

Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe South High School

General Membership Meeting

October 11, 2017

Principal's Address

Enrollment is 1599. We have higher retention than last year. The North-South Rivalry Week was incidence-free for the first time since Moussa has been principal. Random drug testing at dances will continue. The Cotton Innovation Center provides a 21st century shop class. South was ranked 7th in a state-wide survey. Fisher Road will be under construction from October 20-26. The Diversity Plan has been developed and will continue the discussion with ways to sustain dialog around inclusion. With this in mind, there is a housing exhibit traveling around the state for three years and South will host it at the end of October. In February, there will be a series of activities and events to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech at South. A group of students and teachers were trained by the University of Michigan School of Social Work to facilitate "courageous conversations" which will take place in small groups during lunch. There was a question about what the sports fee supports, Moussa said that fee occurs at the district level so he will talk to Dr. Neihaus and the answer will be relayed at the next meeting.

I. Welcome/Call to Order/Introductions

Present:

Beverly Bennert
Jennifer Bingaman
Wendy Bruetsch
Stacey Chen
Elizabeth Cleland
Cynthia Czech
Monica Dennis
Liz Fildew
Susie Gavagan
MaryJo Harris
Robin Hartnett
Tricia Hexter
Jennifer Hutchison
Kristen Ifkovits
Colleen Jogan
Luci Kaddouh
Michele Lynch
Pam MacKay
Jamie Majni
Sue Martin
Joann Muller
Anne Nearhood
Dana Oestreich
Kathryn Poremski
Stephanie Rogers
Stephanie Schantz
Julie Schuetze
Melissa Smith
Helen Srebernak
Sheryl Strong
Kim Tripp
Ann Turnbull
Amy VanOsdol
Elizabeth Wang
Laura Wholihan

The meeting was called to order by MaryJo Harris at 7:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of General Meeting from September 13, 2017

Motion to approve the September 13, 2017 General Meeting minutes, with corrections for the misspelling of Jennifer Hutchison's name, by Pam MacKay, second by Julie Schuetze. Minutes were approved.

III. Officer's Reports

A. President Report – MaryJo Harris

B. President Elect Report – Wendy Bruetsch

There were five alumni tours this summer resulting in over \$1500 in school store sales. Freshman parent night had sales over \$1700. Staff are being offered a 20% discount on spiritwear. The store will be stocked with new items for Back to School Night. Please sign up to work a shift, one per month from 10-12:30pm.

C. Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Rogers

Stephanie presented the September Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Helen Srebernak, second by Laura Wholihan. The 2017 September Treasurer's Report was approved.

D. Assistant Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Hutchinson

- Jennifer reviewed the 2017 September School Store Income Statement. Motion to approve the 2017 September School Store Income Statement by Tricia Hexler, second by Pam MacKay. The report was approved.
- The Fairfax choices haven't been good, we are working with the students to get better food options. Spiritwear sales and feedback have been positive.

E. VP Preservation - Sue Martin

- The nearly two-year Cleminson Hall window and door project will be complete at the end of October and the doors will be fully functioning after decades of being sealed shut. There will be a re-opening celebration at a later date.
- Consider giving the gift of a dedicated auditorium chair this holiday season. Proceeds go towards future preservation projects.

F. VP Scholarship – Laura Wholihan

No report.

G. VP Enrichment – Paige George

A third of the Mother's Club budget goes to enrichment grants. We will vote on this cycle's grants at the next meeting.

H. Past President – Ann Turnbull

We had a great Homecoming! Ann is looking into the cost and maintenance of the float trailers and will provide us with more information at the next meeting.

I. Correspondence – Amy VanOsdol

No report.

IV. Advisory Board Reports

A. Events

All Night Party – Patti Theros/Joann Muller

The ANP is June 7. We need junior parent volunteers in particular; please contact Patti or Joann.

Date with the Devil – Trish Moritz

November 17 – features dinner and cocktails, silent auction and a wine pull. Sign up!

Faculty Events – Helen Srebernak

No report.

Holiday Home Tour – Helen Srebernak/May Jane Cullen

December 3 from 1-4pm.

Holiday Tea – Anne Grobel

December 6 – the North and South choirs perform. Cookie donations will be needed.

Spring Benefit- Gaby Boddy

April 26 – the theme is Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. There is a ½ day instead of a full day off. There is a planning meeting on October 26 at 7pm at Whiskey Six – all parents are welcome!

B. Committees

Alumni/Development – Julie Schuetze

The committee is looking at ways to connect alumni to the school and encourage them to give back. If you know someone who should be on our list please let Julie know. We are offering a new lifetime membership for \$250, and alumni memberships are up by 7 over last year. We could use help developing an alumni database, please contact Julie.

Community Partnerships – Rebecca Fannon/Cyndi Flower

Let the committee know if you have any leads for advertisers, they are offering a combo deal with the spring benefit. So far they have exceeded their budget by \$2000.

Communications/PR – Melissa Smith/Amanda Roraff

We are working on a Mothers' Club survey to be sent to members, non-members, and alumni.

Directory – Pamela and Allyn MacKay

Volunteers will deliver the Directory on October 22.

Membership – Colleen Jogan/Elizabeth Cleland

Membership is down. Suggestions included sharing what dues support on Facebook and having a Mothers' Club table at Back to School Night and conferences.

C. School Updates

Athletic Boosters – Christa Froelich

Run the Pointe was a huge success.

Art Representative/ArtFest – Michele Lynch

Nothing to report.

Band/Orchestra – Michele Lynch

Pops & Pastries is November 4. Please contact Michele if you have auction items to donate.

Board of Education Observer – Susie Gavagan/Kristen Ifkovits

A Blue Ribbon Committee has been established. They are looking at enrollment and facilities, and determining our core values. CPR will be taught in schools. There is a new tax rate for 2017-2018. For more information, replays of the Board of Ed meetings are available on the district website.

Choir Representative – Debbie Vercruysse

Fall Follies is October 20-21. The garage sale is October 28-29 and they will pick up large items. Donations are being accepted October 23-27 and are tax-deductible. The all-school musical is Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat and will be performed April 25-29.

PTO Council – Anne Nearhood

The district will be phasing out the PTOs' use of Clark Hill. There will be a curriculum review every six years.

School Store – Vicki Clevenger/Beverly Bennert

No report.

V. Other Business

Saturday, October 14 the Haunted Garage benefits South.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. by Helen Srebernak, second by Sue Martin.
The meeting was adjourned.**