



Parents' Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2021

Neal Lea, President, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Amy Meaux gave the opening prayer.

Kathryn Irby Secretary, presented the January 15, 2021, meeting minutes for approval. Mary-Margaret Marks moved to approve the minutes. Lisa Jones seconded the motion.

Debbie Pettibone, Department Chair of World Languages, and **Betsy Abbott, Lower School Counselor**, presented an overview of the faculty grant process. Ms. Pettibone and Ms. Abbott thanked the Parents' Auxiliary for the constant support, especially during this unusual and difficult year. Ms. Pettibone stated that in the last decade, the Parents' Auxiliary has sent world language teachers with grants to attend conferences and to have immersion experiences in other countries. Ms. Pettibone described some of the recent workshops and some strategies and highlights from those workshops. Ms. Abbott explained how professional development helps all of the teachers and staff to continue growing their skill sets, which are applied to the classroom and utilized in working with students. Ms. Abbott listed some of the workshops and conferences that she has attended, all of which are focused on supporting students. Ms. Abbott has found the crisis management and trauma therapy skills to be especially helpful this year during the pandemic. Ms. Abbott picked the character traits of the month in light of the pandemic to foster conversations with and development in students.

Mary-Margaret Marks, President-Elect, presented the treasurer's report. As of January 31, the Parents' Auxiliary received some income through Kroger cards, Used Uniform, Box Tops, Amazon Smile, and Auction. Cash reserves currently stand at \$191,044.93.

Neal Lea presented on behalf of **Teacher Appreciation** and reported that the committee provided snacks to the teachers during the first rounds of Covid vaccines. The committee is planning to do the same for the second rounds of vaccines next week. The Valentine's treats will be different this year, which has increased the cost some.

Susan Langley, Concessions, reported that there are three Saturdays left for PSL basketball. Spring sports will be uploaded soon. Episcopal will be hosting the girls' regional basketball tournament at the end of February, which will require some help in the evenings and on a Saturday from parents.

Neal Lea presented on behalf of **Wildcat Roundup** and reported that the event will be moved to Fall 2021 due to Covid.

Hannah Bryan presented on behalf of the **Auction** and reported that the Auction has been moved to a virtual event on April 6-10. The committee is excited to do another tuition raffle during the virtual live auction on April 10. A Google form will be sent out soon to reserve one or more tickets. The tickets will be \$100 each, and only 300 tickets will be sold.

Neal Lea thanked everyone for attending virtually and announced that the next Parents' Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 12 at 8:30 a.m. With no further questions or announcements, the meeting was adjourned 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Irby