

CVHS General PTO Meeting, Zoom
January 20, 2022, 7pm
Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome by Susan Hawes Good evening, meeting is being recorded. No vote on that.
- II. Call Meeting to Order: 7:02pm
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. First thing is to approve minutes. We will place the link to view the minutes in chat and read them on your own screen. Give two minutes for that. The transcription translated it as Mr. Boss ;). Link placed, but when clicked did not work. We will proceed with Mr. Moss's report and circle back to minutes.
- IV. Principal's Report by Mr. Moss
 - A. Good evening. First report since November. Welcome to Spring Semester sounds funny seeing that it is January 20, 2022. Yesterday we started the Spring Semester, and we are underway. Health and Safety are priority number 1. We want to make sure everyone remains healthy and safe. Yesterday we had 44 absences, of total enrollment 907 so that is 97% attendance. That is pretty good, usually we are 98%. This is for various reasons, not all related to Covid. We encourage anyone with symptoms to get tested and recover at home. I attended a meeting today that Carnegie will become a testing site for students and employees every other Friday and offer testing. Next week we will publish that with additional information. As soon as we have additional details, we will release that information. That is the pertinent information I have right now.
 - B. If we have any students that were out last week, that did not take a final in real time, please have them schedule makeups. They need to be taken this month. Especially important for Seniors because we have to finalize ranking at the end of this month. That is it for me.
 - C. Any questions for Mr. Moss?
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Aparna is going to share her screen to view the November General PTO Minutes. Screen shared with Minutes. Can share a draft if anyone will like and work on posting on CVHS PTO website. Two pages shared. Our November session ended with Mr. Rosa talking about college and career readiness. Back to Susan.
 - B. No poll set up for Minutes. Raise hand via icons to approve November Minutes. Anybody opposes, no hands raised. Minutes approved. No one abstains.
- VI. President's Report - Susan Hawes - I have a brief President's report.
 - A. If we can switch back to the Agenda. While Michelle is working on setting up a vote. We have had a busy few months. We have worked through the break on alumni stuff. We have upcoming speakers. Tonight we have our college panel, which is one of our most popular programs. I have been working with our

counselors; Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Griffin, to arrange for a speaker to come and talk about stress and students. That will be next month (February). Then for April we arranged for Benjamin Holloway, he used to be a teacher at Carnegie and now runs a college counseling service. He loves to come back and talk to Carnegie. He will speak on applying with sanity to colleges. It's a good talk. That's what I have. Now onto the Fiscal Year change, I believe we read this through in October, Mala can you explain as it is a book keeping issue. But we can't simply change as it is in the PTO bylaws.

B. Fiscal Year Change - Mala Gupta, Treasurer

1. So Susan was mentioning the fiscal year. What happened in the past was our fiscal year would run from the first of June to the thirty-first of May. That was done as HISD schools were ending in May. Now for the last couple of years, schools are closing in June. By the time we wrap up everything, and all the expenses are counted, closing the fiscal year in May throws off the accounting. Every time you run a report it is incomplete and not a clear picture. This year we are thinking of changing it to the first of July to the thirtieth of June. That would be a better picture with all the expenses accounted for and checks written. That helps with accounting and reports that would need to be published. Hopefully you agree and please let me know if you have questions. Switch back to slideshow with proposed language and accounting issues. Now start the fiscal year based on the school year. We cannot adjust bylaws without a public vote. Ask for questions. Michelle has a poll set up for this. The new google link in the chat is to vote yes / no for approval to change bylaws. Hopefully no issues. Passes with 86% yes, 13% abstention, so that carries.

VII. Treasurer's Report - Financial Report from Mala Gupta

- A. Let me go back to my report. Based on our report from the first of June to January 11, we have almost \$55,610 dollars of public support. After more checks from two days back, we are close to \$57,000 which is 95% of the goal. We have \$3000 left of fundraising to meet our goal. Thank you CVHS family for generous support. Number of \$57,000 does not include the corporate matches.
- B. Reviewing slides, cost i.e. fish camp do not change. In looking at total revenue, clarify that the \$57,000 is from the Friends and Family campaign.
- C. From Mala again, everyone can see on the slides (Financial Statement) shown, expenses are accounted for and donations are on the top. This will be posted on the website. Please reach out to me with questions. Happy to answer. Another report is Budget vs Actual (slide shown). Shows how much we spent and raised and what was budgeted. \$57,610 was actual and we are only \$3000 away from our goal. Rest is self explanatory. That's all from my end.

