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SHERIDAN ROAD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Sheridan Road Alumni Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:00 p.m.

VIA Zoom: <https://shschicago-org.zoom.us/j/97620744638?pwd=VkpPRkszTWlHQ1VXY2tHYkUvQzl6Zz09>

Zoom VIA Phone: 1-312-626-6799

In attendance: Joan Merlo, Elizabeth Grady, Mary Grady, Brad Gutzler, Catherine Long, Paula Bork, Cristina Ramirez, Nathan Zirpolo, Willa Hart, Ann Chiumino

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Prayer *Elizabeth/Mary Grady*

New attendee introductions: Nathan Zirpolo (works with Mary Grady), Cristina Ramirez, and Willa Hart

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

a. Meeting Schedule: February 9, 2021; March 9, 2021; April 13, 2021; May 11, 2021. All meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.

b. Secretary of SRAA
Brad Gutzler will be taking over for Katie Malloy through June 30, 2021. Prayers and good thoughts to Katie and her family.

c. Status of School/Classes

School has been remote since January 4, and we will resume in person classes on January 19. No current plan for teachers to receive vaccines.

- i. Return to campus January 19
- ii. Anticipate Middle School transitioning from 2 to 3 days in person

d. Fundraising Goal for 2020-21 Annual Fund: \$1.2 million

- i. Goal is 100% participation from Board members for Annual Fund.
 - 1. ANY amount, participation is the most important number right now.
 - 2. We ask that you contribute to foster our strong alumni community

Per Joan Merlo's request, the percentage of Board members who have given to the Annual Fund will be shared at the February SRAA meeting.

III. **December 1: Giving Tuesday**

Ann Chiumino

- a. Primarily social media outreach
- b. Over \$5,000 raised by alums and parents of alums

Well received event and very successful, utilization of the GiveSmart app worked well, open to ideas for further improvement next year.

IV. **December 2: "Sophie's Fire" Book Discussion with Connie Solari**

Ann Chiumino

- a. Former Atherton teacher, now retired, discussed her historical fiction book on Madeleine Sophie Barat and travels to France
- b. Participants were a combination of alums and parents of alums – 11 in total

V. **Class Representatives**

Ann Chiumino

- a. Will be playing a bigger role in communicating with their classes
- b. Meeting will be scheduled for March
- c. Board assistance in finding class reps for all classes

VI. **"Valentine" Book Discussion and fundraiser with Elizabeth Wetmore**

Ann Chiumino

- a. January 28, 2021 at 7pm
- b. Will be a fundraiser and alumni/PAL event

Good combination of alums and PALs who have signed up so far, almost 20 registrants. Still time to register for an autographed copy of the book.

VII. Alumni Ambassadors

- a. Best date/time to have virtual meeting?

Early evening, during the week, perhaps Tuesday or Wednesday.

- b. Need at least 9 Board members/alums to participate – would like to have one-on-one time

Although it was first discussed to have a similar format as last time, we will be scheduling a community service hour to make sack lunches for Inspiration Café. Cristina Ramirez will assist in organizing this activity. A sign-up sheet will be distributed for both participation as well as delivery of lunches the following day. Event will be over Zoom. Challenges for most sandwiches? Fastest sandwich makers?

VIII. Community Service opportunities

Lots of brainstorming regarding community service opportunities:

- *Inspiration Café – sack lunches*
- *The Night Ministry – toiletries bags*
- *Sarah’s Circle*
- *Howard Area Community Center*

Ann will introduce Paz and Cristina, who volunteered to help organize a service evening with the Alumni Ambassadors, and possible reach out to other service providers. Ann will put together a Google sign-up so that Alumni Board members can participate with other service providers.

IX. Other Business

ALL

- a. Virtual Event ideas
b. Trivia/Game Night

X. SRAA Events Calendar

- i. “Valentine” Book Discussion: January 28, 2021
- ii. Database Event – February/March 2021
- iii. L’Esprit (Virtual) – March 13, 2021
- iv. College Reveal Party: April 24, 2021, TBD
- v. Parents of Alumni Cocktail Party: May 2021, to celebrate Nat Wilburn’s departure as well, date/time TBD

- vi. Spring Congé: May 2021, TBD
- vii. Angel Brunch: June 12, 2021, at 9 am, TBD