General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 1st at 8:45 a.m.

1. Call to Order by Christine Lee
2. New Business
3. Auction News: 3 weeks away this coming Friday, exciting new location, lots of space, new additions, want everyone there the whole time- Hawthorne Dads band performing- online auction opens march 17, can continue bidding at space, art projects again from 1 and 2 grade, heads and tails game, can buy tickets ahead and at event, will be right before live auction, want more things accessible to everyone- in heads and tails you buy a tkt, put hands on head or tail until one person left standing- another game is for $1, big board with numbers 1-100 representing a dollar amt, then you mad dash for your number and can win a prize-this auction is our number one moneymaker and we have additional costs this year so want all games to succeed-teacher events will go early and come off when full/ have $20 free ride uber coupons

Volunteers: need set-up, etc. flyer going around for sign-up, Beth Lee organizing clean-up, still looking for red wine donations of 3 cases, we will also have some volunteers from St. Josaphat

You can pre-order the dvd and cd, we may need help covering cost

Live auction: we are exceeding all goals, have dream day with cubs, blackhawks stick, u2 tkts, red hot chili peppers tkts, prinicipal for the day, lolla tkts, cubs game tkts, and the world series banner, couple of trips to napa and san diego

Silent auction: park hopper passes, kennedy space center, bears tkts, packers tkts,

Auctioneer will do mini-live aution too b/c we have so much live stuff

Thank yous-we need a team to send to our vendors/donators after event

Alexander Altman has been putting on website who has donated so take a look and make sure we thank our neighborhood businesses, also Rebecca eden is putting on facebook

Need more signature events, especially adult nights

1. Raffle: Becca, Trista and Christine in charge of counting- sign-up going around for helpers, kick-off on Friday with 2 assemblies- each child gets 3 booklets to start with- there will be a daily draw, only eligible if you send in a full book that day, there will be a draw for highest seller, grade that sells the most, grand prizes announced end of day on 24th, especially need help on last Friday- will probably be here from 9-3p, Nate Pietrini arranged a matching with cubs and they will bring trophy to school if students can accomplish that, raffle usually makes $40k, there is online option this year, but they won’t work for daily draw- please sign up to count money
2. Family fitness fun fair: tonight, will do yoga class and trader joes donated snacks
3. Old Business
4. Father Daughter Dance: a good time, 8th graders were great volunteering and helping out, probably raised 2K, photos up and can be ordered
5. Lincoln Station Fundraiser: beer tasting in afternoon and parents’ night, think we made $1100
6. Committee Business
7. President
8. Community
9. Fundraising: kid stuff coupon books, still counting to see what we made, will have update at next mtg
10. Treasurer
11. Education

GROW Community Event Tuesday March 7th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., open house- a nonprofit with a mission to create seamless education k-12 on north side, idea to help people see what is happening at Amundsen and Lakeview HS, see them as a viable option, not just a backup- Will be sharing research- there are 17 elementary schools within these 2 HS’s attendance boundaries- if at Hawthorne you have a guaranteed spot at these 2 high schools, aldermen will be here, will have a chance to get into a smaller breakout session with the principals of these schools, open to all but targeting 18 feeder schools

1. Membership
2. Recording Secretary
3. Other news:

June 1st update from Nate Pietrini- lawsuit filed that is in our eyes accurate, cps has to prove irreparable harm if decision not made immediately, not sure if June 1st is a reality, we are 135 million dollars short b/c the deal we agreed upon in July had way too many contingencies and couldn’t pass- principals have mtg with Claypool in 2 weeks – state has said that if we do end on June 1st they will withhold 19 million more- we will have contingency graduation plan, students will still be promoted

How does this affect testing schedule? we can get it done before, will be 3rd week of may at earliest, 2nd week of june at latest

2 or 3 things that could bail us out: lawsuit ( would have to have some sort of teeth whereby the state pays us immediately), the grand bargain(our state assembly men and women passing a budget that distributes more funds to CPS, will likely make it through senate, not sure about house or Rauner’s signature), and lastly the city solving on their own (Claypool is saying the city can’t, but they have a history of finding money last-minute)--- if none of these work then furlough days are the last option (this would really hurt culture and climate)

CPS does not do a good job of answering questions quickly- we have our scheduled day to ask qustions in 2 weeks.

Boiler update- was a motor issue that is now fixed, not an actual boiler issue that could lead to co2-if future emerbence could kids come to area with more exits- nate assures there are multiple emerbency plans and nate alked to the fire chief and determined the emergency level was low enough to have no evacuation risk, will consider moving to auditorium rather than cafeteria in future situation

Questions re: 6th grade update on testing: right now will have PARCC and MAP potentially still here- Mr. Pietrini thinks MAP will be the high-stakes test- we are still taking PARCC b/c federal govt has created ESSA that says all states must have consistent accountability exam- IL has chosen PARC but in Chicago b/c we have selective enrollment schools and large numbers of students performing below grade level, we need more of a real-time test to help with selective enrollment, so we use MAP- it would be helpful if we could take a mini PARCC for more immediate data if that was available.

1. Adjourn