D. From Susan, thank you for walking us through that. Balance sheets can be confusing.

VIII. VP Fundraising - is out of town, Joya Shukla is our fundraising VP. Report given by Susan

- A. Switch to slide thanking our fundraising donors. We want to thank everyone who has donated so far. Especially Batchelor and Brown families who provided the match for our Giving Tuesday campaign. Your support will be well spent.
- B. Another fundraising thing is that we are on Amazon Smile. We are on with Randalls, Kroeger, and Office Depot. Please sign up for your percentage to go to Carnegie Vanguard PTO and thus to your school and our teachers and students.
- C. We have two events coming up. One is our oft put off Breakfast with the Principal for some donors. That is being planned, currently being planned for right before Spring Break. It was going to be before Winter Break, then in January and now prior to Spring Break. Tentatively we are planning for March 2022. Stay tuned.
- D. And then, onto a much bigger event. Carnegie is turning twenty this year. This is our twentieth year of existence as a school, and next year we will be our twentieth anniversary. That will be our Spring Social. It is tentatively scheduled for April 30, 2022. We will push it into May if we need to. It will be our twentieth birthday party. The event will be for everyone; students, parents, teachers, administrators. We are planning to hold the event at the school with tours and spotlight student groups. We are working to get that underway.

IX. VP Communications - Maria is not able to be here tonight. Ms. Sanchez is and will cover a few things.

- A. Wrap Around Updates - I'm excited that Heights Family Counseling will be having a virtual session. There is a flier already available, that will be posted online for this seminar. Will need to sign up first to get the link. Then you can participate in this virtual event. How to build relationships and communicate with your children, how to discuss mental health and having a safe space with them. How to have a comfortable talk. How to transition in high school. How they can communicate and how to hear them as parents. Hopefully we can have future specific events about our students specifically. This is an upcoming, virtual free event for students and families
- B. Notice on Voter Registration - Ask Mr. Moss is coming to Carnegie to help 18 year olds register. Ms. Chapman (counselor) has a group that comes in to help in that capacity as well as Ms. Schultz, our librarian, assists in that capacity. Unsure if there are specific dates set. Received many emails from Harris County Elections. I know our students will be volunteering for the upcoming elections. As soon as I have dates I will provide that information. Ms. Sanchez added that she has voter registration packets in her office, and students will get a snack for completing. She will mail the paperwork in on 1/31/2022.

- C. Senior Committee - there is a little bit on this. THE reason the Senior Committee is here is because PTO does not manage the Senior Events, but we get a lot of questions on it. There is a question in the chat for Ms. Sanchez - will sessions be recorded? Will look into that and try to post on the website. Senior dues are being discussed. We will post what we hear from the Seniors.
 - D. Question regarding when the meetings with Social Worker will be? February 23 and March 9 at 6:30pm in the evening. Will not be a physical meeting at the school, will be able to log in from wherever.
- X. VP Volunteers - Georgi Silverman
- A. Please sign up to volunteer through VIPs
 - B. Holiday Appreciation Lunch - We had a great Holiday lunch, so many parents donated food, thank you.
 - C. Junior Class parent - We are still in need, and can take 2-3 parents if able.
 - D. PTO Awards Committee - We put together this committee every year, and the application for students should be out soon. We appreciate those parents that volunteered to serve.
- XI. VP Special Events - Jaymie Turner
- A. Snowcoming Dance Report - Good evening parents and CVHS family. I wanted to thank especially Coach Scott, Jackie Rincon-Lopez, and all the parents who volunteered. It was so nice to see the students dressed up with food and music and a live DJ. They had so many chances outside to sit and enjoy each other. We had over 600 students join that night. That is the greatest turnout in the history of Carnegie. They had a great time and we will do it again. When PTO and CVHS partner, we have extraordinary events.
 - B. Carnegie's 20th Birthday -I want to move to the 20th Anniversary. I want to extend the invitation that we would love to have you come. Even if you bring other graduates, family. We would love to have a wonderful turnout. OUR faculty and students work hard and this would be in appreciation of it. Please feel free to bring all to the upcoming CVHS 20th Birthday Party. We all work hard and want to show appreciation.
 - C. We are well aware of the virus that is alive and not going anywhere. We are wanting to plan another movie night, but we do not have clearance yet. Waiting to hear from the District as to when we can schedule. Want to plan another upcoming outdoor movie night.
- XII. It is 7:34pm and we are just about ready for our students. I want to comment that events like Snowco are on our agenda. This was not a PTO event, but when they sold 300 tickets 3 days before the dance. This was more than the students could handle. Coach reached out to the PTO and we were happy to help. A big thank you to both Jaime Turner and Jackie Lopez who threw themselves into it and were there during the day, chaperoning at night and we are very grateful.

XIII. College Panel - We have seven students here tonight and Lucy Le has worked hard to recruit these students and bring them here tonight. Move onto that. Not fully transcribed, please see online.

XIV. Adjourn