**COLLEGE STATION HIGH SCHOOL PTO Meeting Minutes**

**September 19, 2023**

**In Attendance:** Justin Grimes, Holly Sharp, Kim Ege, Joy Cashion, Ericka Mitchell, Hailey Bodden, Shelly Humphrey, Sherry Sutton, Miriam Gerdes, Daniela Volosen, Melissa Carter, Maddie Weatherman

**Call to order:** 12:05

**Approval of August 2023 meeting minutes:** Motion was made by Ericka Mitchell. Second was made by Sherry Sutton. All in favor. August minutes were approved.

**Introducing Maddie Weatherman,** the new college advisor for the school. She is happy to work with any of our students. She left contact info and it’s in the school newsletter.

**Principal’s Update:** Mr. Grimes

* Homecoming week next week – The parade on Wednesday is new and finishes with the community pep rally. Route is Creek View to CSHS stadium. Dance is Saturday 8-11pm in both gyms. Students must wear tennis shoes or soft marking shoes (no boots or heels) in gym. No entry after 10pm, must have ID, and no re-entry. Non CSHS students are allowed with the signed form. Dress up days are Monday space, Tuesday surfing USA, Wednesday country vs country club, Thursday Disney, and Friday purple out.
* We will have a winter semiformal. This one is only for CSHS students. Save the date February 3.
* Prom is April 13 at the Expo center (a change from last year), 8-11:30pm.
* Question raised about how vaping at the school is going this year. We have had a small number caught. When reports are made, admin follows up and that’s how vaping is usually found.
* Mr. Grimes was asked if anything is needed for October PD days, but he has it covered.
* October 11 is PSAT day and a modified schedule. There is also an English benchmark and seniors doing rotations of requirements for graduation. Those not involved in these things will not have to be at school during those hours. Schedule and info coming.
* Every campus is going through training on the bond election this November. We should start seeing information coming out. A presentation will be made at our October PTO meeting.

**Teacher Representative’s Update:** Ms. Martell – no report

**President’s Report:** Holly Sharp

* At the Citywide President and Treasurer forum, they covered financial information. We have submitted our reports. Note that most of the dues we pay to Citywide pay for accountant fees.
* We will be hosting Citywide at CSHS in May.

**Treasurer Report:** Joy Cashion

* $18,449 starting balance, $18,970 as of September 1. Have had sponsor checks come in that are not deposited yet.
* Welcome to the Pride was the bulk of what happened in last month. Ticket sales were down so that affected the budget, but we are going to be above expected in some other income areas, so we’ll be fine with our expense budget the way it is.
* What is the plan for Homecoming parade recognition for our sponsors? We’ve had three sponsors make the deadline so far. We will get signs made and put on floats. We’ve also been working to help get the cars sponsored from dealerships for the senior court in the parade.
* Kendra Scott will be here on Homecoming game day as our profit share.

**Welcome to the Pride:** Camille Blundell and Katy Jackson – no additional report

**Copy Coordinator:** Crystal Warner – no report

**Communications (Social Media):** Michelle Hawthorne – She will post about Kroger profit share soon.

**Communications (Website):** Lauren Connaly – no report

**Fundraising:** Sherry Sutton & Miriam Williams Gerdes –

* Reported comparison of last year to this year. Last year charged $65, had 119 spots bought, made $7335.68 after fees. This year charged $50, had 129 spots bought, made $6450. Committee proposes we consider moving the cost back to $65 for next year. Noted $65 is what Consol charges.
* We did require everyone to paint their spot this year. Parking lots look great. Sold out gym side spots, but have spots there and on fine arts side. Discussion of upcharge for students who want to move spots next year. Discussion of confusion on how to pay and there being two different payments. We’d like to start early (right after spring break). And we need a bigger committee.
* Mr. Grimes suggested we go ahead and meet with admin that is over parking and give them our proposal. Work to find the right places where the school needs to be involved vs what we as a PTO can do.

**Staff Appreciation:** Hailey Bodden & Misty Kalke – We don’t have an updated birthday list, so she’s been using the one from last year. Mr. Grimes will share new one with her. Holly asked Hailey to take pictures so we can share on social. Blue Baker is donating cookies again this year.

**Teacher Hospitality:** Shelby Lyne & Katy Jackson – They’re planning lunch in November.

**VIPS & Donations:** Ericka Mitchell – Email her with names of people to be added to our list.

**Sponsorships & Engagement:** Norma Croskey – We have 4 checks from sponsors, 3 that qualify for the HOCO parade recognition. We will be making signs to put on a few floats for the sponsors. Norma is in contact with several car dealerships to get sponsorships and cars loaned for the HOCO parade to carry the senior court. Sponsorship deadline is Nov. 1.

**Other Business:**

Future Meetings (3rd Tuesday of each month at noon in the LGI): Oct. 17, Nov. 14\*, Dec. 12\*, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 19, Apr.16, May 21 (\*denotes not a 3rd Tuesday )

Meeting adjourned at 1:20.