

Service High School PTSA Minutes

September 13, 2016

In attendance:

Mary Rosenfield, President

Ron Bates, Treasurer

Kari Gardey, Secretary

Eileen Foley, Teacher Liaison

Kerri Scoggins, Alumni Liaison

Holly Rogers, Cougar Cache

Laura Romberg, Cougar Cache

Frank Hauser, Principal

Bright Nygard, Parent

Brian Mitchell, parent

Kjersti von Wichman, parent

Kim Garcia, staff

Kisha Alderman, parent

Ann Weese, parent

Molly Vandergon, student

The PTSA Board Meeting was brought to order at 6 p.m. in the conference room, B102, by President Mary Rosenfield.

President's Report – Mary Rosenfield

- A PTSA General Meeting was held at Service's Open House on Wednesday, September 7th.
 - At this meeting the PTSA budget was approved by membership.
 - Cougar Cache made over \$1,000 in sales.

Minutes – Kari Gardey

- Minutes from the August meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Ron Bates

- The report has combined July and August since there was so little activity.
 - Income last month \$4,111 Expenses \$2,060
 - Income year to date \$4,111 Expenses \$2,060
 - Current balances: Checking \$55,229 Savings \$407
- Question was raised about the audit and taxes. Ron and Mary will work with Amy on this.

Principal's Report – Frank Hauser

- This is his first year at Service.
- Open House was positive and well-attended.
- Bottle fillers at water fountains are being installed and are well received. Filters are replaceable and they know how to do this.
- There will be new Active Intruder training that will change how the school handles these situations that is more active than previous methods. It's called ALICE: Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate.
- General construction is done but we are continuing with facility upgrades including theater signage and a sound system for the auditorium. The portables are going to be removed.
- For increased building security all the doors except the front door will be locked after 3 pm unless there are events. Question was raised about students involved in after school activities and how they will get back into the building. Principal Hauser will look into this.
- As part of the accreditation process there is a survey out to parents.
- They are reworking the Cougar logo.
- A German immersion program is starting at Service.

Teacher's Report – Eileen Foley

- There are 20 new staff members with one more coming next week. There are luncheons for new staff called "Feasting with Frank". Prostart students are providing the lunches. All staff have received a new planner if they want

one.

- Service HS is used by APD as a training facility so they are all familiar with our school.
- There is a new ticket booth at the entrance to the field. It needs a few upgrades but we could sell Cougar Cache items from this booth.
- Teacher treats today were bagels delivered by Alaska Bagel. These are always popular with the staff.
- Parent conferences are next month.
- Spirit Week and Homecoming went very well.

Cougar Cache Report – Holly Rogers

- Been busy so far.
- Working on different products including reintroducing Peace Tea.
- 6-7 clubs have been in touch about working the Cache for a day.
- New apparel will be coming in.
- Online store is up and running and receiving orders.

Membership – Sandi Lowther emailed a report

- Last year's membership we ended with:
 - Total members 218
 - Parents 109
 - Teachers 57
 - Students 52
 - Total donations \$667

Fund requests

- **Beautification Project** – Seminar Student Molly Vandergon is proposing improving the C-Hall patio space with benches and art. She is requesting funds for building materials.
Motion to approve not-to-exceed \$1,000 for senior beautification project. Approved.
- **Change of Heart** – Request for \$1,000 for all Service ninth-graders to participate in the Change of Heart training for social emotional learning. This training has occurred for several years and is well-received. The funds are to cover snacks and lunches for the 450 students.
Motion to approve \$1,000 for Change of Heart training. This motion was **tabled** until the requestor could attend a PTSA meeting to answer questions.

Old Business

- **Credit card machines** – Phone jacks are now working and Mary has a training set up for next Thursday. It would be good to have several people trained on how to use the machines. The rental is \$35/month.

Secretary Gardey had to leave and the minutes were continued by Kim Garcia, thank you very much!!!

- **CIT Students Update** - Last year PTSA bought gift cards from Freddy's, Starbucks. Gave yearbooks, senior hoodies and graduation cards to all the senior CIT students. Elaine Tibbets gave 30 \$25 Cougar Cache punch cards to the students. Frank mentioned we may possibly have 50+ CIT students soon. Mary purchased toiletry kits to fill. Frank will contact Barb Dexter to schedule a time to meet. Elaine is getting sizes of the students for Cougar Cache gear.
- **Frank Shaffer's Park Idea** - In April, Frank proposed working towards a park area in front of the school. He was unavailable tonight to discuss the project. Eileen will email Leslie and Allison to find out if they can get the senior class involved. Today, Principal Hauser met with facilities and grounds maintenance to discuss the beautification of Service grounds. Possibly budget to maintain curb appeal. Also will be aware of any obstacles that would prevent mowers, etc. easy access/mobility.

- **Logos** - Frank displayed the logos created by the district's graphic artist at KCC. He asked us all to take a look to get an idea of what choices there will be. He'll gather a diverse group of parents, staff and students by Oct 8 or late September to vote.

New Business

- **New Requirements** – The State of Alaska is requiring all Non-Profits to register for an Alaska Business license. Mary and Ron will take care of this.
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation (Conferences) Luncheons** - Kim Morris and Laurie Dworian have been doing this for a few years and will continue this year but would like to have someone start to take over since their students will graduate soon.
- **DECA** - Tabled since Sherilynn was not present
- **Spike out cancer** - 7th Annual. \$49,000 has been raised for American Cancer Society. The event is scheduled for 18 Oct. Tel has been asked to get Student Government to make signs. Eileen will email Allison and Lesli as a reminder. Possibly sell pink Italian sodas as a fundraiser.
- **Parking Permits** – Parent Brian Mitchell has had an issue with student parking permits. He mentioned that his daughter got her license recently, then, at registration, when they picked up the parking permit paperwork and saw the \$110 fee, he felt it was excessive. He has contacted Frank and then Derek Hagler, Supervisor for Activities, Secondary Education, to find out why students must pay \$110 per year to park on school grounds. Brian felt this was unproductive. He said Derek gave him 3 justifications: 1) ASD is motivated to use as this as a deterrent for students to drive when there's bussing, 2) maintenance in the parking lots, 3) monitoring of student drivers and keeping track of vehicles. Brian felt the 1st justification of a deterrent was outrageous and since he felt Derek was unable to give definitive justifications, Brian told him that he would expect the fee for his daughter's permit be waived until he receives written justification as to what the fee goes toward. Brian also discussed there is no difference between permits, showing examples of his daughter's permit and Frank provided his staff permit. He said the fee is indiscriminate. Why don't staff have to pay for a permit when students must? Eileen asked if Brian would like staff to pay for their permit and pointed out that students can be bussed to school but staff cannot. Brian feels that \$110 pulled out of thin air. Eileen mentioned that the permit used to be \$100 per year. Brian says it's a very specific amount for a specific item with no specific fund. At this point, Mary suggested this subject be tabled with no dissention.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Next PTSA meeting dates: Oct 11th, Nov 8th, Dec 13th, Jan 10th, Feb 7th (instead of 14th), Mar 7th, April 11th and May 9th.