

**Schaumburg High School Very Interested Parents (SHS VIP)
Booster Club Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Co-President Robi Vollkommer

Board members in attendance: Robi Vollkommer (Co-President), Brandy Wilson (2nd Vice President), Mari Okido (Treasurer), Linda Gudex (Corresponding Secretary) and Michele Napier (Assistant Principal)

Absent: Cassie Flowers (Co-President), Kirti Parmer (1st Vice President), Amy Ciminello (Recording Secretary)

Total of 22 people in attendance

Minutes taken by Linda Gudex

Everyone in attendance gave a brief self-introduction. There were many first-time attendees and several were parents of incoming freshmen.

The budget for 2019-2020 school year was presented by Mari Okido with line-by-line reading by Nelly Garcia. The budget for the Saxon Store assumes that items in inventory will be sold in the upcoming year to generate the target profit. Motion to approve by Frank Kolasa, Seconded by Nelly Garcia, and passed on a voice vote.

Correspondence (Linda Gudex): Several volunteer interest forms were received in the VIP mailbox and to the email address (schaumburgvip@gmail.com). Savers contacted us with a promotion they are running this fall to provide a truck over several days to collect donations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (names in bold indicate speakers at the meeting)

Saxon Store (**Frank Kolasa** & Theresa Tinebra) Attending and opening the Saxon Store during several Freshmen Orientation sessions yielded good sales and we should plan to open the store during these events again. Spirit wear will be available to purchase at home football games. The Saxon Store opening times and location at SHS will be changed and is under discussion.

SeptemberFest on Monday 9/2 (**Linda Gudex**) Need two volunteers (4 hour shifts) to volunteer at Septemberfest; will have sign ups for working in the food booth serving Italian beef sandwiches from Firehouse Dogs, chips and soda on 9/2; we are selling raffle tickets to cover the cost of our booth.

Post Prom on Saturday 5/2 (**Nelly Garcia**) We've decided to change the venue for this year's Post Prom, and we're close to settling on Main Event.

Blessings in a Backpack on Friday Mornings (**Robi Vollkommer/Mrs. Napier**) On Friday mornings throughout the school year, students in need select food to take home for themselves and their families. Community groups provide grants for food, and VIP volunteers transport fresh foods from Whole Foods on Friday mornings.

Concession (**Audrey Flechsig** & Dolma Bharadwaj) Audrey is handling purchasing and Dolma is coordinating volunteers.

Craft Fair on Saturday 10/5 (**Susmita Sharma**) We are already filled to capacity with exhibitors, and we could take more crafters if suitable space in the school could be utilized. Volunteering for the Amita Health run on July 20 netted \$150. Now we focus on boosting attendance.

Dine to Donate (**Robi Vollkommer**) We will rotate among the four restaurants that were most profitable for us last year: Village Tavern, Portillo's, Panda Express and Lou Malnati's. We are hoping to capitalize on consistency by scheduling on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month.

Hospitality (Kirti Parmar & Josie Zakariya) Handling refreshments/coat checks at several events throughout the year.

Membership (**Jhina Tabulina-O'Brien** & **Brandy Wilson**) Our membership goal last year was 500 families (reached 346) and 100 faculty members (reached 90). The question about the requirement of 4 years of membership for scholarship application eligibility was raised. Robi mentioned that the

board has begun discussing this requirement and is intending to formally take it up and clarify it to the membership. At this point, the requirement of 4 years of membership has not yet been applied to a graduating class (set to start with this year's seniors). Robi announced that the board is heavily leaning toward removing the requirement, and no objections were raised by those in attendance.

Scholarships (**Michelle Tunquist & Sonya Mortell**) Based on comments from last year, the Scholarship Committee is considering what changes to make for the upcoming year, such as how to evaluate applications.

Newsletter (**Linda Gudex**) Planning to make monthly newsletters. We have some new interest from parent volunteers, which is welcome.

Publicity (**Linda Gudex**) We continue to use our Twitter and Facebook accounts @SHSVIParents to promote our events. We have some new interest from parent volunteers, which is welcome.

Prom Fashion Show (Lori Murray) No update was given.

Saxon Legacy Pavers (Cassie Flowers) Explanation that there are a limited number of pavers available for purchase as a commemorative item.

Senior Yard Signs (**Robi Vollkommer**) Yard signs were available for purchase during registration, and we will purchase a number of signs so that we have signs available for sale at events, starting with the Open House.

Trivia Night (Stacie Campbell) Three dates were proposed and two were identified as conflicting with other events; most favorable proposed date is Friday, January 24, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

- "GIVE US AN HOUR" campaign-- Robi explained the initiative of having every parent or guardian volunteer for an hour. Considering giving out car magnets as a reward for doing so.
- YH4L Program- Oct. 17, 2019—Michele Napier and Jhina Tabulina-O'Brien explained that this biennial event provides EKG monitoring, which is not part of standard screenings in the US. This screening can and has detected underlying heart conditions in students, who are then able to get the care they need. There will be a training session on October 16 before conducting the event at SHS on October 17.

OLD BUSINESS -- NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS- Michelle Napier, Assistant Principal

The SHS VIP showcase in the main hallway needs to be updated.

It is time to send out the application for mini-grants. Michele raised the possibility of making the mini-grant funding at the discretion of the Principal, but this was not discussed further.

MISCELLANEOUS

Next Meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019 at 7pm in the Faculty Dining Room (corrected in the Minutes)

Motion by Susmita Sharma, Seconded by Mari Okido to adjourn at 9:23 pm.

Action Items from August 2019 SHS VIP Meeting

SeptemberFest (Linda Gudex) Return sold raffle tickets and money to Linda by 8/29. Watch for booth sign ups.

Blessings in a Backpack (Robi Vollkommer/Mrs. Napier) Need volunteers for Friday morning pick-ups (takes 45 min to 1 h).

Concession (Audrey Flechsig & Dolma Bharadwaj) One more co-chair is needed to open the concession stand for home games.

Craft Fair (Susmita Sharma) Need to advertise to draw more visitors. Need 40 to 50 volunteers.

Dine to Donate (Robi Vollkommer) First Dine to Donate is August 21 at Lou Malnati's.

Hospitality (Kirti Parmar & Josie Zakariya) Need 10 to 20 volunteers for Homecoming on Saturday 9/28.

Membership (Jhina Tabulina-O'Brien & Brandy Wilson) Looking for similar numbers this year. Athletic passes will be distributed at football games by student last name.

Scholarships (Michelle Tunquist & Sonya Mortell) Considering holding a focus group before clarifying the application requirements for next year.

Newsletter (Linda Gudex) First deadline is Sunday, August 11 NOON with target issue date of August 18 or 19.

Publicity (Linda Gudex) Please follow our accounts and amplify our messages.

Senior Yard Signs (Robi Vollkommer) Get a report from D211 on signs sold during registration.