

PA Minutes 1/10/2024 5:00PM

Combined in person with Zoom

- I. Room Parents Check-in:
 - a. Valentine's Day activities were brainstormed. Ms. Cora Leigh had an idea for ordering Chick-fil-a for the PreK class, and the other room parents loved the idea. It was decided to make this a school-wide lunch for that day.
- II. Grandparents' Day Feedback
 - a. Lots of good feedback from the families
 - b. Some enjoyed last year's event better than this year's
- III. Holiday Shop Feedback
 - a. Nothing but positive feedback from the teachers.
 - b. We would like to use the same company for at least one more year. This will give us a good idea on how they handle feedback on inventory after two successful years.
 - c. Want to request more of the popular items that sold out immediately but were not reorderable (stuffies, etc).
- IV. Fundraising Status
 - a. The PA currently has \$1,530 in the account. After the pizza reserves, this leaves \$980 available to budget.
 - b. The Holiday shop brought in \$191 profit. It was agreed to order two of the picnic tables for the upper school to see if they will work, and the option to purchase more will be discussed at a later date.
 - c. \$300 was approved to be used for the Sweetheart Dance next month, though the committee does not expect to use the whole amount.
 - d. The idea for a teacher grant funded by the PA was discussed. It was decided to hold off on this formal kind of process until there are more requests and it becomes necessary to budget for multiple requests.
- V. Sweetheart Dance on Friday February 9 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm
 - a. Setup will begin at 5:30 at the VSDB Chapel room. This room is a large, open space with wood floors perfect for the dance.
 - b. Jenn and Andrea will lead the volunteers and coordinate needs, purchases, and other necessities.
 - c. Snack table: Suggested keeping it to just water bottles and cupcakes to reduce the amount of cleanup needed after.
 - d. Photobooth: There may be leftover props used for grandparents' day at the lower school, just need to check with Ms. Caryn. Andrea will be reaching out to Mr. B for the name of the app used so people can take their own photos but submit to a photo album that Katie can pull from for the yearbook.
 - e. Music: suggested to use a royalty-free playlist to avoid any potential copyright issues. Andrea will be checking with Mr. B for speakers and music equipment.
 - f. We need to create a flyer and emphasize this is NOT a drop off event. Each child needs an adult to stay with them. The more details that can be on the flyer to let families know what this is for will be best.

- VI. Action Items:
 - a. We need someone to take over Pizza Mondays starting in February. Liz Campbell volunteered.
 - b. We need someone to take over the leadership role for the Book Fair. Get in touch with Jazz or Christi for details.
- VII. Fundraising events
 - a. Pizza Monday is this Monday, January 16. Alicja Baxter and Liz Campbell will distribute pizzas. We still have a few slots open for volunteers to distribute the pizza for the rest of the year.
 - b. January 25 5:00 – 9:00 pm at Smiley’s Ice Cream to raise money for the 4th/5th grade field trip to Jamestown
 - c. Book Fair during the week of March 18 – 22. This is a new date!
 - d. The idea was suggested to look at Chick-fil-a day once a month like Pizza Mondays as an additional fundraiser for the PA. The success and feedback for Pizza Mondays would let the parents enjoy one additional day off from packing lunches. This will be looked into by the PA and sent out to the parents.
- VIII. Yearbooks
 - a. Katie Horst requests that all pictures be submitted no later than April 8 for the yearbook, but sooner is better! Please do NOT text Katie the photos, but use Google Photos (preferred), Google Drive, email, etc. Any photos taken during field trips or other classroom events would be appreciated as well. If you have any questions, reach out to Katie or your room parent. Try to only submit photos that do not include non-students (parents, siblings, etc).
 - b. Thanks to an anonymous sponsor, each student will receive a yearbook at no cost to the families! In place of sponsor ads, these pages will feature student artwork created during the year.
 - c. Suggestions for the yearbook cover were discussed. One idea was the school blue and green. Another was to have an art contest for the older students to create our dragonfly, then vote for the school favorite to be used on the cover.
- IX. Volunteers are needed for our events this year. Please sign up if you are able using our [SignUpGenius](#).
 - a. The PA needs a Reporter for this year. If you are interested, please reach out to any of the PA officers or use the SignUpGenius.
 - b. The Book Fair is March 18 – 22 and needs many more volunteers. This is a great opportunity for extended family to get involved. Please ask grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc if they are available.
- X. Social events
 - a. Sweetheart Dance on February 9 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm
 - i. Each student is invited to attend a dance with an adult sweetheart (parent, grandparent, family member, etc) to the dance! Light refreshments, music and photo opportunities will be provided. Please note: this is NOT a drop off event
 - b. The Book Fair and Science & Art Fair is March 18 - 22
- XI. Other items

- a. The PA website has been updated! Please head over to <https://www.annashouseschool.org/parents-association.html> for all the information on our upcoming events, the SignUpGenius link for volunteer signups, individual classroom wishlists, and other information. Thank you, Christi, for updating this for the PA!
- b. PA-sponsored item for the Children's Festival
 - i. Everyone loved the stuffed animals from last year. It was requested that Christi reach out to the Build-a-Bear lady again to use her due to the fun and success last year.