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**General Membership Meeting
November 20, 2017
Library, 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Barb Waldmiller. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Barb Waldmiller, Sharon Stemme, Christine Smith, Dave Jagels, Neil Angelotti, Frank Allen Philpot, Bala Kalimili, Jenny Rudo, Jessica Romers, Eric Junker, Sunitha Karjala, Sue Kim, Ricardo Avalos, Joan Carter, Anand Raman, Bettye Conley, Sachin Chandra, Rene Law, Stephen Law, Betty Hettinger, Wayne Hettinger, Lisa Pekich, Kate Trussell, Maggie Le, Janine Dawson, Maijd El-Zoobi, Valerie Loveday, Aswani Kunesh, Donna Rogers, and Jennifer Hughes.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 2017 General Membership Meeting were presented. Kate Trussell motioned to accept the minutes and Sonya Anyanwu seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Neil reviewed Treasurer's report-income for the month was \$11,270.50 and our expenses were \$3,766.17. The account balances are \$12,818.25 in ANGP and \$26,056.36 in PTSA account.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: We have surpassed last year in number of members, income and No Fuss Fundraiser.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: 2 entries from CVHS in PTSA Reflections competition, one student entered in two categories. Her entries have been submitted to the local level competition and we should know in December if she moves on to next level. The PTSA has awarded 5 grants. We had to deny one request but have pointed the staff member to other resources. We have two other grants pending and hope to be able to fulfill them. Barb represented the PTSA at both the Hispanic Parent Night and the African American Parent Focus Group. The membership deadline is 12/1 for any students that will be applying for the PTSA scholarship.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: A difficult day with the loss of a student, it is hard on the school and they are sending thoughts and prayers to the family of Victor Heintz.

SPEAKER: Barb introduced the speakers for the night, Angela Conerly, Executive Director of Mindworks Educational Services to explain "SAT, ACT, PSAT, SAT II: Juggling the Alphabet Soup of Standardized Test Prep-without Choking!"

- Background: Taught at McLean High School for four years and then began tutoring full time. She has tutored over 6,000 students. She will cover which test to take, when to take the test,

what is a good score/why it is hard to improve scores and after that she will open up to questions and answers.

Which Test

- For maximum results-take SAT and ACT with writing in the spring of junior year and take again in the fall of senior year
- 100% of schools that take the SAT will take the ACT
- After you take both tests you may see a test that is better for you-some students do better on one or the other and that is the one you want to focus on
- If you want to take both again you don't need to study separately-goal is to focus and get in the middle group-example of a bullseye-if you take two tests, two times you have a better chance to hit the target.
- Use the summer between junior and senior year to fill in gaps after you get test results
- Superscore-schools will take highest score in each category even if taken at different times

When to take Tests

- Take first test at end of Junior year-SAT in March and ACT in April and then do subject tests in May if you required (suggestion to take subject tests when taking class so content is fresh in your mind)
- Don't take test in the fall of junior year-competing with too many seniors

Scores

- Don't submit more than 3 test scores, schools don't want to see too many
- Great test scores don't supersede GPA, typically GPA first then schools look at test scores
- You want a score that will get you past the test scores so they look at the full student and all the other things on application
- Good scores won't pull you into next round of applications if your GPA matches everyone else
- Basic plan for applying to schools-2 schools where GPA is higher than yours-safety school, 2 schools where GPA is equal-likely school, 2 schools where GPA is lower-reach school-if applying to more than six then do same ratio
- Scores are hard to improve-tests are "rigged"
- Highly unlikely to get perfect score due to how questions are put into test-33% of questions are ones that 90% answered correctly, 33% are ones that 50% answered correctly and 33% are ones that only 10% got correct
- There is also a time limit on test and there is a bell curve
- Only 100 out of 1 million get perfect score
- You can send scores to four schools for free and there is a fee for any additional
- Don't send subject scores until you see your scores, they may not be worth sending
- Optional essay-Not necessary, most schools don't require, schools will look at essays from application

Barb thanked everyone for coming and thanked Ms. Conerly for speaking. She also reminded all that the ANGP is in the planning process. Volunteers are welcome and parents of students that are not seniors are encouraged to pay it forward and help out. Currently 85 tickets have been sold. Cost is \$30 now but will go up to \$45. Next meeting on December 12-"Topics and Trends in Narcotics and Opioids in Centreville/Clifton."

Adjournment 8:23 pm.

The minutes were approved on December 12, 2017. The motion was made by Eric Junker and seconded by Jenny Rudo. Sharon Stemme, Recording Secretary