

## SGA MEETING MINUTES

03-08-21

### Attendance

Officers	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Sponsors
Caroline	Dinali	Chinonye	Jamya	Mrs McMaken
Marie	Zoi	Sanju	Cary	
May	Ava	Elbread	Joe	
Nathan	Tatiana	Sinmi	Cole	
Joy	Destiny	Eugene	Carson	
Ella				

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Opening Statements

- Procedures: Every meeting starts with the pledge of allegiance and the thought of the day. After that we will go through the agenda. While teams meetings were very short, in person meetings are very discussion based and take longer. With that being said, make sure the discussion is streamlined.
- The thought of the day is “Be Kind to Yourself” - John O’Donohue

### Parliamentarian, Ella Nichols

- Assembly Announcement: Tomorrow’s assembly is not the women of the world assembly. It will just be a short announcements assembly. Send Ella your announcements, and if you send them tomorrow, please forward them to Mrs McMaken instead. Juniors should not rush through the ACT to make the assembly, but rather prioritize doing well on the ACT instead.

### Sergeant at Arms, Nathan Kim

- Pi Store Sign Ups: Pi Store is officially open for spring term! Two reps should sign up for pi store each day, and every rep should run pi store twice for the month of March. The restocked pi store menu will be posted later today.
- Lettering Program: Students will be able to write letters to each other through the SGA and this will be a neat and intimate way to connect students, especially our virtual students. This

program was put on hold when we went home, but is now coming back :) SGA will be able to cover the postage to online students, or we could even use envelopes with the non profit sticker on them that ASMS already has. To pair students to be pen pals, we can either randomly assign them or have them paired based on their areas of interest.

**Secretary, Caroline Nelson**

- Teacher Appreciation Update: To use the budget cost effectively, each teacher will be getting a box of either chocolate, lemon, or peanut butter truffles. Elbread suggests hosting some sort of appreciation event for the faculty. It is possible that in the future AAC will work with AC to throw an appreciation event for the faculty and hall staff.
- Alumni Panel: April 13th's assembly will be a panel of five ASMS alumni. They will be able to discuss their college experiences, how they utilized their ASMS education, and how they developed their careers. Included on the panel are the graduation speaker who works in politics, a cardiologist, a plant scientist who is the manager of a global food portfolio, an engineer from Auburn University, and a senior at Columbia. The SGA representatives should fill out a form by next Wednesday, submitting questions they feel the student body will want answered. A list will be sent out detailing these alumni later this week to help with the questions.

**Treasurer, Marie Naylor**

- Budget Updates: A budget sheet was handed out at the meeting. There is over 22,000 for us to spend this term, and we are planning larger events to spend this money. The SGA suggests having food trucks to come to campus during the week, or recreating food loops by means of a buffet. There was discussion of bringing a bouncy house to campus, but this might pose many COVID safety issues so this was heavily discussed. There is a possibility of using the money to renovate west campus garden, but admin would need a solid plan for how it would be maintained during the summer. There will be an end of the year blow out to be announced at the next meeting :)

**Vice President, Joy Buchi**

- WF Updates/Weekend Events: Winter Formal is finally here!! It will start at 7 on Saturday. Remind friends to fill out the permission form. Joy will be checking with Mrs Whitney to see

if students would be able to redo the form if their situations have changed. Prom is scheduled for April 24th and has a theme and venue that will be announced soon. The seniors will have flute glasses that will be ordered. Also, this Friday is geekfest! Event ideas were discussed such as paintball, lots of food events, a giant just dance event, dodgeball and pizza, and a relaxing craft night.

### **President, May Jung**

- TED Talks: The TED talk programs are going well! For copyright reasons they will henceforth be known as dragon talks. The policy committee is working with Mr Wooten to use the remote center for technical purposes for this event. Cole suggests waiting in his office since he is hard to get in touch with.
- Sustainable Caf: There was a dip in the system after students were sent home from campus. This is a super easy way to get service hours, after 4 meals with sustainable plates, the student gets one service hour. This will be announced again at assembly tomorrow. The SGA might buy reusable containers to give to students who sign up on an interest form at pi store.

### **Sponsors**

- Mrs McMaken: Do not use the All School's team. We should be using the All Student's team for announcements, as we do not want to bother the faculty. In addition, for school related events students should be using Microsoft Forms instead of google forms. Accreditation will be happening next week. This should not interrupt any classes, but keep in mind that Dr Frye and Dr Hoyle will be very busy with this process. In addition, if we become STEM certified, we will be the first school in Alabama to get this certification. We have also hired a new maintenance person. The Makerspace is not open quite yet, but once it gets a fire inspection it will be. Please send pictures of events to both Mrs McMaken and Cole. AIMS will not be offered this summer but we hope to have it virtually, along with a cybersecurity camp. SGA pictures will also be taken Friday at 12.

### **Closing Remarks**

- While the meeting was long today, it will end at 7 in the future, so make sure that you pay attention the full way through. If you have any t shirt designs please send them to May or Ella.