

SAHS PTO FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

February 26, 2024 5:30pm

Meeting called to order: 5:32pm

Members in attendance: Jo Ellen Parkey, Jen Stevenson, Dana Evans, Melissa Owens, Janice Jones, Travis Brown, Ashley Ciliberti and Carla Silano

Welcome/Approval of Minutes – Jen Stevenson

Minutes approved. Dana Evans made motion, Melissa Owens 2nd

A. Principal Report – Travis Brown

*Teacher get together – we discussed using Odd Birds for gathering. Karaoke, finger foods provided and drink specials (Janice will look into Wed 4-6pm or Thur 4-6pm) part of teacher appreciation week

*Asked PTO to purchase SAHS tablecloths to be used at events (8) APPROVED
JoEllen made motion and Janice 2nd, *Jen advised Principal Brown this will be the last capital improvement purchased, until the table for outside are put together*

*Look at getting a new podium – price difference will be researched

*Discussed with PTO doing a social or meeting with Murray and Sebastian incoming parents about joining PTO

B. Treasurer Report – Dana Evans

- ✓ Reviewed what has been spent and what our balances are.
- ✓ Microphones were purchased using capital improvement funds

D. Distracting Driving – Jen Stevenson

Nassau County to provide equipment. She will talk with our sheriff about his participation. Will talk with Mr. Westal and Mr. Eckens about participating.

E. Hospitality – Janice Jones

- Trail mix bar was great. Big thank you to all that help and Jen for getting the items for the bar
- 5/6/24 coffee cart with WAWA coffee and peace & love donuts
- 5/20/24 Mailbox treats
- Souper Bowl was great, and teachers loved it

- Teacher appreciation will be celebrated 4/29/24 – 5/3/24, Janice asked for ideas for that week.
- Holiday calendar raffle for teachers and staff – end of each week 80 gifts for raffle

F. Power of an Hour – Jen Stevenson

- ✓ New leaders will be needed to take on Power of an Hour

G. Important Dates – Jen Stevenson

- * Graduation all hands-on deck for graduation. All PTO to participate. May 21st 7pm
- * Rehearsal will be May 14th 10am/11am (not sure on time yet)
(VIP seating for graduation seniors can have up to 10 tickets)
- * Prom April 26th Fountain of Youth
- * Clearance Day May 13th (seniors will get yard signs)
- * Senior BBQ May 10th
- * 9th grade day – PTO to meet with parents in library to discuss PTO and maybe Boosters? How they can get involved.

H. New Business – Jo Ellen (Hugs Across the Country)

Jo Ellen gave a presentation regarding Hugs Across the Country and their needs in this area. She also explained what they do for the children in our community. Their grants are getting ready to expire and they will need financial support to feed all children in our community. They provide lunches at schools for kids in need, our school has about 100 students that receive this assistance. They also provide bags for kids needing food over the weekend. Clothing is also available for these children. It was said that these students are identified by school counselors. JoEllen asked that the PTO assist financially in helping pay for food/snacks for these students.

Carla said that she didn't agree. She felt that wasn't the function of the PTO to provide financial assistance to buy food for students. Principal Brown said that all students in need at our school are fed in the cafeteria and he didn't think that was an issue, but would check on it. Other board members said that they felt this was also a school issue that needed to be investigated. The reduced lunch program was

discussed. It was explained that parents are responsible for completing the paperwork for that and they may not want people to know they are in need.

❖ We will be getting 3 parking spots to auction off for next school year.

Spirit Wear – there is a spirit wear website on the school website. Lots of different stuff to pick from, also you can get spirit wear at the concession stand while it is open.

Items purchased by PTO- Water fountain fill stations are in. Laptop cart is in Principal Brown is pretty sure it is being used but will double check. Tables bought for outside for students to use are still in boxes except for a couple being used at the softball fields... this was questioned since they were not purchased for that use. Principal brown will check into the tables and when they might be put together so that they may be used.

@SAHSjackets - instagram

PTO Venmo - @thehivepto

CheddarUp – <http://my.cheddarup.com/c/st-augustine-high-school-ptu-store>

Meeting Adjourned – 7:10pm

Next meeting – March 25 @ 5:30pm, Oddbirds (come early if you plan to get a drink before the meeting so we may start on time)