



**Schallenger Home and School Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.
Virtual WebEx Meeting**

1. Call to Order: 6:34pm. Officers present: Tayesa Knight (President), Nadege Vatton Raclot (Treasurer), Elise Roussel (Secretary). Quorum present.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Jodi Leibowitz. Kristen Rintalan seconds the motion. Agenda approved unanimously as written. No opposed. No abstentions. No additional items to add to the agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Julie Smith-Reid. Jodi Leibowitz seconds the motion. Minutes as written from 1-10-23 approved unanimously. No opposed. No abstentions.
4. President's Report: Tayesa Knight
 - a. Gala update

In 2019, we planned a gala that was supposed to be in 2020, but was canceled as we entered a pandemic. The auctioneer, the DJ, the venue and the caterer were gracious enough to roll over the funding. It turns out there were cost increases that we didn't anticipate (the cost of the food has almost tripled), and we couldn't get enough volunteers to have the gala as it once was. The last version of our gala had reached a professional level! We have seen so many changes in our community in the past few years. We couldn't spend more money on the gala without knowing how much we would get in return. It is a decision taken in partnership with the school, as well as some parent volunteers that were willing to help with the gala. We still want to raise money and bring parents together, as we pivot to Hapas for a parent-only event.

The San Jose Women's Club was not supposed to give us any money back, as the contract clearly stated. Their board agreed on giving us back 60% of what we paid 4

years ago. It is amazing for us to recoup this much money! The DJ agreed to roll over another event. The caterer will turn to another type of fundraiser event.

We have been able to build the reserve in the past years thanks to the amazing previous galas, raising more money than what was needed. We are thankful we have been able to use this money for the last 3 years to keep up with the enrichment programs for our kiddos. Although we won't have a gala this year, it doesn't mean we will not fund next year's programs, it just means that events will be a little bit different. We had to pivot to make a better decision, a different way to support next year's funding. \$112,000 have already been raised this year. Our \$231,000 goal needs to be revisited, as it includes putting money in the reserve.

From new families, the concern is what the long term will look like. Fundraising opportunities will continue, even though they will be different from the past ones.

Julie Smith-Reid emphasized that it wouldn't have been responsible to spend so much money thinking we would get enough for next year's funding. The lead time was too short and there were not enough people. It would have been good for the community but not for the funding, still we have to keep the fundraising goal in mind.

We tried to recruit for help for the gala since last year, as well as in every SHSA meeting, but it wasn't enough. Valerie Mirrione said that it also takes a huge technology piece, though no one volunteered on that, as well as for the auction.

A parent asked what were the programs funded by SHSA: Schmahl Science (science workshops), Recess 101 (leadership at school). Project Cornerstone and Art Vista (entirely led by parent volunteers), Drumming, Starting Arts (dance, choir, music), teachers stipends and supplies (\$35,000 each year), as well as fundraising costs. This information was sent to parents at the beginning of the year, and can be found on the SHSA website as well.

b. Hapa's 4/7/23 - raffle baskets, parent parties, teacher events

We will transition to Hapas instead. We are still working on the details about the food and drinks. The tickets will be single (\$55) or couple tickets (\$100), 2 free drinks per person, mainly beer and some wine. We would have food from the caterer. It will be a nice social time for parents. Hapas will be just before the spring break, but that was the date working for both venue and caterer. We didn't want to have our event after the break, as people don't participate that much when we get closer to graduation.

We are also looking for people to do parent parties. These would be progressive parties with 3 different places and families. Hosts fund the party, parents pay for tickets and

SHSA gets the money from the tickets. If people are interested in hosting, we need to know what people's commitments are in terms of date, how many people, drinks / food, time, etc.

We won't have any live auction, but a silent auction for families and kids, as well as teacher events and raffle baskets. We will be putting out an email for donations for parties or raffle baskets soon.

c. Board Interest

People interested in joining the board still have a whole month to apply, before the beginning of April. All positions in the board can have co-chairs, except president and treasurer. It is a good way to make friends. Take a buddy and talk about it! You will be paid with love and free dress passes, and all the kids knowing who you are :-)

Being the SHSA president was never about the money. Money comes when you have the community. This is what we need to rebuild, as so many people don't know each other. We'll have some community building events: 4/28 Movie Night, 5/26 Dance Fest at school.

5. Principal's Report: Ryan Chamberlin

Schallenberger is looking for yard supervisors, as we still have several vacancies. Some bus drivers are doing the job right now. We would gladly welcome parents, so they get to know the kids and help build our community. Please contact the office if interested, telling us what days work for you. Connie will follow up with you.

6. Fundraising: Elise Roussel Reporting Out

Our next Eating for Education will be at Giorgio's, on Tuesday, March 7th.

7. Communications: Tayesa Knight Reporting Out

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8. Membership: Tayesa Knight Reporting Out

Please submit your nomination form before April. Board positions are a two-year commitment. Life still happens! We ideally like it for two years, as you figure things out the first year, and you gain momentum the second year.

You would not be left alone, as Tayesa and Nadege will still be on campus next year.

Our current board tries to fill positions for next year. We also have other positions to offer, not only board positions. We would like to fill them in April, May and June. WAT/FF, need to be planned during the summer.

Art Vista, Project Cornerstone, clothes closet. We'll have an email going out to folks soon.

9. Secretary: Elise Roussel

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10. Treasurer: Nadege Vatton Raclot

Nadege is in the process of transitioning all financial data to quickbook (online version), for a better transition for next year's board.

Historically, when the reserve was introduced, people didn't want to build it, people wanted to spend it for the present time for their kids. We had a huge amount of no.

The reserve was built when we raised so much more money for galas than what was expected. A reserve may not be built up again in the next 5 years. This decision will come from the board according to the amount of money raised. But funding our programs WILL BE HAPPENING.

11. Adjourn - 7:32pm.

Next SHSA meeting 3/14/23 6:32 p.m.

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