

MINUTES

HSA PTA Meeting

January 14, 2021, 8:45 am | Meeting called to order by Melanie Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE

Melanie Walsh, Trish Davlantes, Trista Copenhaver, Lydia Vincenty, Erica Ashlock, Christine Lee, Jen Donnelly, Samira Nazem, Trina [Last Name], Tim Love, Mira-Loh Trivedi, Melissa Richlen, Debbie [Last Name]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **President (Melanie):**
 - PTA Gala Call to Action: We need all the help we can get. See PTA Blast for Silent Auction letter for businesses. Going to be challenging due to COVID so time to get creative. Last year's parent-hosted and teacher-led events were a big hit.
 - Raffle: Trista/Mira offered to help; Lydia mentioned other volunteers as well. Small group to meet/start talking next steps. Most of the work is automatic/online now but work needed includes: Marketing, stat tracking and sharing, buying/touting prizes. Typically leads up to gala but timeline can adjust if needed.
- **Community Engagement (Lydia):**
 - Art Night: Reminder of upcoming Family Art Night (details below) led by Ms. Toomey, coordinating with local artist. Lydia will update blurb to add to next Blast. Emily may do room parent email as well.
 - Trivia Night: Trying to set up trivia night in March. Will talk offline with Melissa Richlen, who has offered to reach out to her local church for questions used at their successful trivia night.
 - Melissa also suggested a possible cheese board class. She and Melanie participated in one led by Cheers to Cheese in Glenview that charged \$25 per screen/login, provides cheeses and teaches fun/holiday-specific prep techniques (eg, salami roses, cookie cutouts, cheese rivers). If we wanted to do something similar we could provide families cheese or send parents link to go pick up themselves.
- **Treasurer (Christine):** No details on hand, can send later, but masks and coffee fundraiser did well
 - Gala video: Found someone to put it together. If you have ideas send to her/Emily Casey. Hoping to include every student, even if it's just a student putting up a sign that's an answer to a question. Going to reach out to teachers but it's going to be a challenge. Reach out with ideas or if you can help/facilitate.
- **Fundraising (Erica):** Looking for help, especially from anyone who has done a virtual event recently.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Quick recap of 1-13 LSC Meeting: once we have idea of what staffing looks like then we'll know what we need and how to plan for contingencies based on the dollars we have and the needs we have to meet.
- Teacher speakers at PTA meetings on hold but we can try again; feel free to share specific teacher requests

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Virtual Family Art Night:** Saturday February 6th. Hawthorne is hosting a virtual family paint night! Join us as a local artist guides the group in creating ~3 pieces of artwork. Cost will be \$50 per family and will include all materials. Material pickup will be at Hawthorne; details to come. Sign up is available now on the PTA [website](#).
- **Around the World Gala Fundraiser:** Friday March 12. Virtual event with auctioneer. This year's event will be adult/evening oriented vs a family event like last year.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday in February (date TBD).