

Liberty High PTSA

Supporting our Kids and Community

Board Meeting MINUTES – Approved
Liberty High School PTSA 2.6.50
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: 6:34pm by President Dawn Peschek. Proper notice of the meeting was given. In attendance: Dawn Peschek, Laila Collins, Alison Larsson, Marta Burnet, Stacy Morford, Michelle Moore, Erin Thacker, Korista Smith-Barney. Quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

September 2020 Board meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed (no board meeting in October). Under Grant Request, will add that the grant request was reviewed, and the board agreed that we would not be able to fulfill this request. Minutes will be filed as amended.

Treasurer's Report

September and October 2020 Treasurer's Reports were distributed and reviewed. The reports will be filed subject to financial review.

The new Bank of America account has been opened, and funds will be transferred from Chase over to the new account.

Discussion of the ParentWiser line item. It was decided that we should pay the full fee this year. Though all events are now virtual, Council is still paying substantial fees to the guest speakers.

Discussion of VIS line item. We will donate \$300 now, and discuss whether to donate the remaining \$300 later in the year. This amount is used during levy and bond years to cover the cost of the VIS mailer, which will not be needed this year.

President's Report

Invest Ed. – the company provides matching scholarships for kids who need supplemental money to pay for testing or other school related things during the year. Liberty has decided the school cannot participate in the program anymore because Invest Ed. requires confidential student information in order to fill requests.

The PTA Student Directories will be mailed again this year, and will go out to all PTA members in November. We will be using a bulk rate mail permit which will cut the regular cost of postage in half.

Liberty's mental health counselor, Hillary Cohen, will speak at the January General Membership meeting.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Nominating Committee, which will be searching for candidates to fill elected positions on the 2021-2022 PTA Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee will be elected at the January GM meeting.

Class of 2022 – There are about 158 Brown Bear Car Wash tickets left over from last year's junior class fundraiser. The class of '22 is going to purchase them to sell, along with another 300 tickets. Heidi Kayler is chairing the ticket sales and will begin selling them in the next couple of weeks.

Reflections – There were six entries for WSPTA Reflections, which will be moving on to District Reflections judging: one film, two literature, and three visual arts. This year’s theme is “I Matter Because...”.

ISF is asking PTAs to help recruit volunteers to distribute food to students and families in need. Our Liberty Counselor and Principal Martin agree that we will not be able to provide PTA volunteers for this event due to possible violation of confidentiality. Students in need are encouraged to continue working with the counseling office to pick up food.

Committee Reports

Advocacy – October 24-25 virtual Legislative Assembly was held. The Top 5 Legislative Priorities and Supported Issues were selected by an online vote.

Top Priorities:

1. Increase Access to Nursing, Mental Health and SEL staff
2. Support Students and preserve Education Funding
3. Increase Educational Equity by Closing the Digital Divide
4. Supports and Funding for Students with Disabilities and their Families
5. Prevent and Reduce Gun Violence and Suicide

Supported issues:

1. Equitable Identification and Services for Highly Capable Students
2. Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change
3. Safe School Plans and Emergency Preparedness

Membership – 410 Members total, 29 staff, includes donated memberships.

Class of '21 Yard Signs – There are about 25 yard signs left to sell.

Outreach – Stacy is working with the counselor to discuss needs. We have been supplying toiletry kits. There haven’t been many requests for individual needs. If counselors have a request from families who are in need of specific items, Stacy has a group of people that have volunteered to help with those needs.

Campus Beautification – Haven’t heard back from the district yet about when volunteers will be able to come on campus to help.

Parent Ed. – Two events are coming up. Please see the Parentwiser.org website to register. Past sessions are available to view online.

“How to Raise Successful Kids Without Overparenting” with Julie Lythcott-Haims; November 18th, 7:00-8:15pm.
“Beyond Behavior; Understand and Solve Your Students’ Behavioral Challenges” with Dr. Mona Delahooke, PhD; December 9th 7:00-8:15pm.

Community Service Cords – Students are turning in volunteer hours.

Staff Appreciation – Kacey Ann Morelli is considering options for this year.

Class of 2021 – The committee of auction volunteers will be meeting to discuss and plan the event. Procurement letters should go out soon for the February virtual auction to benefit the senior class, which will help offset the cost of Grad Night tickets.

There will be another Senior Treat Day in December, giving out hot cocoa packets to seniors.

Adjourned: 7:30pm

Submitted by:
Korista Smith-Barney
Secretary