



Parents' Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2021

Mary Margaret Marks, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Mary Lewis Dassinger, President-Elect, gave the opening prayer.

Mary Margaret Marks presented the August 2021 meeting minutes for approval. Neal Lea moved to approve the minutes. Kathy Wild seconded the motion.

Dr. Jamie Griffin, Head of School, provided an update on the school year. The fall season has brought a lot of activities, including the cross country state meet and the varsity football championship game tonight. The Covid restrictions for 7-12 grades have been relaxed recently, and the school will have a vaccine clinic for 5-11 year old students on November 8. Dr. Griffin encouraged parents to visit with their pediatricians about the vaccine. The 8th graders have had one shadow day in the upper school and will soon have the opportunity to follow the upper school schedule for a half-day. The strategic planning process is moving forward, and there will be more updates through the school year. The school is full in a number of grades with significant waiting lists. The diversity and inclusion efforts are continuing, and Dr. Derrick Gay will be on campus December 9–10. A survey will be sent to parents, as well. Dr. Griffin noted that the weeks between fall break and Thanksgiving break can be draining on students, such that students may benefit from some extra encouragement. The school is in the process of hiring additional help for the upper school's academic achievement center.

Anna Lien, 11th grade student, delighted the Parents' Auxiliary with a musical offering.

Mary Lewis Dassinger, President-Elect, presented the treasurer's report. The ending cash balance was \$181,696. This amount is used to fund two years' worth of Parents' Auxiliary activities. Committee chairs are encouraged to carefully monitor their budgets and to let Mary Margaret Marks and Mary Lewis Dassinger know if there are any issues.

Jamie Jones, Athletic Volunteer Committee, noted that the committee is entering an especially busy season with the start of basketball. The committee is adding parent volunteer shifts for

concessions in addition to the gate. Parents were thanked for their help in filling shifts during the football and volleyball seasons. The SignUp Genius will be updated with additional shifts today.

Lisa Jones, Melissa Campbell, and Ann Nichols, UpCyclers Committee, explained that the purpose of the committee is to keep unwearable uniform items out of the landfills. The Used Uniform Committee resells items that can be worn again. For clothing that cannot be resold due to poor condition, items without a logo are given to Our House, and items with a logo are used by the UpCyclers. Examples of UpCycler projects include the blankets decorated by the seniors to give to their kindergarten buddies. All volunteers are welcome, and no sewing skills are required.

Kathy Wild, Wild Game Dinner Chair, announced that the Wild Game Dinner will be held on April 2, 2022. This event benefits the school's arts and athletics departments. The event is casual and is planned to be held on the quad. The food is prepared by teams of parents chefs.

Mary Margaret Marks noted that the next meeting is scheduled for February 25 in the Upper School library.

Mary Margaret Marks thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn. Angie Johnson made such a motion, and Kathy Wild seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Irby