



## FoWY Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Absences: Suzie, Alison, Leah, Jenny

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

Approval of today's agenda, Cathy motioned to approve the agenda Kimberly 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

Yolanda called for approval of February minutes. Karen motioned it and Elana 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

### President's Report:

#### President Report

- 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.
- Kelly motion to approve April 26<sup>th</sup> and Kimberly 2<sup>nd</sup> it.
- The board unanimously approved the motion to approve the 50<sup>th</sup> year for April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- We updated our State of Illinois FoWY Board of Directors information.
  - The form was approved and received back from the state.
- Spring Bash is upon us, and a ton of work still need to be done. We need all hands-on deck. We sent the Signup Genius.
- The merchandise committee completed its audit for the School Store. We must get the website back up and running.
  - We have photographer for the merchandise.
- FoWY Annual Audit: All hours volunteered for the school on behalf of FoWY from 7/2022-6/2023) is completed.
- Scott Clayton had to resign from the board due to his family commitments. We wish him all the best.

### Committee Reports:

#### Alumni (Stacey)

- No report

#### Financials (Stacey)

- Stacey is sending out financials at the end of tonight.
- Please see report for full details.
- \$35,000 is left for spring grants.

#### Grants (Megan/Melanie)

- We received 44 applications for \$90,155, which is a huge increase over previous years.
- Originally, we had \$10,000 budget.
- We have 26 eligible applications totaling 53,486.
- We have \$35,000 to spend.
- Senior decision day is always included in the spring grant. They are also reinventing the freshman field day.
- Stacey believes that we have money to spend for freshman field day and we can reallocate the Harris Huddles .

- We discussed whether The Welcome Back Lunch, the Decision Days, Senior Day should be part of the FoWY annual budget.
- Cathy DeMille made a motion to approve the Senior Day, Kimberly 2<sup>nd</sup> it.
- Yolanda called for the motion Freshman Field Day to be approved, Melanie motioned, Patricia 2<sup>nd</sup> it.
- Spring grant budget Request an increase budget \$10,000
- Yolanda called for the motion Karen made a motion. Kimberly 2<sup>nd</sup> it.
- All in favor – unanimously approved.

### **Communications (Joel)**

- Joel is working with Grace closely on Spring Bash.
- Joel is working diligently on communicating all of our spring events.

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

- We have a date for the Teacher Appreciation luncheon. It will be held on **Thursday, May 2nd**, during all lunch periods (from 10:20-1:35).
- If anyone at WY knows a person who owns a business or are willing to go to Costco to buy sodas, this is the support the luncheon will need.
- We will need people to sign up to volunteer in shifts.
- We held our second Vintage Vault event of the school year on February 22nd.
- We are going to launch a Prom Edition of Vintage Vault this week. We will collect formal wear and accessories between now and April 5th. The Prom Edition will take place on April 10th from 11-1p.
- The Blessings in a Backpack club will be packing food care packages for students to take home during Spring Break. We will supplement the food bags with additional food items if needed. There are 7 students requesting bags.

### **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)**

- No report.

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

- Academic math team beat Payton in the ICTM Regionals Competition at Von Steuben.
  - They are advancing to ICTM state which takes place in April.
- Academic Decathlon won state - 21 years winning streak.
- Debate has also competed in competitions at recent weekends.
- Science Bowl also won at the regionals competition, and they are advancing to nationals!
- Freshman mentors are open for next year.
- We organized halftime with Mr. Harris event with the Academic Center students. 20 students participated.
- We are collaborating with Beyond Books Club for a book drive.
- Performing Arts: There was a piano showcase last Friday.
- WY Jazz on the bridge is taking place this Friday at 7pm after school.
- The IHSA competition occurred for musicians included band, choir, and other groups.
- Springs sports in full spring – lacrosse, baseball, soccer, badminton, and softball.

**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, Amber)**

- Amber would like to review the by-laws and is looking for help.
- Melanie agrees that they need to be reviewed. Protocols need to be cemented in some type of policy.

**Recent Incident**

- An alumni spoke at an event for Whitney Young last week. She requested some WY swag. Admin and Jenny discussed giving merchandise as a thank you. Jenny originally was going to acquire it from the school store, but she stated admin suggested that it come from FoWY.
- Jenny saw Patricia in the Development office and explained it was customary to give out merchandise to a speaker. Patricia reached out to Yolanda to ask about giving merchandise to speakers.
- Email communications took place which explain we currently we do not have a budget specified for merchandise for speakers or specials guests.
- Yolanda explained the policy and procedure to acquire merchandise which includes speaking with the committee chairs (Patricia and Stacey) first before taking merchandise. The committee chairs are responsible for any items that are purchased and some of the merchandise has already been sold. The merchandise was placed back in the inventory.

**Old Business**

- No report.

**New Business**

- No report.

**Adjourn the meeting at 7:39 Motion to adjourn Kelly, Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> it.**

**Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, April 10th - 6:00pm Library**