

JSSPVA Board Meeting
Friday April 12, 2024

Board Attendees: Lydia Mathas, Joe Guarino, Camie Park, Julia Peterson, Kate Tarbert, Dr. Helfand, Rachel Smith, Tara Stafford, Sarah Wills, Kyra Nelson, Emily Wyner, Jenelle Chalmers, Adrienne Eynon, Amy O'Dell, Renee Buck, Meredith Sullivan

Regular Attendees: Amy Hannus

1. Welcome

Call to order at 8:15am

2. Approvals

- a. **March Meeting Minutes – Camie Park** - Motion to approve minutes, seconded – minutes approved.
- b. **2024-2025 Slate – Rachel Smith** – Motion to approve slate, seconded – slate approved for the 2024-2025 year.

3. Benefit Update – Megan Bradley/Jenelle Chalmers/Adrienne Eynon/Jen Price

- a. We anticipate having about 200 people at the event.
- b. The evening will start with cocktail hour. There will be two people doing live drawings of couples. People can view the sign up parties and bid on items. We will have a sit-down buffet style dinner. After dinner will be the live auction. There will be a live painting for bid at the auction. After the live auction we will have dancing and late night snacks.
- c. We anticipate the event to be a huge success!

4. Treasurer's Report – Kyra Nelson – Through the end of March we have spent 35% of our \$100k budget. Everyone is encouraged to submit items for reimbursement as the last few months of school get hectic and we want to wrap up reimbursements before year-end.

5. Booster's Update – Christine Klewin/ Tara Stafford - We recently had two sprit days/booster sales at the volleyball games after school in February and March. We are starting to coordinate Field Day.

6. VP of Green – Amy O'Dell

- a. **Earth Week Plans** – Earth Week is April 22nd – April 26th. Students will celebrate Walk, Bike, Roll to school during Earth Week. All students are encouraged to participate and teachers will be logging participation in each group of grades (K-2, 3-5, 6-8). The class with the highest percentage of participants will enjoy a classroom treat. Sears Alumna and author Carolyn Armstrong (who has recently written her third book) will speak to 1st-5th grade students about climate issues, her research and her novels on April 24th. We are doing specialty recycling for two weeks – April 22nd-May 3rd – Solar eclipse glasses, art supplies, cosmetics containers, used sneakers, and Trex plastic film.

7. Vice President's Sub-Committees – Joe Guarino

STAFF APPRECIATION – Teacher appreciation week is May 6th - May 10th.

GIVING TREE - no update

BENEFIT CHAIRS – report provided above.

BOOK FAIR CHAIRS - Spring Book fair is back! It will be hosted in the LTC on Thursday May 16 and Friday May 17. Our fall book fair was the most financially successful fair since 2017, so we'll look to match or exceed that success! More to come with details - volunteer signup sheet, communications to parents, etc. We are also working on creating a book donation drive as part of the Event. Please contact Anjali Kase, Shawn Culbert, or Fiona Byrne with questions.

BOOSTER CHAIRS – updated provided above

ROOM PARENT CHAIRS - assisted in getting last of benefit baskets by grade finalized, will focus on putting an ask out for room parents for next year & end of year class parties

- 8th Grade:
 - Everyone is busy planning for the play on 4/19-4/20. Parent volunteers are greatly appreciated.
 - Mom/Son bowling night is Tuesday, 4/30
 - Spring Banquet (Mom/Daughter), Tuesday 5/7
 - Graduation planning is in full swing. Parent volunteers will be needed!

SEARS CAFE CHAIR - Marla trying out new Cafe menu with extended choices and healthier options for April and May. Subcommittee looking at new vendors.

DROP IN (FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL) CHAIRS (Jenica & Brittany) - Our last event – including 6th graders! – is on Friday, May 17th! TBD plans – Hawaiian/luau theme.

