



Sheridan Road Alumni Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:00 p.m.

VIA Zoom: <https://shschicago-org.zoom.us/j/93308906549?pwd=SGgxNWxOakl0S0ZwZ1BwMHczRXZaZz09>

MEETING NOTES

***In Attendance:** Ann Chiumino, Max Lisy, Margo Johnson, Joey Yao, Brad Gutzler, Joan Merlo, Mary Grady, Elizabeth Grady, Victor Betts, Cathy Long.*

I. Welcome and Prayer *Elizabeth/Mary Grady*

II. 2020-2021 Administrative Considerations *Elizabeth/Mary Grady, Ann Chiumino*

- a. Meeting Schedule: October 6; November 10; January 12, 2021; February 9, 2021; March 9, 2021; April 13, 2021; May 11, 2021. All meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.

Ann will send out calendar dates via email.

- b. Status of School/Classes

Primarily in person learning, with the Middle School on a hybrid schedule. Entire school is divided into two cohorts, A & B. There is an option to go 100% remote if there are medical concerns. Going reatively well for week two! Margo (1st grade): no hot lunch, health 1st priority, then social emotional, then academics.

Worth it to be there with the kids in person. School Nurse is a Woodland Alumna, was a nurse in Africa during the Ebola crisis.

c. Fundraising Goal for 2020-21 Annual Fund: \$1.2 million *(same as last year)

- i. Goal is 100% participation from Board members for Annual Fund.
- ii. Formal solicitation for Annual Fund will not begin until October.
- iii. SRAA Board support for a Giving Day?

Can we make this an alumni engagement event, too? 1 day focused on using social media and email. Looking for momentum effect. Tuesday after Thanksgiving is traditionally giving day, but we can center it around any date that is significant to the school. Grady's college does a Giving Day, complete with a countdown ticker and rolling notes of those who give.

- iv. Focusing on participation NOT the amount given.
- v. Volunteers for one Academy and one Hardey Annual Fund representative?

Joan agreed to be Academy representative; Cathy suggested the group sign the letters. Still looking for a Hardey rep. No phone-a-thon in the fall.

III. Bike Drive

Ann Chiumino/Katie Malloy

- a. **October 10:** Working Bikes Bike Drive will take place in person, outside on the turf field.
- b. Cars will NOT enter the parking lots but instead bikes will be dropped off on Granville – no contact drop offs.
- c. Need at least five volunteers from **10am to 3pm** to assist with collecting bikes and getting them ready for pick up by Working Bikes.
- d. Due to COVID restrictions, Alumni Ambassadors will not be participating this year.

Ann Chiumino will send out Sign Up Genius.

IV. Alumni Weekend

Ann Chiumino

- a. In person Alumni Weekend scheduled for the Class of 1970.
- b. Virtual celebrations for milestone classes will be offered and scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

Still waiting to see what will happen, visitors not currently allowed in the school.

V. Alumni Ambassadors – *continuing with program in a changed capacity*

- a. Final list will be available by the October 6 SRAA Board meeting
- b. Volunteers for one-on-one mentorship – *Max Lisy?*
- c. Volunteers/suggestions for volunteers for virtual presentations to Alumni Ambassadors (*art, cupcake biz, Greek myth/mythology*)
- d. Movie Club/Discussion, with assigned questions
- e. Other engagement ideas?

Max Lisy made point that we should provide some fun for 8th graders due to the COVID year of learning being so difficult. Suggestions: scavenger hunt, Codenames Games (as an ice breaker), personality quiz, virtual escape rooms, masterclass together, Instagram business campaign/competition, watching Maiden movie and discussion.

Also, help with high school applications.

VI. Other Business

ALL

- a. Virtual Event ideas
 - i. Book Club
 - ii. Movie Club
- b. Trivia/Game Night
- c. Other?

Joey: will talk to Angie Pawlicki (alumna) about virtual Pilates class, outreach to other older alums, just to chat and connect, Board member outreach? Open October 6 meeting for all, and Board members can personally email classes, personal touch.

VII. SRAA Events Calendar

- i. Working Bikes Bike Drive: Saturday, October 10 from 10am – 3pm
- ii. Alumni Weekend: October 16-18, virtual times TBD, if classes are interested
- iii. Alumni Concert: Held virtually/streamed with soloists, December 15, 2020, time TBD
- iv. All Hearts Community Mass: March 20, 2021 TBD
- v. College Reveal Party: April 24, 2021, TBD
- vi. Parents of Alumni Cocktail Party: May 2021, to celebrate Nat Wilburn's departure as well, date/time TBD
- vii. Spring Congé: May 2021, TBD
- viii. Angel Brunch: June 12, 2021, at 9 am