

LHS Parent CATS

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2022

President: Megan Huber	Community Outreach Director: Vanessa Stalter
1 st Vice President: Jenny Quilty	Hospitality Director: Donna Griffin & Christine Merrild
2nd Vice President: Amy Neff	Spirit Store Directors: Megan Huber & Michelle Sieks
Treasurer: Anna Rappa	Website: Karen Cordes
Secretary: Rebecca Dobrzynski	Social Media Director: Rebecca Gaples
Activities Director: Meg Carter & Beth Kraft	GOAL: Melissa McGrory
Career Resource Center: Colleen Scopacasa	Principal: Dr Thomas Koulentes
Gym Uniform Director: Jennifer Tepper & Carina Decroes	Fundraising Committee: Majbrith Brody

Board Reports:

Megan Huber, President Report:

Reviewed agenda.

Jenny Quilty, 1st VP report

Not present, no update tonight.

Amy Neff, 2nd VP:

Directories are coming in next week; sales were lower than expected. Need to think about marketing more in the future. Pick up will be in Parent Cats store; communication forthcoming. 130 directories were sold; limited supply of extras will be on hand if people would like to purchase them without having had preordered.

Ann Rappa, Treasurer:

Not Present, but sent in a budget report. Highlights are:

- \$7500 for Gym uniforms
- Also another \$2000 from last year
- Bank balance \$40,466, not including the above
- \$1,800 for donuts at homecoming
- \$1,236 for the directories
- \$445 direct donations
- ~\$1,400 Spirit Store Profit, low profit in the beginning because we bought a great deal of stock to ward off supply chain challenges experienced last year

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Rebecca Dobrzynski, Secretary:

Minutes for each meeting will be posted on the Parent CATS website after they are voted on at the next meeting. This process was inadvertently not followed in September 2022 minutes.

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Committee Reports:

- **Gym uniform:** Need to get inventory in the spirit store before we order and prepare for gym uniform 2nd Semester. May also need volunteers for spirit store for increase help needed for uniform sales and distribution.
- **CRC:** Great Budget for Senior decision day, special presenter, Erinn Murphy to talk about Daring Day and CRC; no additional volunteers needed in 1st semester.
- **Hospitality:** Homecoming Week Donut Day was a huge success and also had gluten free donuts on hand; 1500 donuts, next year will order enough to provide donuts for the staff. Upcoming we typically host an event for the Fine Arts coaches, sponsors and teachers, ~150-250 people. We need to start soliciting for monetary donations to support this. This year we decided to open it up to the teachers. Hot Cocoa Day in December and saving some resources for Cookie day second semester
- **Activities:** Homecoming Dance went well; continues to run smoothly.
- **Social Media:** Rebecca will not be available 10/31-11/14; need any social media posts before October 24th and can schedule them out in the future. All appreciate how creative Rebecca is on our Social Media presence!
- **Community Outreach:** Homecoming painting went really well; needs to be a 2 person committee in the future. Businesses reported that they appreciated that it was on a Sunday. Kids seemed to really enjoy themselves. A few less clubs that last year; 45 down to 32. Shout out to Jenny Quilty for helping her out.
- **Spirit Store:** Store is going well, it has been well stocked. Football games have driven a great deal of business. Will also plan some holiday pop up shops and web store. The upcoming 8th grade orientation is great opportunity to offer merchandise to incoming parents and students.
- **Website:** Karen was not present, no update
- **GOAL Award:** Melissa was not present; no update.
- **Libertyville Connect Coalition:** 2 new drugs to warn your kids about it Xylazine and Nitazene. 2 deaths in McHenry county.
 - DEA has a take back on prescriptions event coming up on October 29th. But also know that you can do that anonymously at Walgreens.
- **Libertyville Wellness:** Meeting next week featuring a parent who lost their child to an opioid usage; should be very powerful; all are encouraged to attend.

- **Fundraising Committee:** No new report; need to think how we keep raising money throughout the year.

Dr. Koulentes Report:

Dr. K gave an update and Erin Murphy and Ole Stevens updated on Daring Day. Click here for [Slides link](#).

Questions for Dr Koulentes and summarized answers are as follows:

Q. What happened the staff dance at the Homecoming game?

A. They have been moved to the assembly only due to time constraints at the game.

Q. Does the school anticipate restarting its travel abroad opportunities for students?

A. Travel has already happened. Different clubs and groups have traveled or are planning on traveling this year. It is dependent on the specific organization.

Q. Can the school send out more mass communication regarding school wide events? And possibly use one central email?

A. The school tries to get out information over many different avenues, email, social media etc. At this time, one central email is not an option.

Other topics covered are:

8th Grade Orientation

Dr Koulentes and Ole Stevens shared that the event is being restructured to a new format; there will be three parts. First a webinar is for parents mainly to figure out technical things like verifying addresses and submitting medical forms etc. Then there will be two in person events that will allow 8th graders and their parents to have deeper learnings and hands on experiences to learn the different pathways through LHS as well as all of the clubs, activities and athletics offer.

Ole Stevens gave an update on Daring Day which was a great success today; October 12, 2022.

Erinn Murphy – New Post Secondary Counselor introduced herself and the calendar and distributed a CRC At-A-Glance Handout.

Conclusion of Parent Cats Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next Meeting November 2nd at 7pm in the library