that with her community involvement experience, she knows that there could be situations like cans but no can openers, etc. Be sure to include Barb in committee since she would be able to give insight. Get gift cards for Menchies, Dairy Queen, etc. as rewards for good attendance, etc. Kim and Elaine should have keys to ‘store’ room.
* No meeting snack today due to Parent Teacher Conferences coming up.

**Student Report** – Tel Finnerty

* AASG conference is this weekend in the valley at Menard’s center. 17 delegates going Thursday.
* Senior wall moving to Counseling Office to include college/career info, hoody choice, senior info, etc. Student Gov. doing community service of 10 hrs/per student like babysitting, etc.
* Bulletin boards throughout school getting revamped.
* Spike Out Cancer volleyball tournament Tuesday, 18 October; wear pink. Mary asked if the pink posters could be moved to the gym before the tournament. Tel said they will be moved.
* All counselors are handling college/career instead of a specific Career Guide as in the past.

**Cougar Cache Report** – Holly Rogers

* Holly said the Cache is doing really well with a good group of volunteers.
* Clubs are starting to take over for fundraising. Over a dozen clubs have asked to take over. Looking for feedback.
* Mary mentioned the Cache is making over $500 a day.
* She presented the jacket Laura Romberg ordered. Gray hooded jacket with Service logo on left breast. Eileen mentioned the jackets that were ordered for event staff that says security.

**Fund Requests**

* **239.90 for rechargeable batteries** – Librarian Ellen Scott is requesting these batteries to decrease the use of regular batteries that are used for lights and remotes. **Motion was made to approve by Amy, Bright seconded, all were in favor.**
* **$1,000 for Change of Heart** – This was tabled at the last meeting. Mary Rita Ely presented her request for funds for this Social Emotional Learning Program for freshmen using workshops to create a stronger more caring community with inclusion of Partners’ Club and You Are Not Alone. The funds would go towards feeding hot lunches and snacks to 450 freshmen and upper class trainers over a 3-month period.
* Mary suggested not to exceed $1500 including receipts. Make sure all involved are aware that PTSA helps to provide for this program. **Motion was made to approve by Lori, Amy seconded, all were in favor.**
* **Service High Swag** – Lesli Olson requested various items from the Cougar Cache to use for a silent auction during the annual dinner/concert fundraiser. Kerri moved to approve
* Shs swag for dinner fundraiser. **Motion was made to approve by Kerri, Amy seconded, all were in favor.** Lesli asked if PTSA has a square and if so, can she use it? Yes, just need to get the app.
* **$200 for Cougar Cache swag and punch cards** - Ralph Elook asked for items for a November 8 informational event to present resources to natives in Anchorage. Mary suggested punch cards. 6 $25, 10 $5 punch cards. **Motion was made to approve by Lori, Amy seconded, all were in favor.** Also will provide cups as prizes.
* **$2,000 for Hockey Jerseys** – Hockey coach, Joel Carter, wasn’t available but Kerri presented the request. The funds would go toward jerseys that would be worn during the “Superhero” fundraiser. **The request was tabled until more information could be obtained.**

**Old Business**

* **Credit card machine for the Cougar Cache** - Phone jack installed but not for a credit card. ASD and ACS are in negotiations with each other. Probably won’t be installed until next month. Question was asked if we’re getting charged? Mary will check. Eileen wants to be included when training happens for machine.
* **CIT** - discussed earlier in Teacher’s Report
* **Logo** - Frank will meet with students and present the choices next month.
* **Business License/Non-Profit/Taxes** - Mary registered for a business license. It only took 45 minutes with help from Bright. It’s now displayed in PTSA display case. Non-profit info turned in. Contacted Rod Hutchings to do taxes.
* **Spike Out Cancer Tournament -** Bright won’t be able to be there on Tuesday. Mary thanked Bright for all her efforts supporting the tournament. Volleyball team will be taking over Cache on Monday. Partner’s Club Italian sodas all go to fundraiser. Pink fire truck will be there in addition to the school band ‘Vinyl Floors”. Food provided by BCA. In 7 years, $49,000 has been raised. Largest fundraising team in Anchorage.
* **Parent Teacher Conference luncheon** - pulled pork, salads
* **DECA** – Sherilynn Bare was not available tonight. DECA hasn’t been at SHS in two years. Mary asked Frank about business classes. He said with FTE funding, it’s not always possible. Will put out a course request to students to see if there is interest. Tel mentioned a KCC business class.

**New Business**

* School Board member, Pat Higgins, shared with us that a dashboard was rolled out yesterday on the ASD website. Just log in, you can see your school’s attendance totals, suspensions, etc. Budget cuts not noticed since it was taken away then returned. Board will stop discussing budget and start talking adequates. A study was done on class sizes, #s of admin needed. Not many schools have PTA/PTSAs as active as Service.
* Grace from Rep. Charisse Millett’s office said thank you to be here. October is Domestic Violence Action month. Looking at prev. ? in young people. Appreciative of Change of Heart, AWAIC, etc. moved office to Spenard and Benson. Will send address to Mary.
* Hoodies for students – Eileen mentioned that teachers are buying hoodies for students. Would it be possible to offer a discount for teachers? Mary and Holly said yes, discount to cost; $20 for hoodies and $10 for tees.
* Tel informed us that Mr. Ahonen will be taking Partner’s Club to the AASG conference to present to schools how to start such a successful program. Also, he is pleased that many students are volunteering and joining clubs.
* Eileen mentioned the passing of Ron Todd. Previously a SHS teacher, father of a former teacher, Jake, and husband to a former librarian, Carol.