

FoWY Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2022 - 6:30 PM /WY Library

Absences: Scott Clayton, Danielle Craan, Kelly Lowery, Natasha Solis, Ben Pan, Yescenia Sanchez, Yolanda Paramore, Stacey Young

Guests : n/a

Call to Order: 6:41 PM (Lynne Radomski)

November minutes reviewed/approved: (Lynne/Karen)

December agenda reviewed/approved: (Stephanie/Patty)

President's Report (Arlyne Chin)

*Staff Holiday Breakfast scheduled for Friday, December 23, 7:30-9:00 AM. FoWY sponsors the event, but this year, Mr. Swanson and Ms. Melton have asked for some decorations and servers from FoWY. Lynne will discuss further in the Community Report.

Committee Reports

- 1) **Alumni** (Patricia):
 - 2022-23 events include 2 basketball games (12/23/22 and 1/20/23). Flyers were created, and alumni encouraged to wear orange and sit in a roped-off section for Alumni.
 - Other ideas being discussed: gathering at Park Tavern or The Ogden; school tours; Alumni networking events; Alumni panel for current students/families; assisting with AP exam proctoring; special welcome to attend Spring Bash
 - all efforts we need to create a more inviting atmosphere for our Alumni.
 - Mr. Harris is very supportive of any and all efforts.
- 2) **Annual Fund/Grants** (Arlyne/Patty):
 - **Annual Fund** (Arlyne):
 - videos created for Giving Tuesday and sent to families
 - to date, AF and Giving Tuesday combined: \$73,120 (which is 49% of goal)
 - Giving Tuesday -\$42,000
 - compiling trend over trend report to share
 - Minimal marketing effort so far has resulted in these donations, so committee is now working on more marketing/amplification of message
 - working on targeted campaigns every month until Spring Bash efforts take center stage
 - trend feels positive
 - reminder: all AF proceeds will fund next year's budget.
 - **Grants** (Patty):
 - 77 grant requests
 - approved \$56,000; denied \$72,000
 - performing arts made up the majority of request dollars; some would be covered under a capital campaign. Uniforms is another large category. Question about whether or not CPS provided money for uniforms.
 - Committee will discuss definite decisions at next meeting
 - Patty explained the overall process for approvals, which includes many factors
- 3) **Communications** (Joel):
 - Committee is working on more visibility in social media and creating more meaningful engagement with events

- Joel is a writer, so is prepared to create positive content for all the committees; please send any ideas/events to Joel, Ben or Yolanda
 - Committee will discuss plan for consistent messaging
 - Arlyne will share content planner with Joel to help manage the schedule for communication to eliminate white space
 - This committee is FoWY's voice to the wider community, so please utilize this voice for stronger branding of our organization
- 4) **Community/Volunteer** (Lynne):
- Community Events:
 1. Met with Sheila (LSC partner) on 11/28 to discuss planning/execution of WY community gatherings. Meeting again next week; anyone is welcome to join.
 2. Working on launching 1 educational and 1 interactive event in the first quarter of next semester.
 3. Alumni Committee assistance - as requested by Alumni Committee (Stacey)
 - Dolphin Depot:
 1. Waiting for approval for budget increase to \$7500
 2. Received 3 requests -all funded because coming directly from Mr. Harris or the Counseling Dept; we have an upcoming meeting with both to discuss areas of need.
 3. Still discussing efforts to drive access and equity to these funds.
 4. Community partnership with "Blessings in a Backpack" initiated by Molly and Kelly. Weekly meal delivery to school for eligible students; costs will be \$75/student and Ms. Hurtado will be the school's contact person.
 5. Physical space to be explored for Vintage Vault - gently used Whitney Young spiritwear or basic clothing items for students to access .
 - Volunteer Drive:
 1. Megan has created the content to be published on the WY and FoWY websites.
 2. Finalizing details; will confirm after holiday break.
 - Community Spotlight:
 1. Karen reported Committee is preparing Spotlight on Arlyne Chin.
 2. Working on creating link to a nominating form; perhaps a QR code.
- 1) **Development/Fundraising** (Arlyne):
- no report
- 2) **Finance** (Stephanie/Yuning):
- Yuning completed and distributed financial reports
 - Annual budget was emailed to board for a vote
 - Audit results will be sent to the board
 - Stephanie appealed to board for someone to learn her role as Treasurer, as this is her last year. She will spend time teaching reports, processes and software to anyone interested. This is a critical role.
- 3) **Student Report** (Victor/Jiaming):
- Brainstorming better efforts for student involvement. Considering polls, posters, and posts to create more interest among student body.
 - Educating students on fundraising and how that helps their organizations and causes
 - Helping clubs/organizations spread the word about their services (e.g. NHS - tutoring)
 - Discussed Angel Tree program for holiday giving
 - Providing Freshmen/AC students gift bags for finals
- 4) **Nominating** : NO REPORT
- 5) **Policy**: NO REPORT
- 6) **LSC** (Arlyne for Brad):
- CIWP - We have renewed the CIWP for the current school year. We will be scheduling time

after the new year to update the CIWP for the next iteration that will be in place for the next 3 school years.

-LSC Openings - There will be 2 parent openings for LSC seats starting next school year. The LSC will be looking for parents who would like to serve on the LSC. Applications will be due in the March time frame, and a Candidate Forum will be held at the April LSC meeting. The new members will begin serving in July.

-Normal committee meetings are ongoing, specifically Budget, Safety & Security and Parent/Community;

-Community. Safety & Security is always looking for feedback and volunteers to participate. Parent & Community is working on planning the next Community/Hot Topic sessions.

New Business: Stephanie announced a partnership with the Chicago Bulls to offer 4 games to our community for a discounted ticket price and a donation back to the school. Game dates are January 13, February 2, March 17 and April 9. She would like help from the Communications team to market the games.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:51 PM (Lynne/Eleanor)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 6:30 PM (virtual)