

Elkins High School PTO

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2022

- **Meeting** called to order by Angie Korger at 7:04 pm.
- **Members Present:** Kali Shiller, Roxane Johnson, Angie Korger, Angelica Morales, Rachel Zetino, Vidhya Venkatesan, Nadine Skinner, Kimberly Brown, Kim Bradby
- **Secretary Report (Nadine Skinner)**
 - Angelica made a motion to approve the October 2022 meeting minutes. Vidhya seconded the motion. All approved, and the motion passed.
- **President Report (Angie Korger)**
 - Teacher Gifting: Info was resent out to members after Ms. Ward mentioned it in the newsletter. We extended the deadline. Only 5 gifting opportunities came in. We have 1 more opening for our gifting committee. Email Angie if you want to be on the committee.
 - Signs: A-frame signs cost \$175 each plus custom inserts cost \$55. We need signs around the building explaining entrances to use for certain events. It would be good to have 3-4 of these signs. These would come out of the projects budget.
 - Blue Benches: Contacted 2 vendors, including U-Line. Benches like the ones we have cost \$1700, plus at least \$400 shipping. Cheaper versions like the ones in the courtyard are possible to get. Benches have a 12-week lead time. Angie will talk to Ms. Ward and see if there is another solution.
- **Vice President Report (Angelica Morales)**
 - Kendra Scott fundraiser for the Fort Bend Education Foundation this Friday and Saturday. You can shop online or in the store.
 - You can also get discounted tickets for the Texans from the Fort Bend Education Foundation.
- **Treasurer Report (Rachel Zetino and Vidhya Venkatesan)**
 - Please turn in expenses.
 - Vidhya is working on the \$56 of unclaimed money.
 - Current balance as of October 31st is \$72,875.87.

- **Safety Report (Kali Shiller)**

- She has been in touch with Ms. McGee and Student Council to set a date for trash pickup on Knights Court.
- We need more parking lot signs. Reflective signs are \$184, and non-reflective signs are \$135. Smaller yard-type signs are \$13 each (quantity of 20) plus \$2 per stake. Kali needs to walk around the parking lot and see where poles are that we can put signs on. Roxanne had a sign suggestion of “Phones Down, Heads Up.”
- Kali needs to get with Missouri City about a sign right before the crosswalk.
- Knights Court lights out/poles bending. Some lights have come back on. Trees need to be trimmed near 2 lights on school property. Will contact Ms. Lourdes.
- Thompson Ferry detour is up and running as of yesterday. But map distributed is not correct. Need another detour sign and an updated map. We may have to come up with a map on our own and give to Ms. Ward.
- We need a new crosswalk at Paradise River and Knights Court. Kali will talk to Missouri City.

- **VIPS Report (Nakia Allen and Michelle Tolbert)**

- VIPS meeting was held virtually on October 20th. 2 main topics.
 - Fort Bend Education Foundation: Grants to schools and teachers are available. Applications are now open until January 26th. Teacher grants from \$500 to \$1500 are provided in the fall semester. School site grants are available too (\$2K maximum per elementary campus and \$5K maximum per secondary campus). There is a maximum of 3 grants per campus. Funding is provided in the fall semester. There are also founders grants with applications due November 30th. These are for up to \$20K for unique, transformative, sustainable programs for school site or departments that enhance education experiences for FBISD students. Information is on the website. You can support the foundation through the 2022 Sugar Shindig and the 2023 Gala (March 4, 2023 at the Sugar Land Marriott).
 - Safety: Discussion of the importance of the VATRE in the upcoming election to provide security for elementary schools; without the VATRE there is no ability to staff elementary schools with on-site security officers. Currently there are 2 officers at each HS campus and 1 officer at each MS campus. No officers at ES campuses. Other safety measures already in place include: controlled access to all entry doors for FB schools (badge entry for staff and intercom/buzz entry for visitors), partnership with FB Sheriff’s office, Mo City police, and law enforcement to provide random door checks and additional security presence on FB campuses especially at ES, rhino locks installed on all doors in all FB

classrooms, phones installed in parking lots for school events (phones linked directly to 911), extensive camera/surveillance system (updates will be needed in next several years)

- Next VIPS Meeting will be on November 10th, in person.
 - Please log any volunteer hours performed outside of school hours.
 - Continue to send volunteer requests as needed to the VIPS committee.
 - Please VOTE.
- **Pizza Sales Report (Kim Brown)**
 - Working on application to extend sale dates for the rest of the year. Should submit by the end of the week.
 - May need an extra volunteer for this Thursday.
 - Papa John's has been having some oven problems lately.
 - Pizzas have not been getting cut in advance.
 - Angie has plates in her car.
 - Will consider adding "Quantities may be limited." to Facebook posts.
 - **Membership Report (Kim Bradby)**
 - Hoping to wrap everything up this week.
 - 9 people left to get their apparel. Our vendor has gone silent and is not producing.
 - The banner is here. Kim will put it out tonight.
 - On Thursday, she will give out apparel to students whose parents did not come to pick up days. She may do this again next Thursday. If not picked up by then, she will leave it at front desk. Will decide on if they don't pick up apparel, may donate it by the end of November/beginning of December.
 - Still taking memberships with no incentives.
 - A few teachers/faculty joined when we gave out the Bundt cakes.
 - **Shared Dreams Report (Roxane Johnson)**
 - Talked to Bobbie at Shared Dreams. They usually do 2 drives a year- 1 in fall/winter and 1 in spring.
 - Roxane wants to do one this fall- with food for winter break. She needs to get with Ms. Ward to come up with a date and get it on the calendar. Angie said to copy Ms. Ward's secretary, Pam Turner, on emails to Ms. Ward.
 - Roxane will get a collection box (we may have one or she will try to get one-appliance box?)
 - Do a flyer for the drive.
 - Ideas: partner with a student club or sports team, have teams compete, competition between classes, competition between schools.

- We have a \$1250 budget for Shared Dreams this year.
- Some organizations/honor societies will have volunteer hours for donations.
- **Senior Class Report (Angie Korger)**
 - Possibly found a venue for senior prom.
- **Hospitality Report (Kimberly Remmert & Laura Najera)**
 - For October, delivered bundlets from Nothing Bundt Cakes to teacher and staff PTO members. They had approximately 70 and a variety to chose from. Loved it!
 - For November, they are planning the faculty/staff Thanksgiving luncheon next Wednesday, November 16th. As of now, there are 117 staff RSVPs. Lunch will be catered from Piada Italian. We will need volunteers, drinks, and monetary donations.
- **YES Report (Naaila Sami)**
 - She found an app to track volunteer hours. She needs to talk to Ms. Sands about it. The app would need to have a document upload feature. We will come back to this.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Bylaws: Angelica made a motion to add “membership” to article 7, section 2 of the bylaws and to add “at general meetings” to article 3, section 3 of the bylaws and then to approve the bylaws. Kim Bradby seconded the motion. All approved, and the motion passed. The bylaws are now approved with the 2 corrections.
- **Announcements**
 - Jersey Mike’s spirit nights next week.
 - Next meeting on December 13th. Will be off campus holiday meeting (closed executive meeting). We will do a sign up/group text.
- **Meeting** adjourned at 8:17 pm by Angie Korger.
- **Minutes** respectfully taken by Nadine Skinner, Secretary.