

General Membership Meeting 1/5/22

Board Members in Attendance: Lori Bignotti, Kris Bautsch, Christine Bateman, Kate Blitzstein, Susan Gilbert and Hitesh Uppal

12 Members in Attendance

Meeting called to order by Christine Bateman at 7:04pm.

Welcome-Christine welcomed everyone to the January meeting.

Guest Speaker-Dr. Tina Giambattista, SFASD Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services

- She began her career as a gifted support teacher in 1994 at North Penn School District. She taught special education, servicing students with learning disabilities and autism.
- She earned her Supervisory Certification in Special Education and became an administrator in North Penn and Wissahickon School Districts, where she served a variety of leadership roles.
- Prior to coming to SFASD, Dr. Giambattista was a Special Education Supervisor in the Central Bucks School District at the secondary level.
- She earned her Bachelor's Degree from Temple University in Elementary Education, and she earned her Master's Degree at Eastern University. She earned her Special Education Supervisory Certification at Penn State University and earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Gwynedd Mercy University in 2017. Lastly, she earned her Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from Delaware Valley University in 2021.

Budget Review – Hitesh Uppal

- Income- Dine Out Nights (\$942.76), Fundraising (\$898.36), Interest Income (\$1.05), Membership/Opt Out (\$1,374.90), Mic Income (\$130.90), Spirit Wear (\$535)
- Expenses-Basket Raffle (\$496.06), Book Fair (\$37.10), Fall Family Event (\$195.11), HSL Software (\$218.35), Ice Cream Social (\$180), Reading Olympics (\$50), Laminating Expense (\$357.99)
- A new account will be opened for the Original Art Fundraiser with an opening balance of \$10, 527. 85. Beginning in January of 2022, this will appear as an account instead of a line item.
- Denise Phillips motioned to approve, seconded by Kristy Thompson

November Minutes – Kate Blitzstein

- Kristy Thompson motioned to approve, seconded by Denise Phillips

Board Elections in March for Secretary and Treasurer

- Christine announced that these positions are open starting next school year for a 2-year term and to feel free to reach out to any board member with any questions or if you are interested in running.

Committee Updates

- Basket Raffle (Adria Ferreri)-Basket Raffle preparations are underway. This event will be a hybrid event. Presale tickets will go on sale Monday, 1/17. For anyone that purchases \$100 in basket tickets, they will get 3 Grand Prize tickets and will be sent out the SignUp Genius early to pick their time slot to put their tickets on the day of the basket raffle. The pulling of the winners will be on ZOOM. More information will be coming out next week.
- Book Fair (Michelle Gosch)-Mrs. Wike and LES staff were extremely helpful with our fall fair. All proceeds went to the library. We hope to have a second fair in the spring.
- Dine out Nights (Steph Huggard) - Great turnout for our last dine-out event at Wayback. We made \$232.70. Thank you to all that attended! We are still waiting on that check. Our next event is on Wednesday, January 19 at California Tortilla (dine in and take out both). Our following event will be the week of February 1-5 at Capt'n Chucky's.
- Family Fun (Kristy Thompson)-Amanda is looking into virtual events.
- Fundraising (Kristy Thompson)-An email has been sent to the committee, asking for ideas for the spring. We are specifically looking into food ideas since they seem to sell well, but open to other ideas too.
- Holiday Shop-This event was virtual. It was successful. We hope to "see" everyone next year.
- Kids Bingo (Susan Gilbert)-We are tentatively planning for March 25th or April 1st.
- Outdoor Classroom/Beautification (Anthony Bubel)- The Outdoor Classroom Committee launched and wrapped up a Wawa Hoagie Coupon fundraiser in December, where they sold out of 150 hoagie coupons in about a week (total profit of \$300). The goal is to put the funds towards an additional annual pond cleaning, and we're now starting to think about another fundraising event for late winter/early spring.
- School Store (Christine Bateman)-Many items were donated to teachers (specifically erasers). We are working on more LES specific items.
- Spirit Wear (Christine Bateman)-We are looking for vendors and different items for the spring sale.
- Staff Appreciation (Michelle Gosch)-Two events have been held so far. Both events were very successful.
- Yearbook (Kate Blitzstein)-We are always looking for pictures.

Membership Questions/Suggestions

- Mention was made of the donations for our teachers from Chevy.
- Lori thanked all of our volunteers at the end of the meeting.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 17th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (School Closed)

Friday, February 18th – Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School for Students)

Monday, February 21st – President's Day (School Closed)

Saturday, February 26th – Basket Raffle

Next General Membership Meeting – Wednesday, March 2nd (7:00pm-8:00pm)

Call to Adjourn-Kristy Thompson motioned, Seconded by Adria Ferreri. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.