High Tech High Media Arts Parent Association

General Meeting

12.12.2024 | 5:30-6:30pm Gravity Heights Mission Valley

BOARD MEMBERS

President: Marion Wilson	Spanish Liaison:
Vice President:	Staff Liaison (parent): Staff Liaison (parent): Denise Lapaglia-10th grade Staff Liaison (parent): Staff Liaison (parent): Lisa Pickern 12th grade
Treasurer: Marion Wilson	Fundraising Chair:
Secretary:	Communications Chair: Katie Rooney
Staff Liaison (teacher): Dan Slowik	

AGENDA

- Intro and Welcome. Attendance: Marion, Katie, Denise, Anne, John, Betsy, Lisa.
- Approval of October minutes. Approved.
- Ray/Dan Report
    - HR has met with the staff to go over the director search process. The position will be posted 12/19, and the hope is that a director will be hired by the end of February. They are expecting a mix of internal and external candidates. And, per Tianna's email, they will be looking for some parent participation in the hiring process.
    - The end of 11th grade internship presentations of learning will have to be a little different this year. Paul is still trying to work out how to make them happen and still meet other school-wide expectations.
        - One possibility that the PA suggested was recruiting 10th grade and 11th grade parents to take 10th graders on these "field trips" to see the 11th graders in action at their internship sites. It is an important event to both have the 11th graders demonstrate their learning and to get 10th graders excited about the possibilities of the internship.
- President's report

- Planning for 2nd Semester. There are lots of big events every year in the second half of the year:
  - 11th grade internship, especially the welcome back breakfast
    - We will need to plan this for February 10.
  - 10th grade college road trip
    - School has grant funding for the coach rentals this year but we will want to have grab-n-go breakfasts for the send off on Feb. 19, and some snacks for the teachers to take with them on the buses. Students will return late on Feb. 21. Lauryn and Zack are the point people this year, along with Brandon. Paul is going on the CRT too.
  - Golf Tournament fundraiser
    - We have a sponsor! Yay! Ray is going to check with the Loma Club because it is our understanding that it is under new ownership. We want to make sure that we are still good for Friday, May 2.
  - Senior events up to and including graduation
    - Senior Ditch Day is set for Thursday, May 1.
    - Prom will be in the Ultimate Sky Box on Friday, May 16.
    - Grad Nite will be Friday, May 30. Ray will go with the students.
    - Senior week activities will be Friday, June 6, and Monday - Wednesday, June 9 - 11. Lisa has a team of senior parents ready to help organize gifts and bbq, etc.
      - Graduation will be 6 - 7:30 on Wednesday, June 11. Students will be allowed to have 8-12 guests and there will be standing room for additional guests.
      - Discussion of senior gift possibilities and amount spent in previous years. One possibility is paying (or subsiding) the seniors' yearbooks, in which case the gift wouldn't be at graduation, but earlier since they have time in the days before to sign yearbooks.

  - New plans for CSA boxes. Thanks to Katie we will be partnering with HTMMA with the CSA boxes starting in January. The boxes will be delivered to our front desk and parents from the middle school will come up to pick them up there. Katie has adjusted the order form so that we can track how many come from which school. The middle school folks will pay our venmo and we'll cut them a check for their part of the money raised. In addition, Ray volunteered that if we are ever short a box again to meet the minimum he will buy it.
- Fundraising
  - Targeted sign-up genius for the new year. Will discuss next meeting.
  - Golf Tournament
- Communications
  - Bi-weekly newsletter - Katie needs content
  - Help with social media. Send Katie pictures.
  - Parents expressed frustration with the lack of communication from the teachers, even about exhibition next week.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Current bank balance: $2803.42
  - Current foundation balance: $6041.73
  - Funding requests? No funding requests at this time.
  - We will have a revised budget for the second half of the year ready to vote on at our next meeting in January.
- Hospitality
  - Exhibition – Cocina de Adriana will set up shop to sell tacos, nachos, hot chocolate, etc. Teachers will get tickets so they can get food from Adriana. 20% of the proceeds come back to us.
  - Breakfast for teachers back to school Monday, Jan. 6. This is the professional development day before the students return on the 7th. Katie has volunteered.
- Next Steps/Adjourn
  - Next meeting will be on Zoom. Everyone is encouraged to try to get one other parent to join that zoom meeting.

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