

February 12, 2019
Meeting Minutes for Spectacular Spectacular and PTO Meeting

Attendees: Lisa Nilsson, Carol Beiderman, Catherine Healy, Tim Healy, Jon Gottshall, Lynn Chapman, Kathy Leis, Jenny Anderson, Kevin Allen, David Calhoun, LaReina Kyle, Carrie Salehiamin, Terresa Cawthra-Cornelilus, Damarise Davis, Jami Curl

Spectacular Planning Meeting

Mr. Bertram, Mr. Davis and Carol Biederman provided a high-level overview and commentary about the Spectacular Spectacular:

School wide event, will also serve as send off for seniors, auction has run its course, replaces auction, fundraiser for ACMA. Show will have a VIP event...will start in cafeteria. Will reminisce about past shows, art. Will come in the back and work way through the building. Culminate in dance room looking like a jazz club. Jazz band will put on a concert for 30 minutes. In blue box, will get history of CE Mason. All art on the wall will be on sale. Eventually will go into main theater. Show will be three parts. School wide event. Mr. Paige will welcome everybody. Creative writers will read, dancers will perform, films will be played, jazz band, theater scenes, etc. Trying to ensure every department is represented. Where has ACMA been...where are we going. Final scene will pull everyone together. Sad to say goodbye to building, but need to ensure we aren't saying goodbye to "ACMA". Want it to be family friendly, so one night will encourage families to attend. Saturday night will include a VIP experience, which will not be an adult only experience.

Catherine and Jami provided additional information:

1. Need volunteers and people to get involved; great way to get to know other disciplines
2. List of committees on table. Looking for 2-3 people for each committee...so approximately 30 volunteers; if we don't have sufficient volunteer support, we'll scale back (except for performance).
3. Prices for tickets will range from \$10 to \$100
4. Bulk of need is the "behind the scenes" piece, because staff has the performance piece under control
5. Want to sell 80 VIP tickets (\$100)
6. We are going to be putting together a book; will be part of VIP swag bag; approximately 58 pages. Will sell copies as well. Want images and narratives and the story of the place. Similar to literary magazine that we publish each year. Deadline will be earlier than May because it takes time to pull it together and publish.
7. Committees: VIP experience, Food, Sponsorship, The Book, Publicity, Program, Ticket and Art Sales, Decorating, Gallery Show (all mediums of art), Day of Event
8. On stage ads for sponsors
9. Welcome any/all ideas or suggestions

PTO Board Meeting

Carol called the PTO meeting to order at 7:10

Old Business:

- Graduation Night in flux. Still trying to nail down locations. Will probably have a taco bar. Asking a junior or senior parent to take this on.

- Board shadows. Still looking for shadows for VP, Treasurer, Communications, Volunteer Director, Fundraising Coordinator

New Business

- Carol indicated that there will be a rally at the state capitol on President's Day to show our legislators that we're concerned about funding for education.
- Ms. Chapman and Mr. Gottshall requested time to speak to the PTO about their concerns with the construction funding/budget:
 - o ACMA is the last building to get rebuilt. Staff has learned that there were decisions made about building without staff's input. Determined that lockers were cut from the budget for the new building. Rationale: told that high schools don't use lockers. However, we are at a completely different scale of building than a high school. Also, safety issue: tripping or causing students to carry too much. Ms. Chapman distributed 2014 Bond Program Cost Management and Control Plan. Further learned that there will not be sufficient classrooms. Some teachers will need to use "carts" and travel from room to room as they do today. In current bond report, very few of school have been marked to have any construction problems; however, Mountainside was \$75MM over budget. Doesn't seem equitable. ACMA is already \$10MM over budget and the builders haven't broken ground. Lockers for one floor at ACMA would be \$400K. Problem is that the building permitting is happening now. Issue with halls being narrowed, so now no room for lockers. Mr. Gottshall would like to make the school board aware of the shortage in funding, decisions being made without consultation, and the absence of lockers. If we superimpose our current staffing on the plans as they are, every full time teacher will have a classroom; three part time teachers and twelve periods will not have a class of their own. Would like to request that the building be redesigned so that there is room for the lockers and sufficient classrooms. District will come out the 21st to meet with the staff/administration. When the new building opens, it won't be the "50-year" building it was intended to be. The teachers are requesting support at the next school board meeting on 3/11; they would like students and parents to come to express their views and show support. There is also an opportunity to send communications to school board members in advance. Ms. Chapman will send Google link to Carol to distribute.

Reports:

- Treasurer: Damarise handed out an updated budget spreadsheet. She indicated we have \$19K in the bank. The budget for the Spectacular is \$5K. Have raised \$8,250 from Family Fund. Corporate matching strong this year.
- Staff appreciation was moved to March 1st (from February 18th).
- Next PTO meeting will be March 12th.
- Principal's update:
 - o Construction. Bjorn said we'll try to ask the right questions of the school board and then figure out where to go. There are standard district specs for classroom sizes. Need to understand those and ensure the rooms are capable of supporting our needs. Despite some of the frustrations, we're still getting rooms that support some of our unique needs (e.g., film studio). When we convene again in a month, Bjorn hopes to have better news.
 - o Bjorn indicated that ACMA will need volunteers to help box up the school. The opportunity has already been listed on Better Impact.

- August 12th will be ACMA Day – opportunity to tour temporary school
- August 21st will be Back to School night
- August 27th is the first day back for all students; new students begin the 26th
- Jazz concert tomorrow (2/13); outstanding seniors this year – special alchemy; they are raising money for Lionel Musicians