

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

Date: November 15, 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 6:20pm.
- 1. A vote was held to approve October's meeting minutes. Katie Merrell motioned first to approve and Marisa Punochois motioned second, all were in favor, and the motion to approve October's minutes was approved.
- 2. LeighAnn Dolan provided the President's Report consisting of the following:
 - A. Person of the Month for this month is Jill McElroy for her work on grant writing.
- 3. Jody Schmit provided the Vice President's report summarizing the current status of the Diversity Committee as follows:
 - A. The Committee met 10/26 to review and discuss the Sanford Harmony program, which they provided suggestions on.
 - B. The Committee Policy has been completed and made available for handout, which Jody read aloud to attendees. Leigh Ann Dolan then indicated the want for this policy to be entered into the PTA Bylaws, which requires a vote. Leigh Ann asked members to rise and indicate "aye" for approval and "nay" for rejection of adding the policy to the Bylaws. Members indicated "aye" with none indicating "nay" thereby approving the policy being entered into the Bylaws.
 - C. Jody concluded by providing the email address shawmontessoridiversity@gmail.com to contact the committee with any questions or issues, also noting the next committee meeting will be 11/30 5:30p-7p to review upcoming events.
- 4. Jason Roberts was not present for the meeting, however the current financial reconciliation sheet was available for attendees.
- 5. Patti Karnes provided the Membership Report noting the current number of members is 81, and that we are still trying to reach the goal of 100 members.
- 6. Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Events Report as follows:
 - A. Fun Run money had continued coming in from pledge collections bringing the total for Shaw's earnings to \$27,003. New teacher standings were also presented and a vote was held to cut checks to pay the teachers their respective earnings for a total of \$4000. A member, whose name was inadvertently not obtained, motioned first to pay the teachers, and Jacquelyn Brand motioned second. A vote was held and all were in favor, passing the motion to pay the teachers their respective earnings totaling \$4000.
 - B. Leigh Ann went on to summarize the volunteer organizer difficulties experienced with this year's Bingo Night and that these same issues should be avoided for future events. Leigh Ann indicated at this time we do not have volunteer organizers for the Sweetheart Dance or Spring Fling, and because of the size and amount of time needed to organize the Spring Fling that perhaps the event may have to be cancelled this school year. Regarding the dance, Leigh Ann suggested middle school students organize the upper elementary and middle school portion leaving the

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primary and lower elementary portion up to volunteer organizers as less work. Middle school teacher, Ms. Faith, noted she would discuss with the students. At this time, Rosanna Watson and another attendee, volunteered to organize the primary and lower elementary portion of the dance. Erin Krapf suggested combining the Spring Fling and Talent Show/Basket Raffle events into an "end of year bash". Another member offered to organize a movie night if no one volunteered to organize the events of concern. Trent suggested considering how much money is generated from the Spring Fling and to consider other options that would earn just as much, but require less planning. Crystal Graham noted the importance of the event for the community prompting Leigh Ann to indicate the need to turn the focus of the event from a money maker to a community event. Leigh Ann closed the topic asking attendees to email her with suggestions and to volunteer.

7. Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Fundraising Report as follows:
 - A. Tasty Tuesday will be held 11/28 at Panera Bread on Thomas & Central from 4p-8p. The event flyer must be presented.
 - B. The Team Up for Technology grant of \$48,000 that Shaw is competing for was budgeted out for a "Makers Lab" consisting of basic coding, physics learning tools, and other hands on learning items. The competition video was presented and noted had been submitted to the donor.
 - C. Attendees were reminded to continue utilizing rewards programs such as Fry's Rewards, Amazon Smile, Tuft and Needle and Box Tops.
8. Susan Engdall provided the School Report indicating holiday concert dates and no school next week for Thanksgiving break.
9. The Outdoor Environment Report was presented by Leigh Ann Dolan and consisted of presenting conceptual drawings for campus courtyard changes. Concepts included security window and gate ornamental panels, arbors, fountains, shade structures, gabion benches and a sundial with an estimated cost of \$15,000. Leigh Ann noted the District will be picking up the cost for some of the items such as gravel, plants, and shade structures. The proposed timeline is for the work to be done over the next couple months. Leigh Ann indicated approval was needed to spend \$800 for ceramics as part of a student made portion of the courtyard project. Matthew Kerwin motioned first to approve the spending of \$800 on ceramics for the project and another member seconded the motion leading to a vote in which all were in favor, passing the motion. Leigh Ann also indicated a vote was needed to approve the spending of \$15,000 for the proposed courtyard changes as presented. Adrienne Speas motioned first to approve spending an amount not to exceed \$15,000 on the courtyard project as presented with another member seconding the motion leading to a vote in which all were in favor, passing the motion. Leigh Ann closed requesting continued donations of cans and eggshells.
10. Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Communications Report noting all the avenues used to communicate school info.
11. Erin Krapf provided the Site Council Report summarizing the presentation provided on security and privacy on technology.
12. No New Business this month.
13. Leigh Ann Dolan provided a report on Old Business consisting of the following:
 - A. The bathroom wall decoration project is on hold as the walls are tile, which is an inadequate surface for painting. More options are to be considered.
 - B. Neighbor Beatrice's fence is back on hold as obtaining the landlord's expressed permission has not been obtained.

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- 14.** Leigh Ann Dolan opened the forum for discussion with no additional items brought forward.

- 15.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.