

Project Graduation Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2024

- **WELCOME**

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

- **FUNDRAISERS**

- DOUBLE YOUR DONATION – We are currently at **\$525 (\$1,050)** hasn't moved since last month
- PAMPERED CHEF: This is an ongoing online fundraiser. 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.
- DONATION REQUEST LETTERS: We have collected \$1,075 from 11 local business so far
We get a list of business from the fire house. The list needs to be adjusted since it never prints right to the labels. As of now \$1175 collected. This went out late and not in bulk so its trickling in and it was bumped for bingo. Last year we collected over \$5,700 and in 2022 \$3,925. Need to start this way sooner next year.
- TASTEFULLY SIMPLE: Community member and PG supporter Jean Young will be hosting a TS fundraiser for us. Event is already set up but will be officially posted and links shared with the community after we get through bingo!

This rep is amazing, helps everywhere, she lives in a different district. Gives 25% of sales.

- **DINE + DONATE NIGHTS**

- FEBRUARY: **Playa Bowls-Sewell** – Four nights...2/26 thru 2/29, from 5pm to 9pm, 10%. We only made \$38; they rounded it to \$50 for us.

Low % and Low sales. Maybe a shorter time or a better time of the year would do better. Might try again in the summer.

- MARCH: Dinner + Dessert at Santucci's + What's The Scoop! Tuesday March 12th 4pm-9pm, MENTION PROJECT GRADUATION when placing your orders.

- **COMING UP**

- 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.

Still need to purchase bag so Tina can do paperwork.

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

- EVENT IS SOLD OUT!! A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY!
- Doors open at 6pm, games begin promptly at 7pm
- Extra bingo cards, daubers, raffle tix and water will be sold
- Posts will be made with details for bingo attendees

- **TWP DANCE CONCERT – April 18, 2024**

- Do we want permission to sell concessions here? Need to discuss

We can't sell there is another group that does, but we can sell raffles for LV bag. Dawn will confirm with the dance department.

- **MR. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP – April 25, 2024**

- Need one board member and two additional volunteers to sell concessions in the core. There will not be a signup genius for this; if you'd like to volunteer, let us know.

Email PG if interested in volunteering.

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

- Event Chairs: Danielle Sharkey + Beth Gardner
- Dawn updated flyer for 2024 and sent to senior advisors to be included in senior prom packets.
- Dawn created a form in Zeffy to collect the funds and necessary information for tuxedos.
- Dawn created a document to outline the duties for the event chairs; needs minor tweaking and will be forwarded to them no later than Friday 3/8.

Flyer needs to be fixed, wrong location.

Someone asked to explain this event: There are 3 tux rental places in town that are mostly used, Chadmoore, Lifestyles and Rudi's, we send reps to the prom to collect tuxes from the students and return them the next day for the students who pay for the service. We will have 3 tables set up with signs above tables to help direct the students. Racks behind the tables to collect the bags and clothes in the beginning and hang returned tux bags at the end. The kids come in, we check off their name from the list, hold bags until the end. We should have additional index cards on hand to fill out and put in the display pocket on the tux bag.

Someone needs to call the tux shop ahead of time and let them know we are doing this and agree on a time for the volunteer to drop off the tux bags collected. Last year some volunteers waited until just before the shop closed and that is not cool. We don't want to upset the businesses.

Once they give us the bag, we do not open them. They are responsible for any items missing.

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

- Event Chairs reached out to Sister Perspectives for quote for balloon arch.
- All contracts have been signed for DJ, food + photo booth
- Are we doing water ice again? This was a huge hit last year. We need one less jug than last year. 4-5 gallon jugs, Rita's brings all the supplies, we just need people to scoop. We use student volunteers, and we did provide a letter for service hours for these kids.

DJ Food Photo booth all done and signed contracts.

- **GRADUATION FLOWERS**

- Former PG president forwarded info to Dawn for this year. Dawn will touch base with them to see what we need to do.

Made \$1,000 last year, email lady for flowers. This is a huge hit, the parents walk-in, pick-up order and go to seats. Trying to think of an alternative for the boys. No balloons are allowed. This is tough.

- **DAVE & BUSTERS – THE WHOLE REASON WE DO THIS!!!**

- Contract has been signed and Patti sent our deposit
- TRANSPORTATION-Who handles getting the busses secured and when does that happen?

Just under \$49,000 this year. DJ is supplied by D&B and he is high. Questions we are getting: Why not move the event to Blackwood now that it is open? A few reasons: too small, kids would be more likely to "sneak" out or parents would show up. This happened 2 years ago, one kid snuck out early and had parents pick them up. Help up the busses and the rest of the kids because one was missing.

Candace will find out who secures busses, Talk of if they are free or if we pay the bus drivers.

- **MISCELLANEOUS**

- End of year timeline for seniors and true last day of school information has been requested
- REMAINING MEETING DATES: April 9th, May 7th and June 4th

We won't get the dates for the end of year events until after March is over.

- **OPEN FORUM**

Bingo is this weekend. We are ready. We collected 57 donations which turned into 48 baskets. Comment from public about letting businesses know if we "combine" their donations with others. Dawn explained if the business donation is in a packaged basket we do not open it. We simply combine the items given loosely.

Dawn has a few more thank you's to put out on social media, and will put out a slide show tomorrow of bullet points for the event. Notes for next year, Trying to hold it sooner than we did this year.
Volunteers needed to help 5:45-7 at St. Charles. Dawn, Patti, Patti, Jen B, Amy M, need 2 more.