

Augustus H. Shaw, Jr. Montessori PTA
Meeting Minutes
Regular Session, General Assembly

Date: October 18, 2017

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Location: AHSM Cafeteria

- Pizza and beverages were offered and childcare was available.
 - Leigh Ann Dolan called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.
1. A vote was held to approve September's meeting minutes. Ms. Binkhead motioned first to approve and another member motioned second, all were in favor, and the motion to approve September's minutes was approved.
 2. LeighAnn Dolan presented the President's Report consisting of the following:
 - A. Person of the Month for this month is Robin Miller for her work on the upcoming bathroom project and Bingo Night, along with many other duties at the school.
 - B. Members concurred that the process of volunteering this year is as troublesome as last year. Members were reminded to contact Rommel, the Volunteer Coordinator, with any volunteering issues at shawmontessorivolunteers@gmail.com.
 3. Jody Schmit provided the Vice President's report summarizing the current status of the Diversity Committee, noting they met last week for 2 hours. The committee currently stands with 16 members total, 10 family members and 6 staff. The many types of diversity that exists within the Shaw community was acknowledged, and members were asked to explain why they joined. The common answer was to gain more knowledge on diversity and how they could help. The Committee is to have a PTA policy statement available soon for General Assembly review. The Committee will be reviewing upcoming events for diversity issues and concerns.
 4. Jason Roberts provided the Treasurer's Report noting this month's financial report was available as a handout at the meeting. Jason noted money continues to come in from Fun Run pledge contributions.
 5. Patti Karnes provided the Membership Report noting the current number of members is 85, and that we are still trying to reach the goal of 100 members.
 6. Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Events Report as follows:
 - A. Bingo & Spaghetti Dinner Night is 11/3 and members were urged to visit SignUp.com for volunteer needs. Seventh and Eighth graders will be out front in the mornings selling tickets in advance for \$15. They will be \$20 at the door. Ms. Chan will be preparing the spaghetti dinner and a Tuft & Needle mattress will be the grand prize.
 7. Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Fundraising Report as follows:
 - A. This year's Fun Run raised a total of \$44,945, and based on Boosterthon's sliding return scale, Shaw will receive \$28,315 (63% of the total) based on pledges. The families were thanked and were attributed with 100% of the success. Ms. Craig was announced as having the top earning classroom with \$152.14 per lap. Rounding out the top 5 classroom earnings were Boydston, Silver, Hawkins and Punchois. It was noted collection on the pledges is still ongoing and aiming for 100%. Leigh Ann then opened the floor for a critique of the Fun Run. Leigh Ann began noting

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She and Joy Beulow issued a statement to the Diversity Committee regarding making prizes and shirts available to everyone, and allowing pledging to be done in person in addition to electronically. Leigh Ann also noted the difficulty of having multiple children in different classrooms and keeping up with differing theme days among them, and will try and standardize themes next year. Lastly, Leigh Ann noted the very low participation from seventh and eighth graders and speculated perhaps that was due to not having grown up with the program. Mary Binkhead added that she wasn't sure what to expect the day of the Fun Run and thought a summary should be made available. A member noted the tallying of laps was again very challenging and confusing. There was a suggestion to use Bingo daubers for quick marking or electronic tracking. A member added the water stations were chaotic, partly due to Boosterthon staff not refilling water jugs timely enough, and children throwing the water on each other rather than drinking. A couple members also added the temperature was still too hot and to consider making the Fun Run later in the year.

- B. Tasty Tuesday will be held 10/24 at The Parlor.
 - C. Shaw is one of ten semi-finalists of schools that could win the Jimmy Johnson Team Up for Technology grant. The preference would be to give the students the ability to create rather than just computing. The idea would be a "Makers Lab". Videos of students will be shot 10/26 & 10/27 and interested families are to email information and photo release forms to shawmonterssoripta@gmail.com or fill out the forms and hand them in to Teresa. Deadline is this coming Sunday.
 - D. This past quarter Shaw earned \$250 from Fry's rewards program and \$133 from Amazon's.
 - E. Shaw student, Jack Mazanek, announced he is selling popcorn for his Cub Scout Troop to raise money for activities.
8. Susan Engdall provided the School Report indicating a series of key dates including District closure 11/10, Internet Safety 11/15, Friday school pictures for lower elementary and next Friday for upper elementary. Katie Merrell added the Choral group will be performing at the State Fair that will require Fair entry tickets in order to see them perform. Also, the Greater Phoenix Choral Fest will be next weekend. Robin Miller added International Children's Day is not to involve Halloween costumes, and to prepare for the heat and parking challenges.
9. The Outdoor Environment Report consisted of a request for clean eggshells and aluminum cans. Also that the new magnetic wall is up and are now making a "music wall", and the planets for the solar system installation are up.
10. Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Communications Report noting all the avenues used to communicate school info.
11. Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Site Council Report noting the meeting consisted of presenting the Sanford Harmony Development program that Linda Porter will be doing with students, the recent PEER incident and respective policy changes, and the upcoming budget override.
12. Susan Engdall noted as New Business additional students have started the full day schedule making pick up more challenging and asked for everyone's patience. Robin Miller added a reminder that there should not be parking in the fire lane.
13. Leigh Ann Dolan noted for Old Business that Robin Miller is leading the bathroom project.
14. Leigh Ann Dolan opened the forum for discussion with no additional items brought forward, and holding the raffle for a Tuft & Needle pillow that went to Rita Farfan.
15. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm, next meeting scheduled for 11/15.