

# MINUTES

## HSA PTA Meeting

February 2, 2022, 8:45 am | Meeting called to order by PTA President Emily Casey

### ATTENDEES

Emily Casey, Jen Donnelly, Lydia Vincenty, Maria-Paz Shariff, Mary Anderson, Doris Muniz, Abigail Clough, Adriana Menezes, Trish Davlantes

### OLD BUSINESS

- I. Dominoes Fundraiser: 800+ dollars raised, 111 cards. Easy but some folks had trouble with cards.
- II. K aide update – Martinez has moved into security. Trish has money we raised for K aide.

### NEW BUSINESS

- I. **Arts Partnership:** Ms. Lemp attended today's meeting with an update.
  - a. This year's topics by grade:
    - i. K: Engineers, 4/28; 1<sup>st</sup>: Light and Sound, 3/25; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chicago Neighborhoods 3/21; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Chicago History, 4/7; 4<sup>th</sup>: Titanic, May TBD; 5<sup>th</sup>: Myths and Legends, 2/24; 6<sup>th</sup>: History fair, mid-Feb; 7<sup>th</sup> big production, TBD; 8<sup>th</sup> grade play in early June 3 Shakespeare vignettes
  - b. Lemp is writing grant for Creative Schools fund (\$10K) with CPS (writing just for 8<sup>th</sup> grade play). Will find out in March if we get it to help get us closer to \$30K need. PTA has funds to fill gaps if needed (Giving Tuesday was Arts Partnership specific); we don't want to shortchange partnership. It's a collaboration for over 20 years.
  - c. Planning to do it as in past: parents can attend but with social distancing. Current plan is to have interested parties email homeroom teachers with how many people are attending. Make sure messaging is right; want to let families know they can bring siblings if necessary but siblings will have already seen the show during in-school rehearsals so if it's possible to limit attendance that's ideal. Fun event; families sometimes go to Dairy Queen after.
  - d. Showcase: every teacher connects to something in curriculum and then connects with Looking Glass director who talks to artists and finds a match. That person comes in for 4-6 weeks and works with students to create a performance/video/production, can depend. This year won't likely be as much of food and drink emphasis. Evening usually starts in auditorium with a song/music, then showcase some
  - e. homeroom art then performance/project display. Nice because it's just that grade. No parent volunteers needed since we pay professionals for the work.
- II. **Spring Fundraiser:** With Covid and strike decided to reschedule to Friday May 6. Same location: Architectural Artifacts. Christine and Erica confirming logo, updating solicitation letter.
  - a. Silent auction committee started; will launch a couple of weeks before. Christine is owning silent auction piece. Silent auction typically launches just before gala (maybe a week before) then ends a few days after the event. There's typically a live auction at the gala too that happens that night. Sometimes includes raffle (eg, peloton or piece of jewelry).
  - b. Right now focused on beer, wine and food. Erica doing more of this work. In the past had some alcohol leftover but we're completely depleted. It's actually not a ton of stuff we need - 4 or 5 cases of white and red each. Will put an ask out. We have prosecco for a champagne toast at the gala or another drink to offer. Ben Hamm stores all of this stuff at his restaurant. When we ask for food, we just ask for ~100 pieces - they don't have to feed everyone; we've had sushi, noodles, some kind of pizza, cheese and crackers. Aiming ideally for less shareable options. Gala attendance is max of 250 people so will have to stick to that. Mary Anderson put out cool request to Buffalo Trace, donating nice bottle for charity. Will let us know by end of April – could be a good auction item.

- III. **Student Raffle:** Running separate from Spring Fundraiser this year, launching March 4 and runs for 3 weeks. Will try to send educational blast first with info for new families. Info about how it works (ie, 1 dollar per ticket, online only, teacher led). Student council is going to help with kid activities in the building.
- a. Lydia will check with Veronica on how to track daily updates in a fun visual way in school that complements the easy-to-use website.
  - b. Trish checking about the Cubs match.
  - c. Still 100% homeroom participation prize of ice cream truck and pizza for most selling grade instead of homeroom.
  - d. Requests to sketch out lists of what donation items are needed – maybe update the wish list. Also to sketch out list of what kind of communication goes in the Blasts in the next few weeks. And then what goes in homeroom parents – let’s sync up the messaging with the auction committee too.
- IV. **Student Council Updates**
- a. Amy Dominguez Student Council trying to ramp up duties. Wants them to start presenting student council updates to PTA meetings. On task for candygrams for valentine’s day. Student Council buying boxes of chocolate. Cash only; dropoff can happen at main office or homeroom. Student Council will donate proceeds to charity of their choice. Runs this week and next week then kids assembling – if they need parent volunteers let them know.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

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### I. Upcoming Events:

- a. Next Thursday junior high parent night at Lincoln station on Feb 10. Might make that a “stock the bar” event for gala; if we get a ton we can turn it into an auction prize.
  - b. 8<sup>th</sup> grade family group going to meet next Wednesday night to talk graduation. 17 parent volunteers trying to put together a graduation week, lunch, movie night. They use 7<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers who help set up and do balloons.
- II. Exploring another game night maybe in Feb.

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## NEXT MEETING

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Next PTA general meeting is Wednesday, March 2.

Meeting adjourned.