

CATA Cougar Council PTSO

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2021

The meeting attendants included Megan, Deb, Jennifer, Antoinette, Sarah, Renee, Dee, and Karen.

Megan called the meeting to order at 5:50pm.

The previous board meeting occurred on January 11, 2021. The meeting minutes were reviewed by the board. The meeting minutes were reviewed, and Jennifer noted that there should be a correction to last month's uncleared items. Instead of only a single check of \$154, there are two uncleared items at a balance of \$269.55.

This addendum was noted, and the meeting minutes were approved. Jennifer moved for approval, Sarah seconded the minutes. All board members voted for approval

Calendar

The CATA crawl occurred January 25 and 27, 2021.

New Business for Discussion

Plans should begin in March under New Business for the creation of a nominating committee for the PTSO board, with presentation in April for voting.

Elections will occur at the May General PTSO meeting. Antoinette will lead the Nominating Committee.

Senior Scholarships will be a topic for the March Meeting as well.

Student candidate names will be due to Ashley Cole by April 20, 2021.

Principal's Report

Principal Merritt arrived. She thanked the board for their patience and understanding as she joined remotely from the girls' basketball game concession stand. She noted the window wrap figure from Phillip Kennedy at \$3435.

Treasurer Report

Jennifer reported there was no significant differences from last month. The current balance is \$18,632.46. To include one uncleared item at \$154.25 from Austin Prints. There is a corporate match deposit from Wells Fargo of \$150. A deposit from Benevity, and a deposit from Amazon smile. An itemized report is available upon request.

The beautification project requested by Principal Merritt has an earmarked amount of \$1500. UCPS maintenance will provide services for these projects.

Invest In Excellence funds will provide for the window wraps, earmarked amount is \$3500.

A discussion occurred about theatre lighting and collapsing the Performing Arts account under the PTSO board umbrella. Since there are numerous questions related to the distinction of the PA department related to PTSO and the school, it was decided to fracture this discussion to a selective group later in the week.

Student Representative Report

Alex not available, but plans continue for the LCD screen.

Fundraising

Kim is unavailable, but plans continue for an Anders Ruff Workshop fundraiser.

Performing Arts

Renee gave the report.

As discussed earlier, the lighting options for the theatre will be explored in a smaller virtual venue.

Lost Girl occurred during the past week.

The Cabaret production should occur the week of Mother's Day. With current restrictions, it is possible that cast parents may attend in person, but a live feed will be provided.

Seniors

Carol was not able to attend, but Megan provided an update. Principal Merritt wants to meet with the Senior Committee for planning. She voiced her recent experience with her collegiate alumnae group with a paint party to include a ZOOM meeting and the creation of a masterpiece. The supplies are provided for the art, and a DJ may be added. Jennifer noted using the talents of the CATA PA departments would be a great addition. Principal Merritt hopes to provide something special for the seniors.

Hospitality

Dee presented the report.

Chapstick was discussed as a gift for the staff.

A Sign Up Genius event is currently available for signup for the February event to present Hand sanitizer to CATA staff.

By Laws

To be approved at the General Meeting.

Old Business

Safe volunteer hours were discussed, per Principal Merritt no additional changes at this time. Online options are still available for students. Dr. Wall finds they are receiving hours. Volunteers will be sought for nominating committee and officers.

New Business

Principal Merritt noted the Beautification for the outside of the school to include shrubs and trees will be completed by UCPS Maintenance. At a cost of \$1500 via donation from the PTSO. The suggestion for large flowerpots at the front of the school. The suggestion was made to contact King's in Monroe for plants. Umbrellas would be a possibility for the outdoors. Cafeteria doors are currently open, but it was chilly, so the doors will be closed tomorrow. Principal Merritt encouraged parents to contact her.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.