

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

Date: September 20, 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 6:04pm.
- 1. A vote was held to approve August's meeting minutes. Joy Buelow motioned first to approve and Angela Boozer motioned second, all were in favor, and the motion to approve August'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 Joy Beulow for her work on the Fun Run.
 - B. Rommel was announced as the Volunteer Coordinator and attendees were noted to contact him with any volunteering issues at shawmontessorivolunteers@gmail.com.
- 3. Jody Schmit provided a Vice President's report summarizing the current status of the Diversity Committee she is leading. Jody noted the committee will be meeting Thursday 9/28 at 5pm in the cafeteria and will go over implicit bias reports and general discussion among the members and purpose.
- 4. Jason Roberts provided the Treasurer's Report noting this month's financial report and this year's audit were available as a handout at the meeting. Jason indicated Jennifer Flores assisted him in conducting the audit and that it must be voted on for approval. Ron Weddington motioned first to approve the audit and James Brand motioned second. All were in favor and this year's PTA financial audit was approved.
- 5. Patti Karnes provided the Membership Report noting the current number of members and that we are still trying to reach the goal of 100 members.
- 6. Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Events Report as follows:
 - A. A Bingo Night coordinator was requested and Misti Stone provided a summary of the responsibilities. Angela Boozer noted the option for multiple coordinators, which Leigh Ann verified.
- 7. Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Fundraising Report as follows:
 - A. The Fun Run will be held 9/27 and group times were indicated. Joy Beulow and Leigh Ann Dolan elaborated on last year's Fun Run event and the reasoning for doing the Fun Run through the Boosterthon company including the services they provide and the sliding scale based on donations generated that they use for payment for the services. Ron Weddington asked if the sliding scale decreases each year we have used them to which Leigh Ann answered they do not adjust the sliding scale. Joy thanked the community for participation and indicated volunteer opportunities are still available. Joy also explained upcoming daily challenges with resulting prizes, that the church parking lot will be available the morning of the Fun Run for parking. It was confirmed the school day is a normal school day apart from the Fun Run activities. Joy also noted the payment options when it is time to collect the pledges, and urged attendees to register

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their child even if there is no plan to pledge. A member asked where the funds generated from the Fun Run are intended to go to which Joy answered they will go towards a physics wall and weather station campus installations. Joy thanks the teachers for their involvement and presented a list of the current classes leading in earnings as Boydston, Silver, Whiting, Schramm and Punctois (1-5 respectively). Joy noted currently 59% of students are registered, displayed the list of upcoming challenges that will also be updated on the Facebook page, and finished by indicating the goal of 100% pledge collection compared to 96% last year.

- B.** Upcoming Tasty Tuesdays will be at The Vig Uptown for the entire month of September, Mary Coyle 9/26, and The Parlor 10/24.
 - C.** An overhead outline of instructions for registering for rewards programs was presented and discussed for Fry's and Amazon Smile, as well as reminders to use Box Tops and Tuft & Needle fundraising opportunities.
- 8.** Susan Engdall provided the School Report indicating a series of key dates including Middle School internships 9/25 & 26, Parent Teacher conferences, Fall Break, Shaw Flag Football games (currently 2 of 3 games won), Tonto Creek field trip, and Choir at the State Fair. Susan noted the Parent Workday in the Garden was a big success. Lastly the International Day of the Child date was given and a brief summary of the event.
 - 9.** Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Communications Report noting all the avenues used to communicate school info.
 - 10.** Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Site Council Report noting the meeting consisted of having cake to celebrate Shaw's AZMerit improvements, and canvassing for the upcoming M&O Bond and to contact Erin Krapf or look at Facebook for more info.
 - 11.** Leigh Ann Dolan and Ms. Stacy provided the Outdoor Environment Report thanking all the participants in the Parent Workday in the Garden last weekend and invited everyone to check out the tortoise habitat, gardens and old fence installations to be used for painting easels, magnet walls, and tool hangers. Stacy noted having received a progress picture from the iron worker providing the work on the solar system installation and that it is looking good. Stacy also noted January's Parent Workday in the Garden will focus on desert landscaping the office area open space. Lastly, Stacy noted more help is needed in the outdoor environment and she is preparing a volunteer program that involves fingerprint check as it leads to a possible permanent position.
 - 12.** Leigh Ann Dolan provided New Business Report providing a presentation on a project she would like to move forward with of artistic affirmation paintings around the school focussing initially in student bathrooms. Pictures from other schools that have done a similar project were presented. Leigh Ann noted a need for artistic volunteers and that it will not be of a religious tone. A Facebook thread will be started for ideas to be posted.
 - 13.** Leigh Ann Dolan provided the Old Business Report noting the Beatrice fence project is still underway. A member asked why the project has taken so long, which Leigh Ann noted money, outside help, and misunderstandings.
 - 14.** Leigh Ann Dolan opened the forum for discussion with no additional items brought forward.
 - 15.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm