



Sunrise Valley Elementary School (SVES) PTA General Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2018, 9:30am
SVES Cafeteria

- 1) **Call to order and President's remarks:** Megan Murphy called the meeting to order at 9:33am. The secretary (Trombley) was present.
- 2) **Members present:** Please see sign-in sheet. A quorum was established.
- 3) **The October General Meeting minutes** will be voted on next month.
- 4) **Principal's Report:** Mr. West gave reminders about picture make up day on 11/15. There is an executive functioning workshop for parents tonight. Next week is the Thanksgiving holiday break. He thanked the PTA for purchasing 40th anniversary shirts for the entire staff.
- 5) **Officer Reports:**
 - **President's Report:** Murphy thanked Janelle from Northern Virginia Orthodontics for providing breakfast for the PTA meeting. Janelle announced \$500 off on all treatments at NVO next week. Murphy introduced the Sunshine Group, headed up by Mary Earle Farrell, Patty Evans, and MaryAnn Chung.
 - **Treasurer:** Deborah Nelson gave the report. The Fall Festival was extremely successful. It grossed \$5500, which was well over our budget. Spirit wear is going very well. We almost reached our goal for the entire year in October! Wordmasters (student competitive program) has been purchased and is being launched.
 - **Membership:** Julie Hanssen Harris reported we had new members join before the Fall Festival due to ticket incentives. We currently have 202 members, which puts us \$1500 shy of our goal. We are now encouraging membership for those interested in early bird registration and a discount for Winter Enrichment. PTA membership closes December 31, although families new to the school after that date will still be able to join.
 - **Events:** Stacey Graf reported that the Fall Festival was a huge success. Feedback is welcome at svesevents@gmail.com.

The SLHS Homecoming Parade was canceled due to weather and will unfortunately not be rescheduled. The Veterans Day breakfast was a success. We had so much extra food that we delivered some to two fire stations as well as to the teachers.

Skate Night is coming up on December 15 with Lake Anne and Terraset Elementary Schools.

- Programs/Enrichment: Report given by Murphy. There has been difficulty with FCPS in getting enrichment classes processed, but registration started this morning for PTA members. Next year we will likely only have a Fall and Spring session.
- Communications: Jessica Bigger's email is svesptacomm@gmail.com.
- Fundraising: Report given by Mary Beth Robinson. Giving Tuesday was successful last year, so we would like to do it again. This year, we'd like funds raised for Giving Tuesday on November 27 to support the initiatives of the 40th Anniversary campaign including staff appreciation, technology, and the music department. However, instead of waiting until all 40th anniversary funds are raised for the year, we will vote on and immediately purchase requested items/programs with the money raised through Giving Tuesday.

Auction donations are needed. Please consider reaching out to your hairdresser, sports centers, vacation rentals, jewelry, skincare products, someone who can host an experience (ie make sushi), etc. There will be a silent auction to include baskets at the Gala. There is a form on PTBoard form to fill out if you have an item for the auction. The Gala will be held March 30.

- 40th Anniversary: Report given by Murphy. Tina Bowser (teacher) has joined the committee. The committee would like for her to have a partner teacher. The Host committee is also open to anyone who is interested in being an ambassador for the campaign. We currently have \$18,500 in pledges! The campaign will continue through March 30. Both business and family sponsors are being accepted. Families will have the opportunity to purchase a commemorative brick. Please continue thinking of any vendors you interact with in order to continue getting sponsors. Phoebe Avery is going to put together a promo video/slideshow this Friday after dismissal with 8-10 student volunteers. They should wear spirit wear or blue and yellow. Email Megan, Antonia, or Phoebe if you would like to volunteer your child.
- 6) Sheila Murphy, SVES Counselor: Announced Executive Functioning Workshop. Ann Dolin will be speaking from 7-8pm in library. Dolin is an author and an expert in ADHD and executive functioning. She has great tips for parents of all children, even if they don't have ADHD. Tonight's primary focus is elementary aged students, but the information is applicable to older students as well.
 - 7) Sunshine Group: Report given by Farrell. The group would like to connect with other grandparents and extended family members or supportive adults who are actively involved in the lives of SVES students.

MaryAnn Chung is holding an Art and Craft show with 16 juried artists at her house (1624 Crowell Rd. Vienna, Va) on Saturday, Dec 8 from 11-4. Artists are giving a percentage of their sales to the 40th campaign. Artwork includes woodworking, weaving, jewelry, pottery, and more. This is an adult focused event, but supervised children are able to come if needed.

- 8) **New Business:** Nelson asked about the status of teacher mini grant requests. Kara Manton will modify the teacher request form to be filled out for student led projects.

Trombley explained SEPTA (Special Education PTA) after attending Fairfax County's most recent meeting. SEPTA is a wonderful resource for our families with children with special needs. They also have ideas for making our PTA sponsored events more inclusive for students with special needs.

Close: Meeting was adjourned at 10:28am.

Minutes:

Approved as presented: _____ Date: _____

Approved as corrected: _____ Date: _____

Secretary (Signature)