



General Member Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2020
@District 249

Call to Order: 6:38 pm

President – Amy Mounger

Amy read the mission statement and purpose of the TMHS Senior Parent Organization. “The purpose of the TMHS Senior Parent Organization, a non-profit educational organization serving Tomball Memorial High School, is to provide a safe and fun place for TMHS students to go after Prom, free of any alcohol and/or drugs while also providing many activities which are an important part of their senior year. This purpose is to be realized by 1) raising funds and obtaining donations from individuals, business groups, corporations, foundations and other donors in the community, and 2) from the funds raised provide prizes, games, entertainment, decorations and food for the events each year for our high school seniors.”

No parents will be allowed in the building the entire first semester, so our fall meetings will be held at District 249 at 6:30 pm. The list of general meeting dates is as follows:

- September 21 (Location – District 249)
- October 19 (Location – District 249)
- November 16 (Location – District 249)
- December 14 (2nd Monday) (Location – District 249)
- January 18
- February 15
- March 8 (2nd Monday)
- April 19
- May 17

Amy explained how the SPO board was created for this year and asked for a vote to formally approve the board. Ashley Harris made a motion to approve the board and Kimberly Martin offered a second.

The Senior Picnic has been postponed by TMHS until the spring. Amy presented the idea of having “Senior Nights” this semester where we organize a meeting place for a social event for the Seniors (i.e. District 249 to play sand volleyball) and encourage those that are available to attend. **We would like to find a Chair to run with this idea.**

Project Prom will be held on May 15th at Main Event in Katy. **We need a Project Prom Committee Chair and committee members!**

Vice President – Melissa Wilson

Melissa oversees all non-fundraising event chairs, communicates with members via chairs and ensures that events are aligned with the vision and goals of SPO. The Senior Sunrise event was a success! We

had about 300 students attend. We provided donuts, juice, milk and water. Seniors had a chance to write their goal for the year which was put in an envelope to be returned to them at Senior Sunset. Seniors signed a banner made for the event by cheer that will be displayed in the hallway. As Amy said, the Senior Picnic has been postponed. Our Chairs for the picnic are Ashley Harris and Avie Ditch. In lieu of the picnic, TMHS is planning a Senior Parking Spot painting event. We do not have any information about this event yet.

Treasurer – Leah Stephens

Leah gave an update on financials. Currently we have about \$15,400 in the checking account from membership and spirit wear sales. We have received roughly \$23,100 total with expenses coming from decals, spirit wear, Paypal and Quickbook fees of about \$9700. \$2075 of the account balance is a rollover amount from last year's SPO, so our operating income is \$13,300. We also have about \$1,900 in Paypal waiting to transfer.

Secretary – Kelly Jackson

Kelly will be posting minutes from every general meeting on the SPO website for your review. If you miss a meeting, you can get caught up on what was discussed.

VP of Fundraising – Adina Walker

Adina oversees all fundraising events and items. Our first big fundraiser will be **Denim and Diamonds Casino Night (November 14, 2020 at Houston Distributing Company 6:00-10:00)**. Ashley Harris is chairing this event. A flier was passed out with all the information about this fun night! All proceeds go to Project Prom! Tickets to the event start at \$75 per person for a standard ticket or \$125 for 2 tickets. Tickets include 5 raffle tickets, 2 drink tickets, and \$5000 in poker chips. We also offer VIP tickets for \$100 each which include 10 raffle tickets, 3 drink tickets, \$7000 in chips and a reserved table. Any adult can attend so please invite your friends! There will be prizes, raffles, silent auction, food, drinks, wine pull and of course, casino tables. If you can't attend the event, another way to participate is by being a "basket sponsor". Donate \$250 that will be used towards purchasing items for a themed basket to be used in our silent auction. Your company logo will be displayed on the basket and you will get a shout out on our FB, Instagram and Twitter pages, as well as signage throughout the event. We are also looking for casino table sponsors! Blackjack table sponsorship is \$1000 and includes 4 VIP tickets, thank you gift, company logo on a blackjack table and throughout the event, additional 15 raffle tickets, 8 drink tickets and \$20,000 in poker chips. The Roulette table sponsorship is \$500 and includes 2 VIP tickets, thank you gift, company logo on a roulette or craps table and throughout the event, additional 5 raffle tickets and \$5000 in poker chips. At the end of the night, you turn in your chips for extra raffle tickets! Buy your tickets today at www.tmhs-spo.com. We will also need lots of SPO volunteers for this event! If you volunteer, you will earn raffle tickets for your Senior to use at Project Prom! A sign-up genius will be going out soon for this event. We will be collecting donations for gift baskets for the silent auction and raffle. We are looking for someone to donate the BBQ for the event. If you have any connections, please let Adina or Ashley know! Houston Distributing Company graciously donated the location and set up.

