



QMS Parents' Association Minutes of Monthly Meeting

March 7, 2022

8:15am via Zoom & In Person

PA Executive:

Cathy LaPointe - Chair

Natalie MacGregor – Vice-Chair

Sam Hudson – Treasurer (Absent)

Laura Hagen – Secretary

Kirsty Grant – Community Welfare

Sherra Collet – Past Chair

QMS Staff:

Heather Bartfai – Manager, Alumni & Community Relations

Hayley Picard – Director of Communications and Marketing

Kim Ludvigson – Executive Assistant to the Head of School

PA Members:

Sam L.

Cecila V.

Kathryn H.

Nikki J.

Andrea W. (Via Zoom)

Called to Order at 8:31am

Approval of the Minutes from February 7, 2022

Motion moved by Natalie Macgregor, Seconded by Sherra Collett

Welcome and Introductions

Cathy introduced herself and then all in attendance introduced themselves and listed the children they had attending QMS.

Reports

Chair: Cathy expressed how happy she was that we are once again able to have a meeting in person on the campus and that she was looking forward to the March Break coming up soon.

Vice-Chair: Natalie spoke of how she was working on the website for flower/basket sales for the Spring Fundraiser. More about that later in the meeting.





Secretary: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer: Absent

Community Welfare: Kirsty wrote a few cards for birth announcements.

Discussion

Fundraisers: Mabel's Labels is still ongoing and online for all that want to utilize it. It will be plugged into online resources for parents to find when need be.

Growing Smiles is the bulbs and baskets spring fundraiser. The website is still being set up. Prices are still being looked at with regards to last year's profits and costs. Dates still need to be finalized for order cut off and pick up day. Usually, we time it around Mother's Day but because of how busy the school is around the original date, it made more sense to move it to a May 12th delivery and a pickup date of the 13th.

Other items: The PA has been funding and providing Easter candy bags for several years and the Jr. School wanted to know if we wanted to do this again. We would make bags for all the classes in grades K-7. Laura volunteered to buy and make up the bags. She will chat with Ms. Ruitter to see what is needed. We all agreed we would fund it again, and that we would reach out to the JK/Preschool to see if they wanted to be included.

Motion made by Cathy to spend up to \$500 to make up the bags. Motion seconded by Sherra. All approved.

Gala Update: Heather spoke thanking those who have stepped up to the Gala Committee. She asked if the PA would like to sponsor the Safe Ride Home again. It would likely be around \$650 like last time and range from Ladysmith to Mill Bay.

Motion by Sherra for the PA to fund the Safe Ride Home, Seconded by Natalie.

They are still looked for sponsors for the event:

Gold: \$6000

Silver: \$3000

Bronze: \$1500

Heather explained the goal of the Gala fundraiser. In the past it has raised \$70,000-\$122,000 and raises funds for large school projects. This year the funds will be going towards the Innisfree Farmhouse, funding items like farm equipment, chickens, veggie/fruit gardens, woodworking, etc.





The date is May 7th and there will be a live and silent auction. Along with the Gala there are other things happening to celebrate our Centennial, such as a Golf Tournament on May 6.

New Business: Are we interested in doing a PA BBQ? We all agreed it was great to have it back and we think the date of June 12th will work. We would need to coordinate with April Pringle in the kitchen and parents would need to serve food. The pool would be open, and kids' activities would be available.

It was suggested that from now on, when the minutes are written up, we would now not include the last names of those attending, except for the PA executive and staff members, to keep the privacy of parents secure.

ECE sold the most tickets to the Bazaar raffle, and they get a pizza party. It was decided they can order and give us the bill to reimburse.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion moved by Hayley Picard, Seconded by Kathryn H.

Meeting closed at 9:12 am

Next Meeting **Monday, May 2** at 8:15am in the TLC Multipurpose Room and on Zoom.

