

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Annette, Amanda, Becky, Kristi, Heidi, Sara

AHA Parent Association Meeting: January 11, 2023

Zoom Meeting 5:00 (Annette already scheduled)

- **Administrative Rep Update: Heidi Foley**

- Thanks for update on Snow Emergency procedure in Stars Connection.
- Any other New Updates?
 - January 30th no school. Tri Metro Fine Arts Festival: 260 musical/art students here. Concert at 7 pm at night. Arts students just during the day. Select AHA students included in the days.
 - Long weekend January 26-January 30th kids off.
 - 215 applications for Freshman class. 187 took the test at AHA campus. Class of 2027. 50% ahead in completed applicants. A lot of interest in the school.

- **Treasurer's Report: Becky**

- Can we confirm what expenses were for the mother-Daughter Brunch? Number is going to vary depending on participation. Funds donated to soul hope. ~\$1000 left over – what do we want to do with this this year?

- **Communications Coordinator Report: Amanda**

- Sign up Genius for Angelus dance complete; should go in this week.

CMT Dining Etiquette class on January 13th. Kristy, Sara and Heather assisting.

Upcoming events:

Angelus coat check (6 parents needed) – Saturday February 4, 2023

- Sign Up genius in Stars Connect this week. Keep in till we get 6-8 volunteers....try to get 8 so if we have fallout, which we typically do, we are covered?
- **Discuss feedback and opportunities to encourage students to stay at dances for a longer duration.**

Thought Starters:

1. In my conversations Music was the #1 issue.

- If music is not good, and there is nothing else to keep students engaged then they get bored and leave.
- Music requested is not always inappropriate but more so, request is for "dance music"
- DJ is not engaged with students or event; often students feel like an annoyance.

2. Other opportunities to engage students if they don't want to dance to that particular song.

- Referenced a "Fun" dance previously when there was a photo booth (free) for the kids.
- Change up dances so there all not the same: at Sadie's for ex.: Where they tend to come in costumes/themes: have a contest that drags out a bit throughout the night.....start with top 5 and narrow throughout the few hours...winner gets Starbucks gift card?
- Could we have Karaoke intermingled with the dance?
- If doing dances in the gym: is it possible to have "Just Dance" XBOX game on other half of gym (put down divider) to follow along and dance with group.
- Change up the root beer option: can we do an ice cream bar, slushy stand, Maui Wowie stand?
- On the two dances, Sadie's and Angelus dances (the ones that are typical for being asked to) can there be a more slow dances prior to end of dance.

3. Do we want to survey the students?

- Heidi mentioned the student government met to discuss the dances – keep homecoming, Angelus and Prom. Figure out the other ones. Other catholic schools have 3 dances. More to do at other dances – ping pong, library, other options for social interactions besides dancing, movie.
- DJ name: DJ Jane Bohman could be a great option to change it up!
- Stars on Stage (has been after Basketball game) going to be at Snow days (February).
- One time had come back to school: open gym, movie, etc.
- **ACTION:** Heidi add what dances are at the Freshman orientation.

Mother/Son dance and Father/Daughter dance

Mother/Son (4 parents needed) –Saturday April 1, 2023

Father/Daughter (4 parents needed) – Friday March 31, 2023

- o **Discussed in Dec. doing a Save the Date the week PRIOR to Valentines, since Valentine's Day is on a Tuesday? Agree? Heidi can you review again how this was handled in prior years.**
- o **Heidi confirmed she would pull together a video clip to share at Convocation prior to encourage students to invite their Mom or Dad to dance as a Valentine's.**
- o Convocation committee – Feb 9th kick off date. Student will create them at school. Erin Steinlager (sp?) has a video and showed the video and then her and her son did presentation.
- o When should communication of event go out with registration live link? Who do we work with for the payment link?
- o Kristi we will need to get a sign up genius for volunteers out closer to event. (end of February)
- o Julia Reid and Kelly Wilhoit leading this – can one of them do the presentation on this dance. Annette going to reach out to Julia and ask if she will present on Feb 9.
- o Heidi going to look for the video that has been presented before on the dances.
- o Photographer: Annette will get name to Heidi.

SENIOR PARTY – Sunday June 4, 2023

- Dine –In/Dine Out: 2nd event January 23rd: AT Pizza Luce All Day (Richfield location) 10% of all sales go back to AHA Sr. party. First dine in/out brought in \$424.
- **Heidi do we need to send each flier to Mr. Melhorn if using same format? Decision: send to Heidi and AHA will put in Stars Connection and other places.**

Any direction from administrative committee on below:

- TOPS: Sr. Yard Signs: have agreed to waive design fee; SPPC wanting to sell for \$15.00 and profit goes to sr. party: \$500 fundraiser if we sell 100.
- Baccalaureate posters: TOPS selling to us for \$24 (*using their templates); if we add \$5.00 to cost and plan for 75 purchased: \$375 profit.
 - o Sara does not agree with adding \$5 to poster. Discussed that these are options, people do not have to do that.
 - o Heidi is going to meet with the administrative committee and get feedback.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday Feb. 14th: Does that work for everyone, or do we want to move due to it being Valentine's Day? DECISION: going to change meeting.