

Minutes approved at 2/24/17 General Board Meeting



Veritas Parent Service Organization

January 20, 2017

Type of Meeting: General

Location/Time: Veritas Prep Dining Hall, 7:40am

Minutes by Debbie O'Connor

Attendees:

Julie Pitcl
Matt Stein
Yvonne Sandweiss
Bridget Peacock
Kim Seeley
David Dean
Sarah Marbach

Not in Attendance:

Fundraising –
Kristen Will
VP – Carrilee Vance-Fox

- I. President's Report – Julie Pitcl
 - a. Call to order: 7:50am
 - b. November 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes: Motion to Approve by Bridget Peacock and seconded by Yvonne Sandweiss. All agree. MINUTES APPROVED.
 - c. Above and Beyond Award: Executive Board recognizes Cheri Pierce for her creations on the chalkboard.
 - d. Senior Projects: Senior parents provide monthly breakfast treats to all seniors during the year. There will also be an End of Year party for seniors.
 - e. Senior Oversight Committees: Parents of juniors are nominated to serve on this committee that oversees all of the senior events. Class of 2018 Committee is finalized and we now need nominees for parents from the Class of 2019. Send nominations to Julie Pitcl.
 - f. Field Day on 2/10. School event but they need volunteers to help move snacks and waters to Arcadia Park as events will take place both at school and at the park. Families are asked to donate snack or beverage items based on first letter of last name. See VPSO website for list.
 - g. Auction Update: Meeghan Seone, one of the Auction Chairs, provided an update. Date: 3/31/17 from 6-11pm at the Montelucia Resort with a three course seated dinner. Theme is "Casino Royale" so James Bond attire or cocktail attire. Tickets will go on sale in February (\$75 for individuals) and prices will go up in March. Table sponsor options: \$1500, \$2500 and \$5000. Can purchase a table with a group of friends or on your own. Tricia Longnecker and Anne Erlich are the chairs for "Hosted Parties". They need parents to host. The best parties usually have a teacher as a partner. Tricia and Anne have some party ideas but they welcome any ideas from interested hosts. All details can be found at nightattheauction.org. If you would like to volunteer contact Meeghan. Gift card donation drive will be 2/13 – 2/17. Cards for Costco or Amazon are best, but any cards in any amount would be appreciated.
- II. Treasurer's Report – Matt Stein
 - a. Balance is \$85,000. Received \$1162 from Festivitas.
 - b. Snowstorm collection was \$28,000 from parents and VPSO contributed \$4300. Veritas faculty and staff each received a gift of \$500.
- III. Vice President's Report – Julie Pitcl for Carrilee Vance Fox
 - a. Need a volunteer to chair VPREP. This is a back to school event for students/families where class schedules and locker assignments are received, also spirit wear and used uniforms are available for purchase. Most planning is done in June and the event occurs a few days before school starts.
- IV. Secretary's Report – Debbie O'Connor
 - a. Extra directory copies are available for \$10. Contact Debbie to purchase.
 - b. Thank you to parent volunteers who helped with the lunches for faculty during conference week: Samantha Tork, Heather Taylor, Kathy Rowland and Jennifer Prendiville.

- V. Middle School Social Coordinator's Report – Kim Seeley
 - a. Westerner Dance on 4/8/17 will now be for Middle School Students since the Winter Formal is for High School students.
 - b. 1st Annual Music Festival for the Archway/Veritas Community on 2/25/17. Looking for headliners, high school talent and parent volunteers.
- VI. High School Social Coordinator's Report – Bridget Peacock
 - a. Winter Formal for all high school students is tomorrow night from 7-10 in the gym. There will be a DJ, photo booth, raffle and a parent photographer taking candid. 200 tickets have been sold with an equal distribution among classes.
- VII. Fundraising Coordinator's Report – Julie Pitcl for Kristen Will
 - a. The next Dining for Dollars event is 1/26 at California Pizza Kitchen, 24th St & Camelback.
 - b. Remember to use Amazon smile for purchases.
- VIII. Hospitality Coordinator's Report – Yvonne Sandweiss
 - a. The Winter Staff Appreciation Luncheon was 12/14/16 at Arizona Country Club. Snowstorm gifts were presented to the teachers and staff. Thank you to the parents that decorated the room to look like a lovely winter scene: Allison Disarufino, Trina Bethurum and Jodi Hirsch.
- IX. Development Director's Report – Sarah Marbach
 - a. No report
- X. Headmaster Report – David Dean
 - a. Conferences: Most of the feedback from parents has been positive. Many found the conference to be more meaningful with the student controlling the meeting. One parent suggested that there be time set aside for the teacher to meet with the parent(s) only.
 - b. Project Week – some parents have expressed concerns about the cost so there may be some changes in the future.
 - c. 2017-2018 School Calendar is almost finished. School start date will be 8/7/17.
 - d. 2017-2018 Faculty. Currently looking at positions and determining if new hires will be needed.
 - e. Thank you to parents for the snowstorm gifts and the wonderful luncheon at ACC. The gifts mean so much to the entire faculty. Some were able to purchase airplane tickets to visit family over the holiday.
 - f. Encourage all parents and students to support school activities: Fiddler on the Roof, Winter Formal, Sports activities and the new Music Festival

Meeting Adjourned 8:23am

Respectfully submitted by Debbie O'Connor