

ACMA PTO Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2018

Attendees: Carol Biederman, Jami Curl, Catherine Healy, Lisa Nilsson, Bjorn Paige, Jennifer Means, Leslie Swinford, Jeannine Anderson, Kammrella McQuestern (sp?), Neal Culn (sp?), many students from the Senior Class

Call to Order and Minute Approval

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Meeting minutes for March were not available for review and approval.

Old Business:

- Spectacular, Spectacular. We are working on pulling together the tickets and finalizing the branding. There will be a meeting at the Healy's to move forward with planning. On the school side of things, plans are coming together nicely. We have some volunteers who have come forward to put together the raffle baskets. There will also be additional concessions provided during intermissions.
- We welcomed Kerry Gelhar who will become the Media/Communications Committee co-chair for the following school year.
- Bjorn and Dave will meet this week to work on the "book". Bjorn also indicated we will create a set of five posters of the Mona Lisa portraits

- Grad Night. Many of ACMA's seniors attended the meeting this month to express their serious concerns about Grad Night planning. Concerns were raised about having it in Quonset Hut: doesn't embody what ACMA is; would be too restrictive and unenjoyable. The students would like to plan their own grad night – an un-official get-together not sponsored by PTO. It would be pot-luck style event; ticket into event is to bring something (food, board games, etc.). They are still trying to get location locked down. Students vouched for each other and indicated they would be responsible for themselves. Myra indicated Indoor Goals may be an option. 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. May be able to get a reduced price because of contacts with the owners. Students would be happy and prefer to entertain themselves.
 - o Students agreed that they are willing to work with the PTO.
 - o Agreed to provide the number of students who will be participating by Friday, April 12th.
 - o Next step: Myra and Carol to get in contact with each other to figure out details around location.
 - o Need to determine whether the PTO's insurance will cover Indoor Goals activities or whether IG has insurance.
 - o Need to have certain PTO forms filled out.
 - o Agreed that students can have their cell phones and can drive themselves as long as they turn in their keys when they arrive.
 - o Claire suggested the students provide a cohesive list of things they need (along with what they have).
 - o Students who graduated early or who unenrolled may come, as it is not a school-sanctioned event.
 - o Carol will be the primary contact from the PTO.

Reports

Principal's report (Bjorn Paige)

- The 6th graders went to Outdoor School.

- The seniors did their reflections/performances as part of their Capstones. Amazing quality of student work.
- Opened a time capsule from 1951. Old newspaper, photos, scrolls of individuals on staff and students. Available for viewing.
- April is very busy: student government speeches on Thursday (4/11). Trouble in Paradise opens for everybody on Thursday. Art is My Voice opens on Thursday. On the 20th, there will be an art show at Cedar Park THPRD recreation center at 1:00. On the 22nd, there will be a student story-telling assembly. On the 24th, Dance West show.
- Middle school social on May 3rd and prom for high-schoolers on the 11th.
- Orchestra concert on May 22nd.
- On the 25th, Bjorn will meet with seniors. He shared that drafts of speeches will be presented May 2nd to a panel. Bjorn also requested that students try out for a senior act. He indicated there will be six tickets per student for graduation, which is June 8th at 11:00.
- August 12th is ACMA day; back-to-school night will be the 21st.

Senior breakfast: Carol asked the students to determine whether they need to have vegan / gluten free option and to get back to Adin.

Treasurer's update: Carol provided an update from Damarise. She made a call for donations to Family Fund or Spectacular.

Volunteer update: look on Better Impact for opportunities to volunteer for AIMV. Linda is getting worried about the move because she isn't getting requests from teachers. She plans to build a schedule for each individual teacher.

Kerry Gelhar will be taking over Media/Communications. She will co-chair with Kevin Allen. Good news: have an almost-full board for 2019-2020!

Parent raised concern that she hasn't heard anything about Spectacular or Grad Night. Said students have not been as involved this year. Carol offered that next year can have sign-up sheet for people who don't want to communicate electronically, which is how many of the PTO's updates/events are communicated. Also expressed frustration that 6th graders weren't at Capstones...felt that it's important to show new students what it is that they can look forward to. (Bjorn explained that the date wasn't up to the school.) Catherine explained that we've lost some key board members (Communications and Grad Night committee planner which has affected communications about those events). The PTO publishes news on the PTO Facebook page, Better Impact sends e-blasts and families receive Hello from ACMA.

A student indicated that it doesn't seem like students get much communication about what's going on. The student stated that they (the seniors) are separated now and don't get together as a group any longer. Adin indicated that students are having a hard time getting Canvas reports; in addition, there has been a trend the last few years with a lack of communication with seniors. Used to have a daily news system; also had a newspaper that was used to update students; hoping that the TV studio class offered next year could bring this back to life to keep students informed.

Carol adjourned the meeting at 8:39.