

# MINUTES

## HSA PTA Meeting

October 4, 2023, 8:45 am | Meeting called to order by PTA President Lydia Vincenty

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### CALL TO ORDER

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**Attendees:** Lydia Vincenty, Emily Casey, Erica Ashlock, Jen Donnelly, Kate Cox, Nancy Chin, Tina Taube, Natsumi Saito, Nick Bondi, Vanessa Shropshire, Lauren Lopez, Amy Nathan, Matt Licina, Diana Tate, Maria Rentzelos, Jackie Kelly, Jen Rhoades, Alicia Walling, Sarah Fitzpatrick

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### NEW BUSINESS

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- I. **Walkathon:**
  - a. **Planning:** Planning for Walkathon on Thursday, October 12 (rain date Oct 13) is well under way. Have raised \$11K so far, including 50 family memberships – deadline Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Sponsors are a mix of new and returning businesses. Working on Spotify playlist and taking requests! Volunteer signup went out – good traction so far but could use more snack distribution help. Feel free to sign up for shifts other than your kids’ ones. Balloon arch secured. Using HSA backdrop again as well. Schedule out in blast and website.
  - b. **Prizes:** For any donation under a kid’s name, that student will be entered into a prize lottery with chance to win “healthy” gifts: water bottles, gift certificates to Tropical smoothies, Chicago Fire items, etc; there’s also 1 generous Altitude gift certificate donation. This week the lottery will occur today and Friday, then every day next week. Student Council will announce winners at end of day. If anyone has small prizes or gift cards to contribute, please let Emily know.
  - c. **Snacks:** Most snacks secured: bananas, granola bars, bagels (in progress). Kids will bring their own water bottles.
  - d. **Counters:** Similar to last year: jelly bands for grades K-I and then tracking cards with app for older kids, with parents stationed at 4 corners of turf. Trying to avoid double and triple counting. Waiting on cards to be delivered. Volunteers should bring charged phones! Will have dedicated helpers for the day.
- II. **Shop for Schools:** Starts today! Participating stores in Roscoe Village and Lakeview give 10% back to Hawthorne. Full list of participating stores in Special Edition blast today. Last year got 10% back and also additional \$1200 for coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. so easy money for Hawthorne. Wear your spirit wear! Feel free to plan get-togethers with other HSA members.
- III. **Spring Gala:** March 8<sup>th</sup> at Artifact Events, Hawthorne’s big spring fundraiser. New name: Stronger Together, Hawthorne’s Spring Fundraiser. Kristy looking for wine contacts.
- IV. **Love, Charlie Giveback:** Save the date for October 24. This clothing and gift boutique gives 20% back and hosts sweet treats and sips that night for HSA community.
- V. **Halloween Dog Parade and Costume Party:** Kindergarten fundraiser October 28 welcoming dogs on the turf for 1 day only! Dogs must remain on leash and owners must clean up after them. Just 1 hour from 9-10 am; guests will check in and then mingle until vote. Fall snacks for sale; pup cups for sale too. Proceeds go to K aide fund. 1 vendor who confirmed they will come and contribute to winners’ baskets for 1/2/3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Entry fee of \$10. Planning to do small free craft station for kids.
- VI. **Membership:** Last call for membership: goal is 100 families/individuals. Will do special edition blast for membership week of 10/16, include list of current donors to thank. Suggestion to customize beginning of the year emails for renewals (Time to Renew!) as easy reminder for those who forget it’s an annual process.

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## OLD BUSINESS

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- I. **Movie Night Recap:** Great turnout and great weather. Spirit wear and concessions did well – brought in about 1200 dollars total, just waiting on final expenses. Ordered 10 pizzas using the Domino's Slice the Price card and ordered another 6 later but probably a little too late so had some leftover. Only challenge was older kids hanging out inside the school – next year will add a signup spot for hallway patrol and have restrooms available on the main floor only.
- II. **Chicago Fire Outing:** It was fun; good weather and a nice night. 2 full rows of Hawthorne families.
- III. **Messi Raffle:** Junior High raffle raised 1500 dollars. Quick and easy and fun to do. If anyone ever has coveted tickets to a game/concert/show they're willing to donate it's a great fundraiser.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

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- I. **Meal Train for the Vandersluis Family:** HSA SECA and Cross Country Coach Megan Vandersluis's husband passed away unexpectedly on 10/2. They have a 4<sup>th</sup> grade daughter Vivian. Meal Train link going out today.
- II. **Halloween:** K-5 will have class parties; reach out to teachers. K-2 will do a parade. Will circulate list of party ideas to room parents.
- III. **No School Days:** No school on Monday 10/9. Also 10/26 and 10/27 for report card pickup and professional development day. PTA does lunch for teachers every report card pickup. Bring lunch and decorate the room.
- IV. **Holiday Fair:** 12/14. If weather permits, will do it outside again. Includes student craft fair where kids pay for table to participate and those proceeds go to charity. Kids then sell crafts (no baking) and earn money. PTA will do cookies and hot chocolate for free.
- V. **Metropolis Coffee Fundraiser:** Planning again this year; 40% of sales go back to HSA. Pick up at holiday fair.
- VI. **Tea Fundraiser:** In blast. Order online and there's a coupon code. Individuals who order get a discount and HSA gets discount too.
- VII. **Portillo's and Bad Momz Fundraisers:** Nov 16th: Portillos on Addison is doing a JH giveback. Also doing a Bad Momz of Comedy fun theater showing that same Thursday at Chief O'Neill's at 7:30 pm; doors open at 6:30. Tickets will be \$50; half of ticket sales will go back to HSA to benefit K aide fund. Great night out for HSA parents before the holidays. Flier in the works. Will do presale for K parents. Tickets are limited (100). Spread the word! Will send to room parents too.
- VIII. **Principal Appreciation Month** is coming. A list of favorite things will be sent to the room parents.

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## NEXT MEETING

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Next meeting Wednesday November 1st.

Meeting adjourned.