

Project Graduation Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2024

- **WELCOME and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

- Sign in and sign up to volunteer (only if you haven't already)

- **FUNDRAISERS**

- **DOUBLE YOUR DONATION** – We are currently at **\$525 (\$1,050)**, a small increase since November. Hopefully this keeps on inching up until we reach the \$3,000 goal!

Every time we post we get another donation.

- **PAMPERED CHEF**: A former parent who's done fundraisers for us in the past is continuing to do so. She has an ongoing online fundraiser open through Pampered Chef. For any orders placed through her links, PG will receive a percentage. The links are currently posted on our Facebook page and on our page on the district website.

This runs all year long. Most don't know about it. Spread the word.

- **DINE + DONATE NIGHTS**

- **JANUARY: PJ Whelihan's** – Rescheduled to 1/23/24. We made \$412.65
2nd largest dine and donate, next to Jersey Mikes, who wants us back! Loved Ray!
- **FEBRUARY: Playa Bowls-Sewell** – Four nights...2/26 thru 2/29, from 5pm to 9pm, 10%
- **MARCH**: Reached out to Santucci's + What's The Scoop to set up a dual night, dinner AND dessert. Waiting to hear back on this, more info to come

- **OLDER BUSINESS**

- **Social Media**: New pages on Facebook and Instagram seem to be reaching more people, especially the students through Instagram stories

Insta is going well, lots of students following and reposting.

- **Donation Request Letters** have gone out to the community in the last few weeks; hopefully we'll see a nice bump in funds.

- **COMING UP**

- **Tastefully Simple** online fundraiser, in March right after our bingo event. Will run just like Pampered Chef, but for a limited time.
- **Designer Handbag Raffle** for Mother's Day; Dawn will shop for this as soon as the bingo purchases have been completed. Tina will file the paperwork for the license immediately following the purchase.

Sold these at Mr. WT and Dance concert. We should advertise using backpack. Sometimes we forget to. We can sell at the musical if we have the license. Tina Will get the license as soon as we get the bag. We can use the money from the double your donation to get the bag, sell tickets for \$25, last year it was a \$6000 profit. We need to do a special bag, like LV. Public suggested adding a GC to a Spa since it's for Mother's Day. Possibly get a donation from Rizzeri's or a local spa.

- **DESIGNER BAG BINGO-March 9, 2024**

- **LICENSING**: Approved and license picked up on Feb. 2nd
- **BASKETS**: We have been soliciting baskets/donations from dozens of local businesses and corporate offices of the larger establishments.

Baskets are moving along, Redtag Ricky donated, Playa Bowls, Gift Cards from Pierogi Place and Longwood.

We have 14 donations in hand and lots of promises. We need to follow up on our “promises” We have had a lot of Pet Places reach out. We don’t want to cut off yet.

70 potential donations that we are asking or have agreed, been doing thank you posts as they come in so more businesses are seeing that and hopefully that is incentive.

Some have not been called or asked, we need to get moving on that. We all have to compile the baskets; it is not all on Jodi.

Asked for possible business to ask, public suggested Revelations – popular for boy perms.

Public asked if there is a letter, Dawn answered yes and it was emailed to them.

Hurffville sold out in 7 hours, they have a waiting list and were sending them to our site.

Wedgwood has each teacher do a basket.

Salon Christopher will be messaged.

Message McKenty directly.

Sal’s and Pasta Pom should be asked. They are a staple.
Pitman Theater was contacted.

- SHOPPING: Jodi and Shannon have started the shopping for all bags and door prizes
Shopping is all done.

- Ticket sales went live on 2/5 at 10am 211 sold already

- If anyone has a business or has a connection to a business that would like to donate a basket, or a gift card/certificate for goods or services, please let us know.

- **TUX RETURN FUNDRAISER-SENIOR PROM: May 23rd**

- Event Chairs: Danielle Sharkey + Beth Gardner
- Dawn will update flyer and advertise on social media
- Dawn will create a document outlining the duties of the event chairs and get it to them by the end of this month
- Include flyer in Senior Prom Packet

The students pay us \$20 to take their tux back to one of the 3 places (Chadmoore, Rudy’s or Lifestyles) for them. We go to prom and collect them, then return them. We need the flyer in the senior prom packet, it will be going out soon. Last year we had 75 students take advantage of this.

- **LAST DANCE-First week of June**

- DJ: DiNardo Bros. Their original quote was \$600 but have agreed to do the event at the 2023 price of \$500; moved forward with booking.

- PHOTO BOOTH: Snap N' Post Photo Booth; digital AND printed images, \$425. Moved forward with booking.
Most kids wanted actual photos instead of digital.
- FOOD: Scarpinato's is giving us the same perks as 2023, no price increase. Moved forward with booking.

Check in was a nightmare last year. Need to streamline this.

Balloon Arch was in a bad spot. We should find a better one.

Graduation Flowers flyer should be displayed at last dance.