



Stone Bridge High School PTSO

43100 Hay Road, Ashburn, VA 20147

9/5/2017

PTSO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Beth Long, Emily Rittenhouse, Dan Rittenhouse, Sandra Lawyer, Lori Steger, Craig Steger, Matt Wilburn, Sheila Alzate, Jenette Fehr, Mary Masi, Skyla Ausel, Kate Harwood, Mary Reilly, Cindy Wright, Ralph Iovinelli, Sherita Flake, Derek Flake, Angie Case,

SCA/Homecoming information (Skyla Ausel and Kate Harwood):

The homecoming game is on October 13. The parade is after school on the 13th, weather permitting, and a few vehicles/drivers will be needed. The dance is from 8-11pm on Saturday, October 14. Volunteers are needed to help with coat check (shoes, accessories, purses can be checked), and handling food/snacks. Emily Rittenhouse will pass names of PTSO members interested in helping to Skyla. Sandra Lawyer, will send out a "sign-up genius" to organize volunteers into shifts.

The theme will be "Hollywood" and SCA (Student Council Association) will handle decorations as well as ticket sales for the event. Suggestions were made to encourage alumni participation at the homecoming game, allowing alumni football players, cheerleaders, and band members to participate or be recognized in some way. The SCA will discuss and head up any alumni participation.

Sunshine Committee (Mary Masi):

A group of 5 teachers is starting the Sunshine Cart program to encourage and boost morale among staff. They have 4 dates planned during the school year to visit different departments with a snack cart as a way of saying thanks and keep up the good work to teachers. They are requesting \$200 from the PTSO to help them with this program and their first date is October 6.

Treasurer's Report (Craig Steger):

Our 2016-17 financial status was reviewed and we are \$282 in the black. The audit of the books and the 990-N tax filing has been completed for 2016-17. The 2017-18 draft budget was proposed and PTSO insurance renewal has been paid. The SCC (Commonwealth of VA State Corporation Commission) renewal fee has also been paid for this school year. A non-profit PayPal account has been set up and the website has been updated to include paying online on the PTSO membership page.

Membership (Emily Rittenhouse):

We currently have 112 staff and 269 families who have joined the PTSO. In addition to that, 43 of those memberships included donations. Ideas were discussed for boosting membership numbers among staff and parents.

Hospitality (Sandra Lawyer):

The Stone Bridge Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday Nov.18 and vendors are now signing up. We reviewed the student orientation picnic and discussed what went well and what needed improvement.

Parent University (Sheila Alzate):

This is set for Tuesday, September 26, from 7-8:30pm. This is a program to help parents who are new to SBHS, (freshman and transfer parents though all parents are welcome), to understand more about activities at the school, focusing on improving communication in order to help parents be more involved and feel more comfortable with their experience at SBHS. The PTSO will be providing a refreshment table and will have a membership table set up.

Principal's Presentation (Matt Wilburn):

“What makes Stone Bridge a Successful School?”

A review of school based data was presented and discussion was focused on what makes Stone Bridge the highly ranked school that it is. Mr Wilburn used survey data to explain how this is measured and what it shows. He also reviewed the SIP (School Improvement Plan) and shared what is being implemented to make improvements.