

# MINUTES

## HSA PTA Meeting

October 5, 2022, 8:45 am | Meeting called to order by PTA President Emily Casey

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### CALL TO ORDER

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**Attendees:** Emily Casey, Lydia Vincenty, Jen Donnelly, Kristy Patterson, Mary Anderson, Maria-Paz Shariff, Amy Nusbaum, Natsumi Saito, Tina Taube, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Jaime Butler, Nick Bondi, Principal Davlantes

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### NEW BUSINESS

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- I. **Shop for Schools:** Thursday and Friday this week, October 6 and 7. Participating stores (12-15) in Roscoe Village give 20% back to HSA. RoscoeBooks has an HSA Wishlist. HSA mom has offered to host Friday morning coffee or mimosas for meet-up at a pied/kickin' and there's a Thursday night reservation booked at Volo. Using evites to help track attendance. Usually 600 to 800 dollars goes back to HSA. Good opportunity to support local too.
- II. **Walkathon:** Next Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>! Rain date Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> but so far weather looks promising.
  - a. **Donations:** So far have about \$12K raised. Going to stop business sponsorships this week so we can get logos printed. Would love banner to be up by walkathon. Family sponsorships still coming in – deadline is Thursday/Friday next week.
  - b. **Lap Tracker:** New this year is lap tracker – vendor printing cards and volunteers won't need to manually track laps. Backup plan is jelly bracelets.
  - c. **Snacks:** Snack contributions in good shape; Sarah F going to be on point for the day. Granola bars, Pirate's Booty, bananas, sun chips, popcorn, Welch's. Tina T picking up bagels on Wed. Need to make sure we have knives to cut bagels with on the day. Have snack sponsor to cover the expenses (MLG Law Group).
  - d. **Pizza Party:** Added a pizza party at D'Agostino's with RSVP. Depending on numbers PTA might fund.
  - e. **Shirt Contest:** Submissions are in for IMPACT theme and we're reviewing submissions. Lots of good options – will come up with way to acknowledge entries that don't win. Hope to deliver shirts with healthy snacks before the holidays.
  - f. **Lottery Prizes:** Start next week. Have gift cards/free classes to Windy City, Climb Zone, Altitude, Starbucks.
- III. **Community:**
  - a. **Holiday Fair:** vision is Kris Kringle style mart. Not sure if we will have performances by band and choir. Focal point is student craft fair. Giving heads up now so interested students can start thinking about what they want to create and sell at craft fair. Last year some kids sold candles, jewelry, ornaments. Date: Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm outside with a backup plan of inside. Ms Garner will be doing books inside. K aide may sell food. PTA usually serves hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. Other ideas welcome! Likely to revisit grab bag raffle – raid closet and donate those items and create raffle bags that are a surprise with teaser description. Student council usually teams up with some kind of community service project. Happy to team up with interested parents. PTA members are recognized that night as well.
- IV. **Fundraising/Gala Update:** March 10, 6 pm at Artifacts again. Overseen by Erica and Kristy. Secured a DJ. Parent in event planning who is supporting a lot. Starting communication early this year to avoid last minute-ness. Planning to use caterers and servers this year and after-event support for cleanup. Also adding in decorating. Will circulate list of committees this year to secure volunteers and host a kickoff at Lincoln Station.
  - a. **Art projects discussion (K-3):** Kristy to talk to Kim/Stacy. If we keep need better communication strategy/showcasing at live event.
  - b. **Video:** Need someone to figure out video, but will be separating out 8th grade so they're not the main focus. Could maybe just do a separate PPT slide show streaming in background to thank parents.

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## OLD BUSINESS

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- I. **Movie Night Recap:** Great turnout. K aide fund made about \$300.
- II. **PTA Membership:** Done for the year.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

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- I. **Principal Davlantes:** Thank you to PTA members. Yellowstone field trip was great. Lorado Taft trip too; first time every seventh grader attended. Exploring budget/headcount for next year; need to decide if we want to go back to regular K model – need to rethink how we structure things based on kids and their needs. Extracurriculars going well kids seem to be enjoying.
- II. **Chicago Bulls Outing:** PTA gauging interest in game on March 17<sup>th</sup> (no school).
- III. **Room Parent Communication:** Zoom meeting on Friday, will start sending out regular PTA communications.
- IV. **EI Trains:** Those that didn't sell might go at auction.
- V. **Spirit Wear:** More items ordered; hopefully hats show up in time for Walkathon.
- VI. **Report Card Pickup Teacher luncheon:** Scheduled. Mira and Veronica to handle.

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## NEXT MEETING

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Next meeting Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned.