

**Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms
September 21, 2022**

- Welcome & Call to Order Beverly Bennert
 - In attendance:

Beverly Bennert	Colleen Jogan	Beth Newhart
Leslie Halliburton	Sarah Coats	Jocelyn Padden
Lori Nixon	Michelle Parikh	Kate Kamman
Heidi Schindlebeck	Kristen Slawson	Diana Miller
Steve Justin	Nancy DeGrand	Patrick Petz
Melissa Patz	Sara Koch	Helena Carroll
Marica Ostrowski	Ellen Dennehy	Jennifer Kendall
Kristi Lincicome	Amy Webster	Samantha Yonkus
Renee Palazzolo	Anna Bouton	Jennifer Kelly
Laurie Martin	Kate Barnwell	Mary Jane Haindl
Laura Wholihan	Moussa Hamka	Rebecca Fannon
 - Call to order 7:05–Welcome to all new participants, and welcome back to all familiar faces. Very happy to have everyone in attendance!
- Guest Speaker Moussa Hamka
 - **State of the School:**
 - We're coming off some pretty tough years (through the pandemic). Time to reassess and ask ourselves a few questions:
 - Who are we as a school? AS a community?
 - What defines us as a school?
 - What would we choose to share with the world?
 - What is the tradition of Grosse Pointe South? What is our story?
 - How do we celebrate this school? This community?
 - All critical data show we have a lot to be proud of.
 - IA building will be coming down in the next two years.the art department will me moved to the main building
 - Updates to the media center are “in the works”
 - Enrollment is at 1,230 students
 - All cell phones must be off and out of sight during class time
 - **The Year Ahead**
 - We will amplify the student voice and continue to cultivate a sense of belonging
 - Will will continue to improve and strengthen our literacy efforts
 - Coffee + Conversation will continue on the first Friday of the month at 9:00 am in Cleminson Hall.
- Approval of Minutes
 - May 2022 Colleen Jogan
 - The minutes from May 2022 were presented. Laura W. made a motion to accept the minutes. Marica O. seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

- Treasurer's Report

- May, June, July & August 2022

Nancy DeGrand

- Nancy D. presented and explained the Treasurer's Report from May 2022. Laura W. made a motion to pass the TR. Marica O. seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.
 - Nancy D. presented and explained the Treasurer's Report from June 2022. Laura W. made a motion to pass the TR. Marica O. seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.
 - Nancy D. presented and explained the Treasurer's Report from July 2022. Laura W. made a motion to pass the TR. Marica O. seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.
 - Nancy D. presented and explained the Treasurer's Report from August 2022. Laura W. made a motion to pass the TR. Marica O. seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

- 2022-2023 Budget Overview

- Nancy D. presented and explained the Budget for 2022-23. Laura W. made a motion to pass the budget. Marica O. seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.
 - The budget will be posted to the Mother's Club website

- Officer Reports

- President

Beverly Bennert

- Mother's Club still has a few open positions that need to be filled with volunteers.
 - The Pom Pom Palooza will take place at the football game on Friday night. Working with the Devil's Den, the Mothers' Club will sell pom poms at the school store during the day, and before the start of the game.

- Past President

Laura Wholihan

- The Senior class is in desperate need of parent volunteers for all things Homecoming

- President Elect

Michelle Parikh

- Next meeting will be October 12, 2022. All 10 School Board Candidates will be in attendance for the meeting. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm. Each candidate will have 5 minutes to address the audience.

- VP Preservation

Marica Ostrowski

- The replacement plaque has been ordered for the bench
 - The Cleminson doors will be refinished. Waiting on a closer from Monteith. If no closer is available, the doors will be refinished without the closures.

- VP Scholarship

Jen Kendall

- Last spring 70+ students were interviewed and granted scholarships
 - Becoming a member of MC is critically important—it is how the scholarships are funded. Senior families must be a member of MC to apply for scholarship

- VP Enrichment

Laurie Martin

- Approval of Fall Enrichment Requests: The Executive Board recommended approving \$8,784.00 of requested funds from several different teachers and staff members. Laure M. presented and explained the requests that were submitted.

- Discussion followed regarding the suggestion to approve the adaptive yoga instructor, but deny the grant for the traditional PE class. Followed up with the adaptive class will use the yoga instructor once a week, and the traditional class would be once a month.
 - Jennifer K. made a motion to pass the Enrichment Requests as approved by the Executive Board. Laura W. seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.
 - Recording Secretary Colleen Jogan
 - No report
 - Communications Secretary Jessica Bryan
 - No report
 - Assistant Treasurer Erin Dilodovico
 - School Store Reports - May, June, July & August 2022
 - Michelle P presented and explained the School Store Report from May 2022. Laura W. made a motion to pass the report. Marica O. seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.
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- Class Sponsors Updates/Reports
 - Nicole Westfall is the Freshman Class sponsor—the class is doing well
 - Kendra Caraliss is the Sophomore class sponsor. Michelle P. reported the class is making great progress
 - Shannon Sugamele is the Junior class sponsor. Colleen J. reported that the class is working together and the float parties are well attended.
 - Katie Parent is the Senior class sponsor. The senior class need some help to make significant progress on the float and posters.
- Select Advisory Board Updates/Reports
 - Community Partners Lori Nixon
 - Letters and email went out.
 - There are 4 sponsors and 11 advertisers as of 9-21-2022.
 - Directory Michele Lindsay
 - The team is beginning to collect all the items for the directory and they have their volunteer list. Looking at a end of October time frame.
 - High Pointes Ellen Dennehy
 - High Pointes will be published a week early to accommodate Homecoming and the important schedules that need to be communicated.
 - Homecoming Mary Jane Haindl
 - Plans are being coordinated between SA and Mother’s Club. Volunteers have been contacted and the dance will be held in the gym this year..
 - Membership Steve Justin

- As of 9-21-2022 there are 435 Mother's Club members
 - Social Media/Website Jessica Bryan
 - School Store Sara Koch/Helena Carroll
 - Helena + Sara are busy ordering and stocking the school store. The volunteers are plentiful!
 - Volunteers Beth Newhart
 - Lists are being created and distributed
- Old Business / New Business
 - Rebecca Fannon reminded that the 10 school board candidates will be at the auditorium at Brownell on Sept 27. The Grosse Pointe News will have a full run issue with each candidate answering the same 5 questions. Ten (10) people are running for three positions.

Important Dates:

- September 23 - Pom Pom Palooza at the South vs. Roseville Football Game @ 7:00 pm
- October 3-8 - Homecoming Week!!
 - Monday, October 3 - Junior Spirit Day
 - Tuesday, October 4 - Sophomore Spirit Day
 - Wednesday, October 5 - Freshmen Spirit Day
 - Thursday, October 6 - Senior Spirit Day
 - Friday, October 7 - Unity Day
 - Parade begins at 6:00 pm
 - Football Game begins at 7:00 pm
 - Saturday, October 8th
 - Dance begins at 7:00 and ends at 10:00 pm
- October Mothers' Club Meeting is October 12th at 7:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.