

Sonoma Mountain Charter Elementary School  
2019

November 6,

**PTA Meeting Minutes – Association**

Called to order: 7:04pm

Presiding: Carmela Chang, President

Adjourned: 8:15pm

**Executive Board Attendees:**

Carmela Chang, President

Emily Hennigan, Vice President (absent)

Erin Carlson, Treasurer

Carla Carpenter, Secretary

Michele Gochberg, Principal

Sylke Anderson, Historian

Michelle Blascow, Financial Secretary

Other attendees: 11 (see sign-in sheet)

Total attendance: 17

Childcare provided: n/a

**CALL TO ORDER: Carmela Chang called the meeting to order at 7:04pm**

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**President**

- SoMo Wear - survey the interest in a long sleeve version (kids only) via Survey Monkey.

**Secretary**

- No comments or corrections were presented regarding the minutes from the October 2, 2019 meeting. **THE MINUTES WILL STAND AS READ.**
- Reflections
  - 9 entries - 5 won the Award of Excellence, 3 won Award of Merit, and 1 won the Honorary Mention Award. All entries are currently on display in the library.
  - Communicate a better message out to the kids - they aren't too familiar. Take photos, air play during community gathering.

**Financial Secretary & Treasurer Reports were excluded**

**Treasurer**

- ❑ Ordinary and Necessary Expenses

**MOTION to pay ordinary and necessary expenses from today until January 8, 2019**

Motion made by: Erin Carlson

Seconded by: Sarah Nelson

MOTION PASSES

**Historian**

- ❑ September volunteer hours 508, last year September 523
- ❑ October volunteer estimated 500, last year 663. We haven't received Harvest Festival hours.

**Principal**

- ❑ 7 days no school due to fire, air quality, etc. Applied for waiver.
- ❑ Rescheduling Mr. Eddie's final performance
- ❑ Sound system installed last week - 1st use, this Friday at the Veteran Day celebration
- ❑ Fund a Need - build in the sound system
- ❑ Conference week

**Faculty Representative (Sarah Nelson)**

- ❑ Museum of Tolerance - intense & great bonding
- ❑ Membership Update
  - ❑ Breakdown by class (Kinder is winning), 6th grade is low
  - ❑ Executive Board to look at monthly challenge - Sykle will look into ASAP

**Mentor Me (Beki Long & Michelle Wright)**

- ❑ What is Mentor Me? Simple description: a special adult in a child life. They hang out 1 hour a week. Discussion occurred.
- ❑ They are in every school in Petaluma and have over 100 kids on the waitlist. They requested \$ to go towards the mentor center at school.
- ❑ How are students nominated? Typically teachers are the ones who nominate. Parents and children can also nominate.
- ❑ Mentors are requested a 2 year commitment.
- ❑ **EXECUTIVE BOARD DISCUSSION: \$ for Mentor Me**

**Chairperson's Report**

- ❑ Lagunitas "Pints for Half Pints" – Holli Berry
  - ❑ Still waiting for Lagunitas payment. Very successful event

- ❑ Gala - Sylke Anderson
  - ❑ November 12 meeting, 7pm
  - ❑ Gala March 7th
  - ❑ Theme: Mardi Gras!!!
  - ❑ Swine Country - she has spoke to them to modify menu. Discussion occurred.
  - ❑ Desserts - donations? Possible baker to provide? Decision TBD
  - ❑ Erin to provide expenses and budget from last year - before next Thursday
- ❑ Spell - A - Thon
  - ❑ We may have a lot of classes with 100% (total of 17 classes with 12 classes @ 100% participation)
  - ❑ How are we going to award the classes? Discussion occurred. Maybe modify for next year.
  - ❑ Tests going home tomorrow.
- ❑ Bingo Night
  - ❑ Attendance was low, power outages & air quality could have played a part in this
  - ❑ Aimee felt this event was too close to other events. Recommend moving it. It also wasn't publicized.
  - ❑ Family who bought a VIP table, they didn't show up
- ❑ Dine & Donate
  - ❑ Driven Raceway on 11/14 - all set up. \$20 kids, 2 races, round of golf and tokens. Sell tickets ahead of time, Amber Leyba helping on Friday, Tuesday-TBD (before & after school), Wednesday-Melissa. Erin to look into any issues with checks being written to SoMo. Flyers to go home this week. Petty cash is needed.
  
- ❑ Veteran's Day (Alex J.) would have been a great "sponsored by "X" class". It's a great way to involve more parents. How would we approach? Combo grades to encourage connections with parents. How to include more people, more participation? Buddy Families? Look at for next year. **EXECUTIVE BOARD DISCUSSION: How to handle beginning in 2020?**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Nov. 8 – Veterans' Day Celebration
- ❑ Nov. 14 - Dine & Donate @ Driven Raceway (3-7pm)
- ❑ Nov. 13-15 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal)
- ❑ Nov. 19-22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal)
- ❑ Nov. 23-29 - Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- ❑ NO PTA MEETING IN DECEMBER
- ❑ Dec. 18-19 5th/6th Grade Winter Choir Concert (7pm)
- ❑ Dec. 19 - Spelling Bee (1:30pm)
- ❑ Dec. 20 - TK-2nd Grades Winter Show (8:40am)
- ❑ Dec. 20 - Minimum Day (Early Dismissal 11:50am)

❑ Dec. 23-31 - Winter Break (No School)

Next PTA meeting: January 8, 2019

**Adjournment: 8:15pm**

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**Updates/corrections:**

\_\_\_\_\_, November 6, 2019 Association Meeting  
*2019 Minutes compiled by Carla Carpenter, Secretary*