

Sonoma Mountain Charter Elementary School  
2019

October 2,

**PTA Meeting Minutes – Association**

Called to order: 7:02pm

Presiding: Carmela Chang, President

Adjourned: 7:37pm

**Executive Board Attendees:**

Carmela Chang, President

Emily Hennigan, Vice President

Erin Carlson, Treasurer

Carla Carpenter, Secretary

Michele Gochberg, Principal

Sylke Anderson, Historian

Michelle Blascow, Financial Secretary

Other attendees: 7 (see sign-in sheet)

Total attendance: 14

Childcare provided: n/a

**CALL TO ORDER: Carmela Chang called the meeting to order at 7:02pm**

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**President**

- Membership: up to 207 active members, 175 of those signed up online. This time last year, we only had 123 members.
- Spell-A-Thon: Pledge forms and words have gone home. Great annual fundraiser for the school.
  - Big push to get 100% participation
  - Class reward for each class with 100% participation
  - Trying to break last year's record
  - If we get 350 students involved, Mrs. Gochberg will be slimed. For each additional 25 students, a staff member will be added.

**Secretary**

- No comments or corrections were presented regarding the minutes from the September 4, 2019 meeting. **THE MINUTES WILL STAND AS READ.**

**Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Report were excluded**

## Historian

- July & August Volunteer Hours: 537
- September Volunteer Hours: 523 hours
- Erin Bishop will put together all the Harvest Festival Hours

## Treasurer

- Ordinary and Necessary Expenses

### **MOTION to pay ordinary and necessary expenses from today until November 6, 2019**

Motion made by: Michelle Blascow

Seconded by: Sarah Nelson

MOTION PASSES

- We need a CPA to do our taxes. Please let us know if you know anyone. This is a paid position. Carmela did email our District PTA President, still waiting to hear back. Carmela will reach out to Cara to post this request on FB.

## Principal

- Parents and Student Surveys from last year: Improve school to home connection (SoMo U is next week), improving overall communication from classroom to home, widening our PBIS work-tolerance, inclusion, kindness, empathy...(discussion occurred; we have a team of six teachers that will go to the Museum of Tolerance starting 10/24
- Sound System Upgrade: should be in by January
- grant requested/submitted which will go to new Chromebooks.
- District wide, we passed our facilities bond. Assessments will be made on our school and other schools in the district. Most of the bond will probably go to Old Adobe School. Possible outdoor learning space, dedicated music room, dedicated TK space.
- Moved our dance performance to November 1st.
- Vets day celebration will come up quickly November 8th. Volunteers will be needed. Carmela will reach out to Tracy.

## Faculty Representative (Sarah Nelson)

- Mrs. Gochberg touched on all the topics Sarah was going to. Lots of exciting things.

## Chairperson's Report

- Lagunitas "Pints for Half Pints" – Holli Berry

- Need volunteers (if interested, reach out to Carmela)
- Boost ticket sales - we need to push.
- Still waiting on permission slips
- Reflections – Cathy Corso & Tawnia Dugan
  - Submission Due October 11th - will probably push to the end of the month
  - Carmela will talk with Cara to post on FB
  - Theme this year - “Look Within”
  - Community Gathering announcement this week of next - Carla to followup with Mrs. Gochberg
- Gala - Cathy Corso
  - First meeting Thursday at 7pm - staff room (October 10th)
  - Gala is March 7th
  - Theme to be voted on that night.
- Walk & Roll - Joe & Dinah Houghtaling & Sylke Anderson
  - 179 participants - 126 kids on bikes
  - Sylke will send pictures were taken and will be approved by Mrs. Gochberg.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oct. 11 – Reflections Submissions Due
- Oct. 11 – Spell-a-thon pledge sheets due
- Oct. 15 – Lagunitas Night: Pints for ½ Pints Fundraiser
- Oct. 18 – Spell-a-thon TEST
- Oct. 23 - PTA Social
- Oct. 25 - Bingo night (6pm)
- Oct. 31 - Halloween Parade
- Nov. 1 - Spell-A-Thon money due
- Nov. 6 - Next PTA meeting

Next PTA meeting: November 6, 2019

**Adjournment: 7:37pm**

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**Updates/corrections:**

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*2019 Minutes compiled by Carla Carpenter, Secretary*