

**Schuylkill School and Home Association
Meeting Minutes**

February 1, 2017

SSHA President Cindy Schulz called the meeting to order. This was the 6th meeting of the 2016-2017 school year and there were 9 people in attendance.

Principal's Report:

Dr. Harmer stated that January is a slow month for events. He said that he is working with maintenance and Building/Grounds to get a shade on the back playgrounds especially during September and May. Author's Day is set for February 28 and order forms were sent home. Dr. Harmer would like SSHA, Mrs. McErlene and Ms. Landis to attend the May Board Meeting and do a 2-3 minute presentation on the Outdoor Classroom.

Assistant Principal's Report:

Dr. Renzulli discussed the Cyber Safety Awareness Assembly that was scheduled to take place on March 8th. The ADA for Chester County is not available that evening, but there are no other available dates/venues in the district. The consensus from parents who discussed this at the SSHA Meeting in January was that it would be preferable to have more than just a speaker on the topic but someone who would make an impact. Dr. Renzulli will continue to try to find someone else, maybe Ken Gibson (PASD technology staff) or someone from the FBI. We can maybe push this into the fall, maybe October.

Vice President's Report:

Janice LaBarge said the Birthday Book Mobile is almost finished. The February teacher dinner is set and Heather Coupe will send invitations to the teachers. She shared that there is an event being planned with the other 2 Elementary School Home Associations to attend a Philadelphia Union Game on March 11 – details to follow. Janice will email teachers to see if they are willing to donate some time/activities with students as prizes for the Spring Fair raffle baskets. If so, SSHA can raffle off the baskets in March instead of May so that the students/teachers have time engage in the activity prize. The following Committee Chairs are needed for the 2017-2018 school year – SSHA Vice President, SSHA Secretary, Landscaping, Bulletin Boards, Helping Hands. A shadow is needed to chair for the 1st Day School Supplies – the chairperson gets free supplies.

Committee Reports:

- Blood Drive – Suzi Aselton is organizing it for Friday Feb 17 from 8am to 1pm.
- Bingo Night – Anna Hayford said it's scheduled for Feb 10 from 6:30-8pm. There will be lots of prizes and snacks. There is still a need for volunteers especially during the second half of the evening from 7:15-8:30pm.
- Restaurant Month at Valley Forge Tavern for the entire month of February – 20% of full check (no exclusions) will be donated to SSSH for the 4th Grade Fundraiser. Mention you are from Schuylkill. Reservations are suggested for large parties. The owner of the restaurant is a Schuylkill parent.
- Mother/Son Activity – bowling at Arnolds is too expensive, so maybe do kickball again but structure it differently than last year. Suggestions at the meeting were to look at Limerick Lanes for bowling or look into doing a Mother/Son Date night like a movie outing.
- 4th Grade Fundraisers – Jenn Hahn stated that so far 85 pairs of socks have been ordered. SSHA will make about \$6-7 per order. She asked if we could advertise them to the district on the Phantom Newsletter.

- Helping Hands would like to move towards setting up a general fund under SSHA to use for donations as oppose to individual charity events.
- Father/Daughter Dance will take place on April 7 at Schuylkill.
- Book Fair – Pam Cannon stated that we raised over \$6000 scholastic dollars to buy books for the library and Book Mobile. The Book Mobile will be under the Book Fair Chairperson responsibility. The February Book Fair during Parent/Teacher Conferences tends to be the lowest revenue so we need to sell at least \$2500 so needs to increase traffic by advertising it during Bingo Night and placing signs in the car loop. The Book Fair has also donated books as prizes for Bingo Night. Pam suggested doing a camping theme and having a penny jar contest between Dr. Harmer and Dr. Renzulli.

New Business

Red Robin Restaurant has a Burgers for Schools program and Schuylkill is already listed - 1% of sales will go to SSHA and there is no expiration dates or restrictions. Restaurant fundraiser is being planned at My Favorite Muffin, and maybe at Sly Fox or Iron Hill too. Schuylkill will apply to do the Ford 4 U Drive again for the 2017-2018 school year. There was discussion to maybe have some Parent Only Fundraisers such as a Gambling Outing at Valley Forge Casino. There was also information given that the District Directory may not be developed next school year. Janice and Cindy brought up the idea of purchasing a printer, paper and ink cartridges for SSHA to use but the ink cartridges may be too expensive. SSHA will look into the possibility of getting free printing services through the Teacher Center at the Chester County Intermediate Unit, as the Kindergarten Center School Home Association uses it.

Treasurer's Report:

Katie Schneider stated that the Special Olympic Bands have been ordered and will be sent to Mrs. Cahill. We purchased 400 bands for about \$200. She also reported that the Apple Watch for the PCEF Fundraiser donation was also purchased.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be held on March 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Mijanou Horne