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## 11/08/18 Minutes for Art & Design HS PTA General Meeting

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### **Call to Order**

A general membership meeting of Art and Design was held on Thursday November 8, 2018 at the cafeteria. It began at 6:31pm and was presided over by Miguel Chavez, with Karen Rafael as secretary.

### **Attendees**

Voting members in attendance included Miguel Chavez, Frieda Christofides, Nelsa Boyer, Evie Hantzopoulos, Karen Rafael, Jiin Wen, and Gabrielle Williams

Members not in attendance included Jean Stemm

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous October 4, 2018 meeting was made by Wendy a parent and seconded by Frieda another parent.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurers Report was presented by Evie Hantzopoulos

- Income -
  - \$2,185 annual appeal
  - \$12 Amazon smile
  - \$1250 Halloween bake sale
  - \$300 PTA Raffle
  - \$98 bake sale at Curriculum Night
- Expenditures \$98
- Balance \$21,600
- Over 6K towards our annual appeal. 70K goal
- Remember to use amazon smile during your holiday shopping
- Baked donations raised \$1200 - next bake sale is Nov. 20th. The goal is to raise 10K in bake sales.
- Chicago the musical ticket raffle is on going
- Shop at Fairway supermarket
- Starting to plan an online auction
  - Need donations to auction
  - Need volunteers, work from home sending emails to vendors
- Giving Tuesday is coming up. Consider giving to A&D

### **Principal's Report -**

Given by Mr. Urena

- Thank you for coming. Today is Art & Designs 82nd Birthday
- Tomorrow is the Arts college fair in the L2 basement. This is during the school day, but open to parents.
- Progress reports will be sent this Friday
- Parent Teacher conferences -
  - Thursday 11/29 5-8pm

- Friday 11/30 12:30-3:10
- 5-8 mins with the teachers. If you want more time you can schedule a meeting with the teachers. Teacher stay late every Tuesday for parent engagement 2:40-3:55pm
- Q: how do you accommodate working parents?
  - A: We can't force teachers to stay after 5pm.
  - A: A parent suggested having telephone meeting
- A shout out to the Volleyball team. The team didn't win championship but went very far.
- Bowling team won last night. Coaches believe they will make it to the end
- Kids love the school. It's not just art, its sports and activities. Kids want to stay in the school after school.
- Thank you to the parents for all the support.
- Q: do you host a breakfast with the principal?
  - A: hasn't had the time to plan this. Will try after Thanksgiving break.

### **Funding requests**

Presented by Miguel Chavez.

- Asking for \$960 - The Volleyball and Bowling team want sweater hoodies to show team spirit - APPROVED
- Asking for \$300 - Photography - Photo contest entry fee - APPROVED
- Asking for \$1500 - Jan 17th A&D comedy show held in the auditorium or the black box. 90 mins, different comedians, will serve liquor. Nancy Richards to mcee - APPROVED
  - Q: how many comics? A: 3-4 people, can be more
  - Note: no binding contract, if we fail to sell the required number of tickets, we can cancel without penalty.
- Asking for \$1,612 - New cheerleader uniform for the Step Squad - APPROVED
  - Q: how many kids?
    - A:15-17 students

### **Discussion:**

#### **Recent High School Graduates**

Spoke about their experience as A&D students and how it is going for them after they graduated

- **Jeremiah - Purchase College Freshman**
  - Literature Major with a Minor in Film
- **Hamex - Entrepreneur/Freelance**
  - Animation Major
  - He is freelancing now. Has a studio/space in Time Square
- **College office Intro - Ms. Yamila Morales**
  - Ms. Morales is hosting college workshops before Thanksgiving recess.
    - Nov. 19, 20 and 21
    - She has Hunter College interns to help.
    - Kids can come after school to ask for help.
  - College trips. Try and sign up. Good to expose kids to the schools.
    - Sign up through [artanddesignpta.eventbrite.com](http://artanddesignpta.eventbrite.com)
    - City College, Vassar, Purchase, Fordham
  - Ask about college now - classes that give college credit

- Q: do you help with the FASFA application?
  - A: Email her
- Q: I don't have access to Naviance...
  - A: email her - FASFA must be done before December.

### **Special Presentation: College Chat - The New School**

#### **Ivonnely Rafael - Assistant Director of student Financial Services at The New School**

- Financial Aid presentation included information on FAFSA, TAP, Scholarships & Student Loans. It also covered how to understand a Cost of Attendance Budget

#### **Tina Thomson - Admission Counselor o Parsons Undergraduate at The New School**

- Ms. Thomson went over the various programs offered at The New School and what is expected/reviewed in a admission application.

### **Announcements**

#### **Fanfaire -**

- School turns into Comic Con
- Surprise Guest - Neal Adams - illustrator of the original Batman in the comic books.
  - Working on other guests
- Need volunteers
- Earned 7K last year. We are hoping to double that

### **Adjournment**

Miguel Chavez moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:15 pm.

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Secretary  
Art & Design HS

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Date of Approval