

HSL General Membership Meeting 1/18/2023

Attendees:

HSL Board Members: Lori Bignottie, Christine Bateman, Kate Blitzstein, Aimee Kibbler, Susan Gilbert, Kristy Thompson

HSL Members: 4 Members in Attendance + 1 guest (Jennifer Rebman)

Meeting called to order by Christine Bateman at 7:08pm.

Welcome:

- Christine welcomed everyone to the meeting

Guest Speakers:

- Jennifer Rebman: Art Goes to School
 - Art Goes to School is a group of volunteers that present art from the portfolio (about 20 pieces) to students in grades K through 6.
 - Some of the art is two dimensional, sculpture, photographs, etc. The group studies the art pieces and meets every two weeks so they're well versed in them. Volunteers present information they feel is important about each piece, so information shared may vary with each volunteer.
 - Students will normally bring home a letter letting you know they've had Art Goes to School in their class, with thumbnail sketches on the back.
 - Art Goes to School asks for a donation from each elementary school to offset some of the cost of the organization.
- Kate Blitzstein: Yearbook Committee Chair
 - Kate walked through a demo of 'how to' and FAQs for creating custom pages.
 - Custom pages, including signatures, are due by April 18th. If you do not create the custom pages, you'll have two blank pages in your yearbook. If you want more than two custom pages, each additional page spread is \$0.99. Custom pages are only in your child's yearbook.
 - Three categories for the custom pages:
 - Photos: You can add any photos you'd like to include in your custom pages.
 - Memories: This will give you a series of questions you can answer to include in the yearbook (questions like: favorite subject). Be careful with this section because it will ask you many questions if you keep answering them.
 - Signatures: You can choose to 'send signatures' or 'request signatures' from teachers and friends to include in your child's yearbook. You have to 'approve' each signature received in order for them to be printed in your child's yearbook.
 - Layout: You can choose a layout template or start completely from scratch. You can shade, add a caption, border, etc. for each picture.
 - Download the app, it's easier to do from your phone.
 - TreeRing is really helpful and has great customer service so you can reach out to them with questions via live chat if you have questions.
 - Messages to your students and teachers:
 - 4th Grade Parents: PDAs (Parent's Display of Affection) have been requested.
 - K through 3rd Grade Parents: Love Lines will be requested soon.
 - Teacher appreciation notes: will also be requested soon.
 - Keep an eye on the weekly Home & School League emails for more information and deadlines.

Budget Review – Aimee Kibbler

- A printout of the budget was handed out to each member in attendance.
- Income: Original Artworks (not HSL money, we just hold it in a bank account and has to be spent on all students in the school - paid for artist in residence recording), Amazon Smile, Giovanni's dine out, lottery fundraiser, book fair (Scholastic money), holiday shop, California Tortilla dine out, Wayback dine out, cupcake decorating.
 - We don't have Giant Rewards anymore - Giant changes the school district they're supporting periodically and you can choose to round up at the register to donate to the school district they're supporting at the time.
- Expenses: Wawa hoagie coupons, staff boos, Artist in Residence/song writing, glow bracelets for assembly and assembly cost, conference meal, field trips for each grade.

- Note about field trips: It's part of the School Board Policy that students must go on a field trip. At a minimum, it takes 2 months to approve a field trip. Transportation cost has tripled since last time we took field trips so there will be a cost of approx \$20-\$30 per student for families for each field trip.
- Income \$15,398, expense of \$20,156.
- Emily Black motioned to approve, seconded by Adria Ferreri.

November 2022 Minutes – Kristy Thompson

- A printout of the minutes from the last meeting, in November 2022, was handed out to each member in attendance.
- Minutes were reviewed, highlighting main topics discussed during that meeting.
- Emily Black motioned to approve, seconded by Amanda Dabbeekeh.

Board Elections: President, Vice President, Communications Advisor terms are ending and will be open.

- If interested, reach out to any member of the Board with questions. Please raise your hand and get involved!
- You can nominate yourself, be nominated by someone else, or nominate someone else.
- All nominations must be in before the March Home & School meeting starts. Votes will occur after that.
- Positions are 2 year terms. You can shadow at the end of this school year. Term starts 7/1.

Committee Updates - Committee Chairs/Board Members

- Basket Raffle (Adria Ferreri): Started putting baskets together, 47 baskets so far but have more coming in. 220 tickets sold out of 300ish.
- Book Fair (Christine Bateman): Fall book fair was successful. Spring book fair planned for May.
- Dine Out Nights (Kristy Thompson): honeygrow tomorrow. Suggestions shared for future dine outs:, Los Osorios, Troubles End, RR, Harvest.
- Family Fun (Amanda Dabbeekeh): Paint night is coming up on Friday, 1/27. Has 13 signed up so far, need minimum 15. Board confirmed Family Fun events can be scheduled for any month.
- Fundraising (Kristy Thompson): Super Bowl Block Pool fundraiser currently running. Started talking about possible ideas for Spring, thinking about community events (cornhole tournament, fun run, food trucks, etc.) In general, participation in fundraising is low. We average 20-30 families that participate out of approximately 200 families in the school. Any suggestions, please reach out to Kristy (LESFundraising1@gmail.com).
- Holiday Shop (Christine Bateman): Students enjoyed the holiday shop. We made \$285 this year.
- Kids Bingo (Susan Gilbert): Coming in the Spring and will be back in person this year.
- Outdoor Classroom/Beautification (Kristy Thompson): Sold a little more than half of the lottery tickets we had to sell. All proceeds earned will go towards building new garden beds, still working to find a vendor or someone who can do this for us.
- School Store (Christine Bateman): Have all items for the school store. Will get it set up and running, starting in February.
- Spirit Wear (Kristy Thompson): Working with Shirt and Ink to get a Spirit Wear sale kicked off in the Spring.
- Staff Appreciation (Christine Bateman): Cookie bar coming up on 1/25. Staff appreciation week in May is the next big thing, need to work out details for that. Ms. Bignotti also does two treats per month for the staff members.
- Yearbook (Kate Blitzstein): Demo given at beginning of the meeting, no other updates.

Open Discussion:

- How do we get more attendance at HSL meetings? Suggestion made to send a survey out to see if people prefer a different day/time or if there's something else that will help bring attendance up?
- Speaker for next meeting: Suggestion shared to have Mr. Bautsch and Mr. Riordan join us to talk about the Robotics Club.

Upcoming Events

- Upcoming events were reviewed.
- Next Home & School League Meeting is Wednesday, March 15th @ 7pm in the Library.

Call to Adjourn - Emily Black motioned, seconded by Adria Ferreri. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.