



QMS Parents' Association Minutes PA Meeting

October 3, 2022

8:15am in Karin Quinn Hall and via Zoom

PA Executive:

Cathy LaPointe – Chair

Natalie MacGregor – Vice-Chair

Role not Filled – Treasurer

Kathryn (Kathy) Henderson – Secretary (on Zoom)

Kirsty Grant – Community Welfare

QMS Staff:

Heather Bartfai – Manager, Alumni & Community Relations

PA Members:

Sherra C

Laura H

Martha M

Andrea W

Neemet M

Eriskay L

Cynthia L

Nikki J

Called to Order at 8:14am

Welcome and Introductions

All members introduced themselves.

Approval of the Minutes from May 2, 2022

Moved by Natalie M, seconded by Sherra C.

Reports

Chair: Cathy LaPointe – Welcome to members

Vice-Chair: Natalie MacGregor – Nothing to report

Secretary: Kathy Henderson – Nothing to report

Treasurer: TBC, no report





Community Welfare: not present during report-out, added topic-specific reports later in meeting.

For Discussion and Updates

QMS Bazaar – Chair Neemet M and Co-Chair Alana S. Alana was absent today but emailed the following update (summarized by Kathy):

First meeting went well, many logistics locked in, set to launch frozen meal and poinsettia sales in late October, raffle planning underway and set to launch early November. Neemet provided the following:

- Date of Event: Saturday, November 26
- Volunteer request – more always welcome
- Next Bazaar Meeting – Monday, Oct 17 8:10am KQH. Future meetings scheduled for Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 14 and Nov 21.
- Silent Auction Basket Wrapping Nov 21, 2022 – Time TBD

Further detail is available in Neemet’s Bazaar committee meeting minutes.

Cathy L provided some review of various aspects of the Bazaar for parents new to the event. Eriskay volunteered to help out with the book sale, and also happy to help with other items. Natalie to put together an email seeking vendors – will be sent out from the PA. Natalie reviewing and organizing potential vendors.

PA will create email for grade reps to send out to parents in their classrooms for silent auction basket contributions. Cynthia suggested it might be helpful to include info on what concrete items funds raised had been used for in the past to generate more interest in contributing and volunteering.

We will be selling butter chicken and a vegetarian option (not yet decided) the day of the Bazaar. Cathy L will reach out to the Stigma-free group. Kirsty will let us know whether apples are needed for apple sauce/apple pie possibilities with students (given the generally reduced crop this year).

Fundraiser Ideas:

- House Hoodies – update via email from Alana S. Deadline was Oct 3. As of previous week, 75 sold including from past students and staff. Oct 5 update (post-meeting): 84 hoodies sold, profit for PA will be approximately \$1600. Custom hoodie being made for DBR (all three house crests) – cost of the custom hoodie production very kindly donated by Alana. Delivery anticipated prior to next Spirit Day.
- Art Cards – Cynthia L is heading up and reported. Art forms went out to classrooms Thursday of last week with assistance from Heather B. Cynthia reviewed for newer parents how this fundraiser works and PA’s role. Some discussion of extending deadlines, decision made to keep as is. Art goes home Oct 14, must then come back by October 26. Cynthia can pick up





all returned art/forms end of day October 26. Will need volunteers to help sort and organize – can meet morning of Friday, October 28 after drop-off in Karin Quinn Hall. Purolator will pick up orders on Monday, October 31. We will receive products week of November 28 – by December 1 (didn't work out to have pickup at Bazaar). When the orders come in, will need some parent assistance in sorting and getting pickup/distribution. Can't yet set date for this as there is a several day window for receipt of final products.

- Sherra raised the issue of how many asks we are making of parents in a relatively short period of time. Maybe October 14, in addition to sending home art cards, send home order forms for butter chicken/wreaths/poinsettias so all forms go out at once. Can have food/poinsettia orders with later deadline (more flexible).
- Mabel's Labels – continues throughout the year
- Bulbs and Baskets in the Spring – Discussion still tabled until December

Grade Representatives – Cathy Lapointe will update status at a later date. Interested parents can contact the PA email address.

NEW BUSINESS

During the meeting, no new business was noted. However, Cathy L recognized following the meeting that we had failed to address the new business of Treasurer. On October 12, Cathy initiated an email thread with all executive and parent members present at the Oct 3 meeting. Within this email, Cathy nominated Sherra Collett to let her name stand as our QMS PA Treasurer. Kathy H seconded and Sherra accepted the nominations. Members were asked to vote in email response. The motion was carried and Sherra Collett will serve as QMS PA Treasure for the 2022-23 year.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion moved by Heather Bartfai, Seconded by Natalie MacGregor.

Meeting adjourned 9:08 am by Natalie MacGregor.

The next PA meeting will be on **Monday, November 7** at 8:15 am in Karin Quinn Hall and via Zoom.

