



HCMS Cougar Club Board Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2024
8:45 AM

WELCOME:

- Board members present:
 - Sang McDonnell - President
 - Dawn Helgren - Treasurer
 - Moneeza Maredia - Treasurer Elect
 - Martha Hansen - Secretary
 - Teresa Wohlers, VP Finance/Allocations
 - Sarah Stotts, VP Communications
 - Kristin Jarrett - VP Student Programs
 - Michelle Hurtado - VP Campus Events
 - Diana Graham - VP Digital Commerce
 - Jolyn Peden, Past President

- Meeting called to order 8:47am

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve [meeting minutes from November 8, 2024](#) Cougar Club Board Meeting
 - Michelle Hurtado motions, Moneeza Merida seconds. All Approve.
- Sign “thank you” cards for Friends of Hill Country donors

THANK YOUS:

- Allison Thompson and Lynne Sweeny for the November Staff Lunch - Jersey Mike's
- Allison Thompson and Lynne Sweeny for Staff Thanksgiving Treat - Texas Honey Ham & mobile coffee bar (Staff LOVED the mobile coffee bar!)

UPDATES:

- Holiday Treat Schedule - led by Ellie Walker & Wendi Hundley
 - Dates: December 16-20
 - Monday, 12/16: Bennu & breakfast tacos
 - Tuesday, 12/17: Eanes Coffee & Staff Lunch from Marye's (Allison Thompson & Lynne Sweeny is organizing this)

- Wednesday, 12/18: Eanes coffee, sweet treat (milk and cookies) and hot cocoa bar
- Thursday, 12/19: We will not plan a treat this day, Kimberly is already doing an all-day thing for staff. Cougar Club will give staff members their Holiday gift (\$50 cash) on this day.
- Friday, 12/20: Eanes coffee and pastries
- Spring Allocations
 - Spring Allocation requests will be due on January 10, 2025 / Spring Allocations letter has already gone out to all staff
 - CLT meeting to discuss Spring Allocations will be on January 16, 2025
 - Cougar Club board meeting will be on January 17, 2025
- Field Trips
 - Reminded Mrs. Dewrell of the following:
 - Cougar Club will pay for field trip transportation
 - Field trip fees will be passed through Skyward to families
- Teacher Appreciation Lunches (Lynne Sweeny and Allison Thompson)
 - December 17, 2024 (Marye's, during Winter Treat week)
 - January 14, 2025 (TBD)
- New Projector
 - Staff LOVES the new projector!
 - The only issue is that the volume isn't loud enough, so Mrs. Dewrell is having M&O come back and adjust it.
- Paws for a Cause
 - ~~8th Grade: October 10, 2024~~
 - ~~7th Grade: November 22, 2024~~
 - 6th Grade: March 14, 2025
 - Update: Michelle Hurtado

DISCUSSIONS:

- Remaining General Meeting Dates/Subjects
 - January 15, 2025
 - SPEAKERS: WHS STUDENT PANEL
 - Jolyn is working on getting students for the panel
 - April 16, 2025
 - APPROVE OFFICER SLATE for 2025-2026
 - SPEAKER: MATT GREER
 - May 15, 2025
 - SWEARING IN NEW BOARD, VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

- Stock the Staff Lounge
 - Next stock will be week of 12/9
 - We need more volunteers for Spring semester. Volunteer sign up to go in newsletter.
- Career Day - Michelle Hurtado
 - January 24, 2025
 - Presenters and organization going well, will have a more formal update soon.
- Culture Fair
 - Next meeting re: Culture Fair is January 8, 2025
 - Ellie Walker (E4E) will join, Michelle Hurtado will join for future meetings
 - Potentially establish a chair position under Campus Events
 - Event is in May
- Vending Machines
 - HCMS "slush" fund update
- Board Positions for 2025-2026

BOARD REPORTS:

- Sarah - VP of Communications
 - 673 Facebook followers, 570 Instagram followers
 - 75% open rates on emails
 - School Store emails seem to be fixed after glitch
 - Putting feedback request in newsletter per Michelle's request
- Diana - VP of Digital Commerce
 - Putting Spirit Wear on sale 20% off for holidays to move through inventory
- Jolyn - Past President
 - George Santos emailed about tree trimming, Jolyn will attain a bid. Sang confirmed Kimberly will be checking with the district to see their plan.

ADJOURN at 9:29am

*[COUGAR CLUB MEETING CALENDAR](#)