



# COUGAR Parents Club

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday Oct. 4, 2018

7:00-8:30 pm

### 1. Welcome and introductions - call to order - 7:05pm

**Attendees:** Karen Holl, Karin Gallagher, Mindi Broughton, Melissa Avilla, Jeff Calden, Beth Lilienthal and Amber Hein

2. **Treasurer's report** Nicole was absent. So, Karen reported not much going on. \$155 paid for Insurance, \$40 received from Benefit and \$25,800 in bank.

3. **Principal's report** Jeff reported that Monarch Services and Diversity Center programs are set up for late October and teachers know they are coming soon. Superintendent, Dr. Bruton asked Jeff if we are doing something for LGBTQ month (which is October) and Jeff was happy to report that we already had it planned. Introductory information about diversity is to be presented to freshmen. Monarch wants to do more days, but we can't give them the 6 days they want. Karin asked if we have a limit on how many days can be spent on these programs. Jeff said that no set number of days can be used for these programs, but we have to balance it with testing, etc.

Grades ended Friday. Progress reports going home soon. Freshman class has a lot of energy which has been a little challenging. We have a small senior class this year. There are 728 students approximately.

4. **Application for non-profit status** (Mindi) Moving slowly forward. The officers agreed to submit the Articles of Incorporation as "San Lorenzo Valley High School Cougar Club". Initial paperwork and check to be submitted to the Secretary of State in a couple of days. Mindi is working on the by-laws and will get professional assistance when it gets more complicated.

5. **Donation fundraiser** (Karen) Off to a good start. We raised \$1790 of \$5000 in 10 days. Karen asked that everyone at the meeting to please donate. She suggested that everyone donate what we feel comfortable with and that we ask the same of our friends. Post on facebook pages, individual contact, etc. Karen has a list of people for us to contact and ask for donations. Diane McCormick will contact people too. Karen is hoping that Kim Pursley and Hilde Largay can reach out to freshmen parents to contribute. Weekly messages are going in Jeff's Friday newsletter asking for donations also.

6. **Equipment requests from teachers** (Karen) \$7500 requested so far. The requests are more numerous and costly than last year. We have budgeted \$2000 - 3000 and have to figure out which ones we want to fund. Some teachers requested supplies although our intention is for equipment grants. We gave them a 10/19 deadline.

## **7. Planning for upcoming activities**

- a. SAT workshop: Per Karen the SAT workshop is still set for January 26.
- b. Monarch – need to approve payment; Per Karen \$500 donated to them last year. They come for 4 days which included instruction for 2 days with freshmen and 2 days with seniors. Jeff said Monarch greatly appreciated our donation last year. Karen moved that we give \$500 again this year. Amber made the second. All were in favor.
- c. College essay writing workshop with Kathryn P. Oct 24th 5:30-7pm. Parent volunteers are set up. Karen suggested snacks should be provided. \$50 for snacks moved by Karen. She will pick them up. Beth made a second. All were in favor.
- d. Career expo Dec. 3 – need somebody to get lunch for presenters. Beth agreed to take it on. Mindi shared what she did last year. Food and drink were purchased at Costco.
- e. Movie or panel on students making a difference. Changemakers Project is a group that contacted Karen recently. They offer curriculum about helping students with social change projects. The cost is \$300. It requires teams and is very involved. On a smaller scale a movie was suggested by the Changemakers Project. “Havana Curveball” is a movie geared towards teens. Karen only saw the trailer. It’s \$95 for the school rental fee and there is a curriculum. It was suggested that we invite the Changemakers Project representative to be on a panel after the movie. People can watch the movie for \$4 at home. We are tentatively set for 6 - 8 pm Thursday, January 17th is available in the PAC. Costco pizza could be sold at 5:30.
- f. Lunch panel on training in the trades (Karin & Joan) Karin wants to attract the kids who aren’t planning to go to college. One hour panel at lunchtime is considered. 6 people could come talk about their experiences. Several dads want to talk. There are other jobs like police work, fire-fighters, cosmetology, etc. Speed dating concept could be used. She needs to talk to Claire after homecoming.
- g. Internship program (Beth) - “Your Future is our Business” Charlotte knows about it and Cabrillo is coming in December and Charlotte will talk to them.
- h. Others ideas (All) - Karen was contacted by Joni Martin who asked about a program about alcohol awareness program at SLVHS. Karen said it sounds like a good idea and if Joni is willing to take the lead. There is an online program that sounds expensive. Details are unknown. Freshmen get sex ed and drug/alcohol/ tobacco curriculum in PE per Jeff. Sober driving assembly was held last year. DUI Court was postponed and will be rescheduled which is about a real DUI case brought in front of the students. Shows consequences. Karen told Joni to talk to Jeff.

## **8. New business, ideas, and feedback**

## **9. Review upcoming meeting dates and a couple of conflicts**

Date clarifications: We Will keep our meetings on Thursdays for now. Next meeting is Thursday November 1st. FAFSA workshop is that same night. Tuesday, December 4th is the next meeting due to another activity on Dec. 6. Thursday, January 10th is our first meeting in 2019.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:06 pm**