



## FoWY Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

Zoom Call

Absences: Joel, Yolanda, Preeti, Nadia, and Scott

Call to Order by the Secretary (Kelly) , Patricia 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

Approval of today's agenda (Karen)) with a few changes:

- The nominating committee will go early because Leah needs to leave.
- Next meeting - March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm instead of February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly motioned to approve the agenda, Leah 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

January minutes approval. (Karen motioned to approve ) Elana 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

### **President's Report: (Yolanda/Karen read)**

- Our development director has been doing an amazing job with Spring Bash and her responsibilities. However, she had an accident that may take her a couple weeks before she is back.
- Spring Bash is upon us, and a ton of work must be done. We need all hands-on deck. We need to fill several roles with more than one person to maximize our efforts, especially since our development director is out. I will send out a list of things that has to take place for a successful event. Please sign up for one or two assignments. We have some additional parents asking to help; however, we will need the board to take the lead.
- We have the dates for our 50<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary in 2025. We need to choose either March 8 or 15, or April 5 or 26. I would vote to have the event in April as it takes time to put on an event as large as this. We will have the same event components as the Spring Bash. Be on the lookout for a Signup Genius.
- We will be updating our State of Illinois FoWY Board of Directors information; we need to confirm with everyone your current address and phone information. We must file with the State of Illinois by next month.
- File cabinets: Elana stated she will donate file cabinets with lock and key. Let Yolanda know a good date and this month and we will schedule a pick-up date and inform the school. Per the WY office we don't know who might be in the building on a Saturday so delivery will need to take place on a weekday.
- The merchandise committee completed its Audit for the School Store. We must get the website back up and running with new merch, so we must acquire a photographer to make this happen. I believe Stacey is working on this.
- FoWY Annual Audit – if you have not filled out the Google form sent out by Kelly last month, please give her your volunteer hours after the meeting today (please include meeting you attended, and all hours volunteered for the school on behalf of FoWY from 7/2022-6/2023).

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Alumni (Stacey)**

- No report

### **Financials (Stacey)**

- Board members should have received the financial reports today 2/13/24.
- The reports are about a week and half behind because of Giving Tuesday data.
- Jessica sent an email to share raffle tickets that can be customized for members to share with our network.

### **Grants (Megan/Melanie)**

- Fall Grants - last day to request reimbursements for grants awarded and used is 2/21. Reminders were sent out to all outstanding grants. As of today, about \$35,000 out of \$52,547 grants have been reimbursed.
- Spring Grants - Application cycle opened yesterday. Communication and application link sent to faculty, staff, and all designated student reps. Notice included in the Weekly and upcoming DubTv.
- Spring Budget is \$10,000. On day 1 (yesterday) we already received 6 applications requesting a total of almost \$27,000.
- Spring Grant applications due 2/29.
- Our committee is planning on meeting the week of March 11th to review grant applications. Hoping to meet with admin sometime during week before Spring break. And final decisions should be communicated by early April.
- There was a discussion about student requesting checks and the challenges this is causing Stacey and Karen. There is too much confusion when students are asking for reimbursements and the teachers are not aware.
- Melanie agrees that we need a new policy in place to address this student check request issue.
- Next steps – Melanie and Megan will organize a meeting with Yolanda to see if we can create a new policy.

### **Communications (Joel)**

- No report.

### **Community/Volunteer (Elana/Molly)**

- We are waiting to confirm a date for the Teacher Appreciation luncheon. Elana will share once AP Exam schedule has been set.
- We had a new Dolphin Depot request in. For now we are status quo.

### **Neighborhood Social**

- Jenny is coordinating the north side social March 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9pm at Frasca Pizzeria and Wine Bar. The address is 3358 N Paulina St, Chicago.

### **Development (Yolanda/Patricia/Jessica/Stacey)**

- **Spring Bash**
- We have an auctioneer. Jenny and Stacey confirmed she will cost much less (\$750) than last year.
- The auctioneer has offered to announce big ticket items.
- Kelly had a question about whether the venue allowed kegs. We will investigate.

- If you donate items they can go to a specific club or team. The other option is to donate the money directly to FOWY.
- The current ticket sales as of 2/5/24 are \$4,200.
- Karen encouraged all board members to participate in Spring Bash.

#### **School Store (Stacey/Patricia)**

- We are hiring a photographer to take pictures of our new merchandise.
- Grace has provided the specifications for the photos.
- Patricia/Kelly will write the descriptions for the new merchandise.
- Our hope is in the next couple of weeks it will be up and running.

#### **Student – (Srishti Kolla/Keith Xin)**

- Quarter 3 is halfway done. Progress reports were sent home last week.
- Juniors SATs are coming up in April.
- Digital SAT with Essay (11th graders) April 9, 2024.
- Illinois Science assessment on the April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Digital PSAT (9th and 10th graders) April 16, 2024
- Guys and Dolls dance took place at the end of January.
- In February, WY's AAC worked with 10 other schools to put on the APTAC showcase.
- Freshman mentors will continue
- Academic Decathlon, Science Olympiad, Robotics, Math team have state competitions are coming up. ▪  
National Honors Society application process has started.
- Club Fair 2.0 happened at the beginning
- The girls basketball team won the city championship.
- Poms came in the 6<sup>th</sup> in national competition.
- Fundraising – Krispy Kreme – Yolanda was able to share information.
- Students have also begun course selection for the 24-25 school year, and the final date to select courses is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Nominating (Leah/Megan)**

- If you are new to the board to this year – the expectations are to continue for another year.
- Leah will be reaching out to both members who have been serving two years and to the officers to see if they are interested in serving another year.

#### **Policy (Yolanda/Melanie)**

- No report

#### **Old Business**

- No report

#### **New Business**

- No report

**Adjourn the meeting at 7:09 Motion to adjourn Patricia, Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> it.**

**Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, March 13th - 6:00pm Library**