

MINUTES

HSA PTA Meeting

April 6, 2022, 8:45 am | Meeting called to order by PTA President Emily Casey

CALL TO ORDER AND GENERAL UPDATES

- I. **Attendees:** Emily Casey, Maria-Paz Shariff, Lydia Vincenty, Erica Ashlock, Christine Lee, Kristy Patterson, Mary Anderson, Jen Donnelly, Veronica Serrano, Trish Davlantes
- II. **Student Raffle:** Success, raised over \$47K.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. **Spring Gala:** Friday May 6. Abby did postcards to advertise the event that will be distributed in backpacks.
 - a. Live and silent auction donations/prizes: Really awesome selection of silent auction items. So far for live auction: 2 Cubs tickets; vacation house 6 bedroom in MI; parking lot spot, principal for the day, maybe a Mr. Peet event. 4 Lady Gaga tickets being bundled with something else. Have 2K anonymous donor who will match 100 dollar paddle raises up to 2K. Will do heads or tails with gift card as prize.
 - b. Art projects: Mia and Kim O'Malley coordinating projects in K-3, maybe 4th grade project. Goal is to get everything photographed and ready to go ASAP so we can advertise. Need to push with the kids.
 - c. Event space: Have help with setup and décor. Going to space to make sure what works and doesn't.
 - d. Food/Drink: Kristy is helping with Gala, getting lots of alcohol – mostly beer so far but searching for wine. Beer: BitterPops donating 6 cases of Solemn Oath Brewery Lu Kolsch, 6 of Snaggletooth IPA and 5-6 cases of Windy City pink lemonade hard. Goose Island is donating 6 cases of 312. They're going to send logos for advertising. Maribel got Grey Goose and tequila and mixers/flavored seltzers. We have prosecco from Athleta fundraiser. Kristy got 20 pizzas from Dags; going to see if they'll also give apps. Getting some cupcakes from HSA parent. And cookies from 1st grade parent – donating 100. Also have wings and Korean noodles. Mary to reach out to Bittersweet for cookies. Need at least 3 more food items. Checking with Whole Foods, Trader Joes, La Gondola, Sochi, empanadas. Possibility of offering leftover alcohol to parent-hosted parties. Wine still needed - around 60 bottles of white and red each.
 - e. Gala raffle: Finalizing details and deciding between Peloton bike, trek, or mirror. Going to do 100 tickets for 100 each. Will finalize prize and details a week before silent auction. Silent auction will go online the Monday before the event (May 2). Will go until Sunday and then will do a second run if needed.
 - f. Signature/parent-hosted events: Need more, maybe about 3 more. Will publicize in the blast. Trish will coordinate teacher events.
- II. **Community:**
 - a. DIY Donuts for St Patrick's Day: Only 4 kits sold so on hiatus for a bit.
 - b. Report card pickup lunch: Flaco's Tacos.
 - c. Teacher appreciation week: First week of May week leading up to gala. Planning some fun but simple ideas. Have favorite things questionnaire and will circulate to room parents. Also have a spreadsheet for morning beverage and snack ideas and will create Signup Genius so that teachers who don't have a homeroom still get something throughout the day. Goal is not to have room parents collect money for teacher appreciation right before gala. Maria-Paz to coordinate messaging and send to Emily.

OTHER BUSINESS

- I. **Upcoming Events:** McDonald's Fundraiser April 21. Movie Night May 20, rain date June 3.

NEXT MEETING

Next PTA general meeting is Wednesday, May 4. Meeting adjourned.