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MINUTES FOR ART AND DESIGN PTA GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 11, 2018

Call to Order

A General Membership meeting of Art and Design High School was held on 6/ 11/18 on the Terrace on the 12th floor. It began at 6:37 and was presided over by Miguel Chavez, with Janet Baus as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Miguel Chavez, Jean Stemm, Frieda Christofides, and Janet Baus, Evie Hantzopoulos

Members not in attendance: Sonia Portorreal.

Approval of Minutes

There were introductions all around, and the minutes from the previous PTA General meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Around \$45,000 was raised, and around 35,000 was paid out to student activities. We will go into the new school year with a nice surplus. One of the parents asked about the budget for the year, and Jean directed him to look at the proposed budget. There was a movement to accept the budget and it was unanimous.

Principal's Report

The money the PTA raised is amazing. Three years ago the PTA raised \$3000 only.

Congratulations to the parents of the seniors.

Michael was introduced, who has been an amazing parent volunteer. He's on the council of high schools, and he's on PEP, the Panel for Educational Philosophy. Michael was instrumental for the connection to Inside Schools, and to change the write-up of our school, which has made a huge difference.

Welcome to the incoming freshman parents. Principal Urena congratulated them for being here at this last meeting of the 2017-18 year.

And thank you so much to the PTA.

On June 26 the report cards will go out, and the summer school notices will go out as well, only for academic subjects not for the arts. The 25th is a regular school day. It's the Field Day for seniors, where the school staff will barbecue for them, and there is a tug-of-war between teachers and students.

Students also need to remember to return their textbooks.

We will have the end of year data by the first PTA meeting in September, but there will probably be a 90% graduation rate.

Principal Urena talked about the importance of the SLT, the student leadership team. He described what it is and how important it is to Art and Design statistics. A parent asked about the 90% graduation rate. Urena explained that the 90% includes students who are allowed to graduate up to six years later. Then Michael said because of our school population, 90% is phenomenal.

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President's Report

The PTA president explained the proposed bylaw amendment. There was a motion to vote, the vote was unanimous and the motion carried. The PTA president gave thank you gifts to several of the parents who have really contributed a lot this year and past years.

Ideas for next year include getting more involved in the Spring Arts Festival, planning a Fashion ShowGala, and planning more bake sales. We made \$3500 in bake sales this year, but we could've made \$10,000. Parent out-reach is a problem. The PTA does not have access to parents emails through the school. So the PTA president asked the teachers to ask the students about helping with bake sales.

Fundraising Report

Evie emphasized the Giving Tuesday campaign which raised a good amount of money—\$3000 plus. We depend on the parents to get the word out.

Fanfaire was a great fundraiser and a great event. And she helps people get more involved in the auction, which we should start to work on as soon as possible. Evie will provide all the information and materials, so that parents can easily do things at home.

Chavez mentioned that if you have matching funds from your workplace, to please take advantage of that. Evie wants to plan a party on the roof. And any ideas are welcome. Frieda emphasized that all the money we raised is to benefit the students. Parents asked about what else is funded and we talked about what got funded.

Miguel Chavez talked about getting a parent for each major, a liaison to facilitate communication. Nilsa encouraged an automatic monthly donation. A parent asked about what the school funds, and why isn't the school funding these things, and it was explained what the school funds, and what the PTA can fund.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm

Secretary
High School of Art and Design

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