VETERAN'S DAY CHAIR - no update

8. VP of Inclusion – Meredith Sullivan – Since our last meeting we held another Common Threads game “winners” celebration. It was held in the auditorium and well attended by students who were invited. This time we sent a reminder to parents the day before the party, which we think was very helpful. In our view, 3 Common Threads games per year (one per trimester) is ideal. This year, we did two and will try for a third in May, if possible. Our second “Tables of 8” dinner was held in March. We had 8-10 hosts (and 64-80 participants). This dinner had fewer tables versus the fall but was still a success. We recommend holding two “Tables of 8” dinners for future years. One in late Fall (after class parties) and the second in early spring (before the JSSPVA Benefit and May Madness). We have also been working on behalf of JSSPVA with Providence Englewood Charter School (PECS) Board Members and staff to re-engage our two schools for some learning and service projects that will hopefully launch in the 2024-2025 school year.

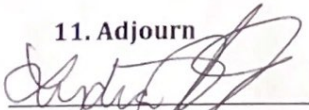
9. VP of Community Relations – Julia Peterson

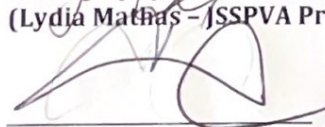
- a. **Park District:** Support the Community Café. It is open for breakfast and lunch Monday-Saturday. April specials include: Taco Salad Thursdays and Chicken nuggets
 - i. Food Truck Mondays have been announced and begin on June 3rd. This year there will also be music every Monday as well as cornhole and bocce ball leagues.

- ii. Registration for summer programs is ongoing. Please see website for details. There are new programs this year such as gaga ball camp and a beach volleyball camp
 - iii. Adult program Thursday May 23rd called "Come Wine About It" which is an adult wine and painting event.
 - iv. Next Music event is May 3rd with a Steely Dan cover band
 - v. Kenilworth Historical Society has a new exhibit titled *Kenilworth Centennial Homes, 1889-1924*. On Sunday 4/21 from 4p-6p there is a grand opening event open to all
- b. **Village:** Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent election. The village is thrilled that there was so much resident support for the beach referendum. The lakefront committee and design team continue to work on building design, and we look forward to sharing progress with the community this summer. Speaking of the beach, seasonal beach passes are now on sale, both online at vok.org and at village hall. The annual Kenilworth Memorial Day Parade and Kenilworth Police Department Open House will take place on Sunday, May 19.
 - c. **Scouts:** Cubs Scouts have their Blue and Gold Dinner at Kenilworth Assembly Hall on Sunday May 5th
 - d. **New Trier:** Attention parents of the New Trier class of 2028. If you have an incoming New Trier freshman, the NTPA (Parents' Association) offers a variety of ways to get involved during your students years at New Trier. Please refer to the New Trier website in order to sign up for volunteer opportunities.
 - e. **AEC:** The Alliance for Early Childhood has an upcoming family event called Let's Play! At the Farm Museum on Saturday April 27th at the Historic Wagner Farms in Glenview from 10am-12pm. Families can enjoy the 1920s themed farm, meet some of the animals, visit the vintage grocery store and play on the playground. This event is geared for all young children under the age of 8. Registration links are available in the weekly Sears to Home, on the bulletin board in the entry of the school, and on the Alliance for Early Childhood website.
 - f. **School Board:** The Board approved a pilot program to offer junior kindergarten students a full day option running from 8:15 to 2:00pm. The extended schedule is designed to offer a more enriching educational experience, with additional time for academic, social and developmental activities. There will be a full day option (outlined above) and a morning session running from 8:15 to 11:08 am. Students in the am section will have the option to register for lunch bunch. There will not be a separate pm program. All students will have the option to participate in the am or full day option. The cost for am only remains the same at \$6,000. The cost for the full day option is \$10,000.
 - g. **DEB: no updates**

10. Communications Update – Renee Buck / Emily Wyner – The next newsletter deadline is 4/26/24. The newsletter will go out on 5/1.

11. Adjourn


 (Lydia Mathas – JSSPVA President)


 (Camie Park – JSSPVA Secretary)