

Augustus H. Shaw, Jr. Montessori PTA

Meeting Minutes

Regular Session, General Assembly

Date: January 17, 2018

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Location: AHSM Cafeteria

- Pizza and beverages were offered and childcare was available.
 - Leigh Ann Dolan called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.
1. A vote was held to approve November's meeting minutes. Angela Boozer motioned first to approve, another member motioned second, all were in favor, and the motion was approved.
 2. LeighAnn Dolan presented the President's Report consisting of the following:
 - A. Katie Merrill was named Person of the Month for December for her work on the Tax Credit Concert and organizing the singing event at the State Capitol. Rachel Dahl, Rosanna Watson and Addie Weddington were named Persons of the Month for their work in organizing the Sweetheart Dance.
 - B. Reminder to contact Rommel with any volunteer questions.
 - C. Leigh Ann and Jason cannot be PTA President and Treasurer, respectively, next year due to the 2 year maximum time limit for these positions. Summaries of the officer positions were given and it was noted that elections are coming up in April for next years PTA positions.
 3. No Vice Presidents Report this month.
 4. Jason Roberts provided the Treasurer's Report indicating the CD matured in November, and that the PTA financial record keeping has been moved online.
 5. Leigh Ann Dolan for the Membership report that there are currently 78 members.
 6. Jody Schmit provided the Diversity Committee report noting the Diversity Committee met 11-30-17 to review PTA events and fundraisers as well as sports, big trips, music concerts and after school programs for fairness and equity. Jody will be preparing a summary for distribution and for attendees to request a version in Spanish if needed. The next meeting was inadvertently scheduled on a Tasty Tuesday and is to be rescheduled.
 7. The Events Report was provided as follows:
 - A. Addie Weddington indicated the Sweetheart Dance will be on 2/9 this year, calling it the Sweetheart Gala. The event will have a DJ and the floor will be shared with all ages with time being swapped between the older and younger kids. The intent is for the event to be free. An evite and more information is forthcoming in a mass emailer.
 - B. Leigh Ann noted there will not be a Spring Fling this year.
 8. The Fundraising report was presented by Leigh Ann Dolan as follows:
 - A. Tasty Tuesday will be 1/23 at Chipotle on Central and Camelback from 4p-8p. Chipotle will donate 50% of the earnings.
 - B. Reminder to use shopping rewards programs at Tuft & Needle, Fry's, Amazon and Box Tops.

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9. Susan Engdall provided the School report noting Ms. Wheelington was granted \$5000 for her big class trip, Ms. Chan's group won the LEGO regional championships, Chess club earned trophies, Ms. Punchios earned advanced Montessori certification, there is an art event at the Capitol tomorrow, and there is an upcoming art show for the Kids Pollack project at the Found:re Hotel. Also, for transitioning students there is an upcoming evening to observe classroom environments in place of individually scheduled classroom observations during class time. Shaw will be open 2/17 for Montessori training and a Parent Workday in the Garden 2/10 to prepare for the training. Susan also noted tax credit donations can still be made. Finally, Susan announced her retirement and the District is currently conducting a National search for a Principal. Susan noted the individuals she asked to be on the hiring committee. All other staff is staying.
10. The Communications Report was provided by Leigh Ann Dolan noting all the communication methods.
11. Leigh Ann Dolan presented the Outdoor Environment report noting aluminum cans are welcomed for donation for children to crush and to be sold for Outdoor Environment funds. Cans previously containing alcohol should be separated out, and all cans should be rinsed and uncrushed. Leigh Ann also provided an update on the courtyard changes.
12. Erin Krapf provided the Site Council report summarizing items discussed at the Site Council meeting consisting of dress code being prepared by the middle school with info being presented at the February meeting.
13. Leigh Ann Dolan provided an update on Old Business noting the Beatrice fence project is not dead.
14. No New Business reported.
15. Open Form consisted of Leigh Ann Dolan noting the courtyard moon gate installation is beginning next week, sundial starting the following week, and rock and planting happening thereafter. Leigh Ann also noted Shaw did not win the Jimmie Johnson Technology Grant, which went to an inner city STEM school in Chicago, however we still want to pursue a "Makers Lab". An attendee asked if there are plans to add more outdoor lighting around the campus. Susan Engdall answered new low voltage lighting has recently been installed, and overhead string lighting is currently being researched. An attendee suggested motion sensor lights to offset concern of cost to keep lights on all night. Leigh Ann noted cupcakes were on hand for attendees in recognizing Susan Engdall's retirement announcement. Leigh Ann closed with asking attendees to persuade parents of older students to attend the next meeting.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50.