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## Minutes for Art & Design High School PTA General Meeting • November 2, 2017

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### Call to Order

A General meeting of High School of Art and Design PTA was held on 11/2/17 in the Auditorium. It began at 6:31PM and was presided over by Miguel Chavez as President.

### Attendees

Executive members in attendance included Miguel Chavez, Evie Hantzopoulos, Jean Stemm, Frieda Christofides, Maritza Arroyo, Monique Fowler

Executive Members not in attendance: none

Additional attendees: Principal Ureña, PC Janeen Johnson, Ms. Morales

### Approval of Minutes

10/5/17 PTA General Meeting minutes were provided.

- Motion to approve the minutes
- Vote: motion carried
- Resolved: minutes from 10/5/17 meeting were approved

### Treasurer Report

10/1//17 Balance \$14,280.23

Revenue \$2,795.58

- Bake Sale \$885.00!

- Raffle \$200.00

- Annual dues \$1,710.00

10/31/17 Balance \$13,709.70

### Principal Report

Announced Parent Teacher Conferences are next week; Thursday 11/9 5pm-8pm and Friday 11/10 12pm - 2:30pm

More time with teachers available on Tuesdays after school; 40 minute. Urged parents to come out and create action plans with teachers for their children. Report cards were sent out last week. Any questions or concerns, do reach out to teachers and APs.

January not far away. Seniors can retake regents in January. 1st time regents takers can retake in June. Email will be sent. This is important for seniors - don't wait until June!

Encouraged to reach out to him with concerns. Shared example of movie night event that needed to be moved to area with no cell phone connection. Concerned parent called. Did not realize it was a safety issue until parent called, so was very appreciative.

Thanked parents for support; going into mid semester in hyper-mode. Shared that improvements from LY are primarily due to parent engagement.

## **Fundraising**

Evie thanked parents for donating to bake sale. \$885 raised - ran out of items. Next bake sale is holiday one. YOU can also donate \$ online towards purchases for bake sale if you cannot send items in.

Dues drive continues. +\$3,000 has been raised. PTA relies on dues for core support - not mandatory - but pleaded for support as it all goes back to the students.

Email being sent in how else parents can support.

Schoola - prepaid mailing label, can be dropped off at post office.

Amazon Smiles for holiday shopping - PTA gets a percentage.

Good Shop - you can pick stores and shop. PTA gets 3% up to \$100,000.

Spring online auction - we need items!

Fairway cards - PTA gets a %

Two open houses left; tomorrow 11/3 and 11/14

Alumni Association: Drawathon on 11/18

### *Special Announcement - presentation by Miguel*

Two weeks ago, the fundraising committee met. Pushing hard for increasing fundraising.

Challenge: How can we capture school spirit, increase public awareness, generate funding

Extra sauce: Tap the Zeitgeist, interface with other groups (alumni), focus on learning, make it fun.

Pop culture = zeitgeist; sci-fi + comic con = FANFAIRE

Fanfaire is not another comic con. To be held at the school 2/24-2/25 2018.

Will draw +125 exhibiting artists and vendors, award-winning speakers

Parent Saori Adams joined and explained it will be a more intimate platform that benefits learning. Will need help on the day of the convention; guest liaisons, ticketing, helping attendees, set-up. Needs a couple of people for the long haul; content coordinator and event planner.

Website: <https://www.fanfaireisfor.me/>

Fairway cards were distributed.

## **College and Career Office - Ms. Morales**

Ms. Morales announced 11/7 college trip to Skidmore, Purchase. Announced 11/10 Art College fair.

Senior and Junior newsletters will be coming out - parent volunteers helping.

National Portfolio Day is coming soon - google it. <http://portfolioday.net/2017-18-schedule/event/72>

FAFSA presentation

- application for federal aid
- recommends that all students apply
- filing your taxes electronically help the application process be easier

- TAP - state money - is another form
- Excelsior scholarships - CUNY and SUNY; CUNY - for \$65 application fee can apply to several schools at one time. SUNY is \$50 for each but still a good deal.
- Private school funding; will send email blast

College Now Courses - encouraging to apply

Naviance - can help Ms. Morales see who has applied and be able to release recommendations, transcripts.

Essays - FAD helping on Tuesdays

Community Service - really matters. Helping at open houses, National Honor Society, helping out in College Office

### **New By Laws Adoption Vote**

Parents were given copy of by laws at October PTA general meeting. They were given tonight 5 minutes to review.

- Motion to approve the by laws
- Vote: motion carried
- Resolved: new by laws were approved

### **New Business**

Parent Ms. Nelsa Boyer-Madison presented on Constitutional Convention and passed information on voting No. PTA President Miguel Chavez also presented on the importance of researching to make an informed decision.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjournment moved by Miguel Chavez. Adjourned at 7:55pm

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Secretary  
[HS Art & Design PTA ]

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