Sandy Hook School PTA

Thursday, September 20, 2018, 6:30 pm

Present: Tyra L, Sheila M, Karyn H, Anna L, Heather F, Kim T, Kristen R, Lauren H, Jamie P, Laura T, Mai T, Cynthia M, Stephanie B, Mary S-R, Michelle R, Jen R, Trish F, Amanda C, Jolaine S, Dori M, Kelly C, Susan Q, Chelsea M, Rebecca F, John H, Michele H, Carla M, Nicole C, Mackenzie M, Abigail F, Sayward P, Dr. Gombos, Mrs McArthur

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Welcome/Introductions: Heather Franse

Ice Breaker

Committee Updates:

Walk-A-Thon (Allyson Story, Julie Laughlin)

Allyson joined via phone to share that the school has raised $8,975 so far. The school has earned Wacky Wednesday. She shared that paper pledge forms are still available. You must register online to receive a t-shirt for your child, which will be distributed the day of the Walk-A-Thon. We have already had numerous sponsors donate including Renkin, Edge Fitness, and Morgan Stanley.

Reflections Program (Dori Marx)

Dori explained that Reflections is the National PTA program for the Arts. This year's theme is Heroes Around Us. Students can submit various types of artwork. The deadline for submissions will be mid-Fall/Winter.

Membership (Sally Liska)

Karyn H shared that there are currently 184 members this year and we are looking to get 300. PTA membership helps support National and State level PTA. At the school level membership helps to fund SHS efforts and programs.

Book Fair (Krissie Gerrish, Sheila Reuther, Natalie DeLaurentis, Tyra Lohmann)

Tyra L shared that that the school will host two book fairs this year. The first book fair is October 22-26th. The theme this Fall is Enchanted Forest. There will be a morning and evening event scheduled. Many volunteers are needed to help make this event a success.

Family Fun Fair (Rebecca Fung)

The Family Fun Fair will take place on October 26th. Families are invited to come play games and complete crafts in costume. Volunteers are needed to work game sta-

tions (older siblings can work the games). Pizza, snacks and baked goods will be for sale. The team is seeking a bake sale coordinator for the event.

Veteran's Day Breakfast (Sheila Miller, Michelle Rankin, Heidi Werner)

Sheila M shared that the event will take place the morning of November 12th. Veterans are invited to have breakfast, visit the classroom, and receive a presentation. Volunteers are needed for food and setup.

Cookies, Canvases & Cocoa (Paint Night) – (Tyra Lohmann, Susan Quinn)

Heather F shared that the event will take place on November 7th and 9th. This was a very well received event last year. The nights will be first come first serve. It is not yet determined if there will be two paintings offered.

Silent Auction/Gala (Stephanie B)

The silent auction is tentatively scheduled to take place March 22, 2019 at the Waterview in Monroe, pending a final contract signing. The team is looking for coordinators to assist with the event. Each classroom, with the help of room parents, will make a basket to auction off at the event. Additional items to auction will also be solicited. The event format will be different than earlier years – instead of a sit-down formal event, a cocktail party, with food stations is planned. Additional details will be forthcoming once the event date/location is final. .

New Business

- No new questions or ideas were stated/shared.

Principal's Report

- Dr. Gombos shared that we are currently 1:1 in 3rd and 4th grade with Chrome books, 1:1 with iPads in 2nd grade, and each kindergarten and 1st grade classroom has approximately 10 iPads (roughly a 1:2 ratio.)

- She is very excited for the Walk-A-Thon, as money raised will assist with the attainment of shade for the far playground. Unfortunately, with the heat and rain there has been a lot of indoor recess. Dr. Gombos shared that the teachers get the students out for recess as often as possible and she encourages the teachers to take the students for a walk outside.

- Dr. Gombos and Mrs. MacLaren have met with every teacher to discuss the start of the school year. During that meeting they mention each students name, which help with the planning. Fall classroom assessments are near completion.

- On September 26th there will be an evacuation drill. A great deal of care is taken to explain drills to the students. On November 4th there will be a planned fire drill which will coincide with the 4th grade having lunch. This is the first time that a fire drill will take place during lunch.

- Dr. Gombos asked that all parents feel free to call or email her anytime.

Teacher Representative's Report

- Mrs McArthur advised that all of the teachers would like to thank the PTA for the luncheon and the beautiful updates to the teachers' room!

- The first Literacy Night is scheduled for Wednesday Nov 14th in the outside courtyard for grades K-2. This is a no sibling event – only K-2 students and parents/guardians. If it rains it will be held in the lobby. The 3rd & 4th grade Literacy Night will be held in the Spring. The theme is TBD.

President's Report

- Custodian's Day will be taking place on Oct 2nd. Students are invited to make pictures/cards to show their appreciation for our school custodian staff. The PTA will also be looking for food/drink donations.

- The PTA would like to put on a Student Talent Show. At this time, they have been unable to find someone to run the event. Any volunteers are asked to contact Heather.

- The current open coordinator positions were briefly described.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report- Kristen R gave a review of the opening balance, as well as, July and August expenses. Expenses have included restocking Spirit Wear, the Teachers Lounge update, and gifts for Membership.

Approve Minutes of June 5, 2018

June Meeting Motion to approve: Anna L with a 2nd by Tyra L. All approved.

Door Prize

Adjourn: 7:30 pm

PTA Meetings for 2018-2019 School Year:

- November 15, 2018, 6:30 pm
- January 30, 2019, 9:30 am - *Note Time
- March 6, 2019, 6:30 pm – Superintendent Dr. Rodrigue will attend
- April 11, 2019, 6:30 pm
- May 30, 2019, 6:30 pm

Save the Dates & Opportunities to Volunteer:

- Walk-a-Thon – 10/12, rain date 10/15
- Picture Day – 10/9
- Family Fun Fair – 10/26
- Book Fair – 10/22 – 10/26

- Cookies, Canvases and Cocoa (Paint Night) – 11/7 & 11/9
- Veteran's Day Breakfast – 11/12

Open Coordinator Positions:

- **Movie Night** – New this year! Looking for a 2 or more coordinators to host a family movie night at SHS. Coordinators would work with PTA Board, SHS principal and library media specialist to choose a movie and then work with volunteers to sell concessions.
- **Staff Luncheon hosted by 2nd grade parents (Holiday)** - Looking for 2 or more Second Grade Parents to coordinate a Staff Luncheon before the holiday break. Work with 2nd Grade parents to ensure we have donations for lunch and volunteers to set up and clean up.
- **Staff Luncheon hosted by 3rd grade parents (Staff Appreciation Week)** - Looking for 2 or more Third Grade Parents to coordinate a Staff Luncheon during Teacher Appreciation week in May. Work with 3rd Grade parents to ensure we have donations for lunch and volunteers to set up and clean up.
- **Talent Show** – Looking for 2 or more coordinators for this possible New event! Anyone looking to coordinate a Talent Show and show off the talent at SHS.
- **Winter Dance** – Looking for a coordinator or two to help plan our Winter Dance.
- **PTA Reflections Program** – The PTA Reflections Program theme this year is "Heroes Around Me". Students may express what that theme means to them through dance choreography, film, literature, music, photography, or visual arts. Looking for a co-coordinator to encourage more participation and creativity.
- **Gala & Silent Auction** – We will be looking for lots of help with our Gala & Silent Auction event! Watch for more information coming soon.