Father/Daughter Dance is another big fundraiser for SPO. Kimberly Martin is the chair of this event. It is a dance for younger girls and their Dads and the SPO works with the Senior Ladies Club to put this on. We will need volunteers for this event! We are working on a date/location because it can not be held on campus as it has been in the past.

We still have spirit wear for sale! If you need to pick up an ordered shirt, please make arrangements with Adina Walker. We will have Spirit Nights throughout the year to raise additional funds. Our first Juanita's spirit night was a success bringing in \$450. We have 2 more ideas for a Spirit Night currently on the table. Any other ideas?

- Adelyn's – February 11th 6:00-9:00
- Raising Canes – TBD in spring

We will have a spring fundraiser and we discussed the idea of a Drive Thru Crawfish Boil where we will sell tickets beforehand to pick up pounds of crawfish to go. Spirit Wear is one of our fundraisers, but it was brought up that Band and Choir don't count that as a fundraiser as it falls under merchandise. Amy will ask about that possibly not counting as one of our 4 fundraising events.

VP of Membership – Dawna Webber

We currently have 160 members but we have more than 550 Seniors! We want to reach more Senior parents so please help us by sharing our SPO website with your circles and encouraging them to join and be an active participant! Dawna went over the membership levels which can be found on the SPO website. TMHS personal decals have been delivered to the school for current member's Seniors. They are being put up by student office aids. We received a few pictures they took to show us that the decals have been displayed but we do not have pictures of every decal. Unfortunately, no parents are allowed in the school this semester, so encourage your student to go find their decal and take a picture! If decals were not included in your membership level, you can purchase one for \$20!

VP of Communications – Karen Endsley

Karen gave an update on our social media presence and communication. We have FB, Instagram, Twitter, Remind and our SPO website to keep you informed! Please join whatever platform you use and share with other Senior parents! We were just featured in the Wildcat Weekly and Karen has now set up a group email that she will be using to share information.

- FB private group – TMHS SPO Class of 2021 (Send in a pic of you and your Senior with a Bio to be featured!)
- Instagram – tmhsspo2021
- Twitter - @TMHSSPO2021
- Remind - @tmhssp
- SPO website – www.tmhs-spo.com

If you use Amazon, please take the time to go to www.smile.amazon.com to make your Amazon purchases and select TMHS Senior Parent Organization! We will get a small percentage of everything you purchase!

VP of Grant/Donation – Joni Holt

Joni is in charge of trying to secure donations for our various events. If you own a business that might be able to help with a monetary donation or you have something specific you could donate, please let Joni know! We will be sending out a sign-up genius before every event requesting needed donations, but monetary donations are always welcome!

VP of Volunteers – Avie Ditch/Donna Dorsey

We will have a volunteer system this year by which you can collect extra raffle tickets for your Senior to use at Project Prom. Every senior gets 25 raffle tickets, but you can earn extra raffle tickets by volunteering and providing donations. A sign-up genius will be sent out before every event with volunteer and donation needs. Background checks won't open until the 2nd semester. We will be checking the volunteer list for each event against our membership list, as you must be an SPO member to volunteer at the SPO events. You also must wear your SPO t-shirt when volunteering.

Events for year:

- Senior Sunrise – September 10, 2020
- Senior Picnic – POSTPONED (Chair - Avie Ditch/Ashley Harris)
- Senior Parking Spot Day – October 14, 2020
- Denim and Diamonds – November 14, 2020 (Chair – Ashley Harris)
- Father/Daughter – (Chair – Kimberly Martin with Janet Stackhouse TMHS)
- Powder Puff – (Chair – Pam Sanchez)
- Project Prom – May 15, 2021 (Chair and Committee – NEEDED)

- Senior Breakfast – (Chair – Jennifer Oyen)
- Baccalaureate Service – (Chair – Barbara Lujan)
- Senior Sunset – Last Friday of school year (May 21, 2021)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:13 pm