

# San Marcos High School PTO Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 6th, 2023, 4:00 PM, SMHS Fishbowl

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**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Rachel Nafrada, Vanessa Smith, Jen Larochelle, Kristy Toma-Tlalka (via phone), Lindsey Smith, Shannon Lane, Denise McCammon

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** Principal Jesse Schuveiller, Bonnie Bagheri

★ The Meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by Rachel Nafrada.

★ **ELECTRONIC VOTES:** None

★ **Zoom vote on 11/26:** Sonja Olsen was elected to replace Jen Wasserman as Vice President, Fundraising. Motion by Vanessa Smith, seconded by Kristi Toma-Tlalka unanimously passed

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** (Jesse Schuveiller)

- This year brings out a lot of emotions/stress for students and counseling is working to offer support and be aware.
- Grades are viewable by Monay, 12/18, second semester begins 1/8
- Raising students' voices and participation (RSVP) platform for student feedback from students in identifying areas of improvement. 1282 responses given
  - Strengths: clubs allowing diverse and easy access
  - Weakness: bathrooms – hygiene products, access (locked), toilet paper; overall cleanliness of school.
- Emerging bilingual students (30 new students with limited or no exposure to US schooling) have 10 reclassified in first 18-week period. Expecting increase in “newcomer” students to pre-covid numbers.
- Model UN – 200 delegates from all over San Diego participated. SMHS students received 5 commendations.
- Several VAPA events coming up (jazz band, play auditions, choir, etc.)
- 29 staff members offering after school enrichment opportunities. Math tutoring is most frequently utilized.
- Athletics update – provided team standings.

## **ASB DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Bonnie Bagheri)

- Blue Crew is doing Orange out; asking for donations in honor of a student out sick.
- ASB will be changing accounting platform so website will roll out by early January.
- Link Crew pop ins – junior/senior mentors will be stopping in classes.
- Bonnie is now doing the marquis – use Canva google classroom header for best formatting.
- 12 busses will be taking seniors to Disney - sign up genius will be used for bus assignments.
- Winter assembly will be second week after returning from winter break.
- Blood Drive on 1/23.
- Senior Class picture on 1/24 in gym.
- End of January/early February is AP/Club rush so students can learn about AP classes and Clubs right before signing up for classes for next year.
- Winter Formal – 2/10 at CSUSM – platform for ticket sales and guest passes are TBD.
- ASB will make a sign for FSK pickup on 12/12 & 12/13 at 8-10:45.
- Bonnie will send message to Disney participants to request waiver as many have not returned the waiver that is required to attend the trip.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Rachel Nafrada)

★ **Motion to Approve 11/1 minutes:** Motion by Denise McCammon. Motion seconded by Vanessa Smith. Motion unanimously passed.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Vanessa Smith)

- PAC Meeting: Met with MMO

## TREASURER'S REPORT (Jen Kerschbaum)

- November 30<sup>th</sup> budget distributed by Rachel on behalf of Jen.

## FUNDRAISING'S REPORT (Rachel Nafrada on behalf of Sonjia Olsen)

- A Knight to Remember to be held on January 13 @ 6:00 pm.
  - We are light on donations and basket contents for the silent auction. Board members are asked to solicit donations from local businesses or friends with connections.
  - Decorations will be staged in the PTO room on Friday.
  - Setup will be Saturday and teardown is immediately after.
  - Request for all hands on deck.

## HOSPITALITY'S REPORT (Christine Gonzales and Denise McCammon)

- FSK sales are at 178 for Fall; 284 total.
- Denise will shop for the items on Thursday at Costco Business center and store them in custodian area for assembly.

## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Jen Larochelle)

- Disney sweatshirt preparation on 12/18.
- Disney sweatshirt distribution on 12/23.

## COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT (Lindsey Smith)

- A Fund the Realm canva will be created for a publication push.
- Website is still being worked on but the platform is difficult; may explore switching to another platform over the summer.
- Posting updates: remove FTR.

## SENIOR EVENTS' REPORT (Kristi Toma-Tlalka)

- 201 Purchases for Disney trip
  - Several purchases are behind on the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment; parents will be sent reminders with option to pay in full

## SECRETARY'S REPORT (Shannon Lane)

- No updates

## NEW BUSINESS

Rachel wants to bring back scholarships for 2 students. Amount and criteria to be determined. If anyone is interested in participating on a committee to drive this, contact her.

★ The Meeting was adjourned at 5:29 PM by Rachel Nafrada.