

2020 Senior Parent Committee

September 16, 2019 7pm

AVHS Library

Board Members in Attendance: Carolyn Comerford; Suzanne Kostalnick; Raj Singh; Gillian O'Farrell; Karen Brace; Kelly French

Board Members not in Attendance: Jenny Shiblaq; Kelly Bayani

- I. Introduction:
SPC Meetings will be monthly; dates listed on website.
- II. Introduction of Senior Parents Committee:
 - a. Board members in attendance; committee chairs; job functions
 - b. Explanation of senior parent group and what we do: not in any way connected to AVHS; acts independently; 501c3 non-profit with executive board; we must solicit parent contact information—no info is provided by the school; encourage parents to visit website and sign up for constant contact www.amadorseniorparents.org
- III. Committee Reports:
 - a. Registration: Gillian O'Farrell
 - i. 250 people processed through future fund...but only have 90 complete packets of paperwork. Emails will be sent to ask for docs. Docs can be turned in at Student Activities. Forms are available on the website. Grad night cost increases as date nears. Best practice is to get tickets early.
 - b. Website: Raj Singh
 - i. Everything in working order; please contact Raj with necessary updates
 - c. Treasurer: Jenny Shiblaq
 - i. Budget: Jenny working with last year's treasurer to create budget. We'll have more information at next meeting.
 - ii. As of Aug 22nd....we had \$40k in the account. This does not include the checks received at walk-through registration. There was about \$20k carryover from last year.
 - iii. We are eligible to receive corporate matching for donations.
 - iv. Thank you/donation letters coming soon and can be used for tax purposes.
 - d. Senior Picnic Breakfast: Sarah Stinson and Becca Jorgensen
 - i. Senior Breakfast was a huge success! Leftover food was donated to a homeless shelter in Livermore...very proud that we were able to send the kids off and help others.

- e. Collages: Karen Brace and Lori Wagerman
 - i. Collages are used to decorate in gym at Senior Ball Breakfast; go to website for options and size guidelines. Lori will be able to bring some collages from last year to one of the meetings for parents to see examples. Other suggestions from parents: use also for Grad night décor? ; parents make a copy of the collage so they have one to keep in case they don't get the original back; post pictures of sample collages on website to help parents.

- f. Senior Ball Breakfast: Laura Borges, Tracy Vaeth, Megan Kenning
 - i. What is Senior Ball Breakfast? Event takes place in the AVHS gym from 11pm-3am after Senior return from Senior Ball. There is entertainment, food, raffle prizes, etc. Admission is included with Senior Ball ticket (purchased through leadership).
 - ii. Coordinators wanted to know if there was a theme last year?
 - iii. More details to come...

- g. Baccalaureate: Lucy Gallagher & Jen Murphy
 - i. What is baccalaureate? Non-denominational service at Cornerstone church; about ½ the seniors typically attend with their parents/families; more intimate and reverent than graduation; music (choir and sign language interpreters) speakers (student and teacher); community speaker? Highlight is the slide show of the kindergarten/senior portrait; refreshments served; Seniors wear gowns (no mortar boards)
 - ii. Tickets are relatively new; last year tickets available to purchase at low price during walk through registration with no limit on number of tickets people could buy. Some people forgot they bought tickets; people hoarding tickets; big mess and tickets "sold out"
 - iii. Revisions to "tickets" this year. We don't necessarily need to sell tickets; but good to have a head count. This year we did not sell tickets at Walk-Through; idea to sell for two-week period in January, but it was suggested we push this out even further to April to ensure people have a firm plan in place for who will attend before requesting tickets. Open for further discussion at next meeting.
 - iv. Kelly French asked if it was possible to offer streaming of the event as they did last year. Really nice for people who cannot attend.

- h. Grad Night: Micaelanne Hogarty
 - i. What is Grad Night? Grad night happens after the graduation ceremony. Students leave ceremony, board busses to Las Positas, attend event for entire evening, and at the end, board busses back to Amador. Raffle prizes are a big hit; goal is for everyone to leave with a prize. Tons of activities, food, games, DJ, henna tattoos, massage chairs, big raffle prizes....in 2018 budget of \$75k
 - ii. No leaving early...there is security from Las Positas and Senior parents; access to outside is limited
 - iii. Bag check available

- iv. Junior parents help out with set up in first part of the night while Senior parents at graduation ceremony
 - v. Grad night still needs a lot of people on the committee; sign up will be linked on website. Ideally, we would have a co-chair for Micaelanne.
 - vi. Stephanie Mackirdy and Amy Taylor agreed to be Raffle Prize Coordinators— Thank You!
 - vii. Gina Marie Stuben (not a senior parent) has already agreed to be the Food Coordinator again this year
 - viii. Jobs that still need to be filled: DJ and Photo Booth coordinator; Fundraising Coordinator; Goodie Bags Coordinator; Transportation Coordinator; Transportation Lead for Las Positas; Big clean up crew at the end of the evening!
- i. Raffle Prize Coordinators: Stephanie Mackirdy & Amy Taylor (hadn't been identified until this meeting....Stephanie and Amy to report next meeting)

Other Action Required:

- Connect all committee chairs with their predecessors from last year for proper transition.
- Continue to spread the word....only 302 parents on constant contact (class has about 700 students)

Next Meeting: Monday, October 21st at 7pm