

PFO Notes

November 17, 2021

Start Time: 6:15 PM

In attendance: Jen Hanley, Joanne Aldrich, Patty Mould, Tim Abbazia, Cecille Agulay, David Green, Valerie Mortensen, Silvia Stein, Laura Sosa, Ethan Sosa, Brody Tice. Dina MacDougall attended via phone call.

Dr. Lowe Update: Was unable to attend

Teacher Update: No teachers attended

Co-treasurers: Tim Abbazia and Cecille Voted and confirmed in by board

Treasurer Report: We opened a new account back in October 2021.

\$21,800 balance into the account. Balance: \$21,391.39

Magnets: Short \$246 from money put into production of the magnets. Magnet Sales to date: \$305 as of last week (Tim purchased 4 at this meeting so \$325 to date) with approx. 450 magnets left to build profit. All positive! Jen designed and ordered the magnets and they arrived in time for Meet the Teachers night.

Jen setup Venmo account last year for discount cards and gave access to new Co-treasurers so the three of them have access.

Restaurant Night:

Luigi's on High Ridge Road: 33% back which was \$200 back from \$614 Luigi's made from restaurant night. Always so generous and let's always try to use their store if we can and support them!

Chopt: High Ridge Road (near Starbucks) Goal 20 percent back. David will make call for December date:

Chiptole: for January, Joanne will applied online

Chicky's Grill and Pizza: Dina will call her friend who works there, Jen will contact owner since he signed up on the discount card with Jen the last 2 years. Possible late November (29 or 30th) for a night with Chicky's.

Discount Card Update:

The discount card fundraiser was our largest fundraiser last year brining in over \$2,300. We have 33 participating vendors. Jen secured 29 vendors, Jen's mom secured 3 vendors, and one parent got one vendor. Cards went to print this week. Out of the thirty-three vendors, two are alumni -

Chicky's Grill & Pizza and Lunch Lady Gerri's Food Truck. One alumni we are using for printing for the second year.

Jen: Reiterated that she needs more help next year to reach out and secure vendors.

Textile Bins Update: \$538 for a full 12 month period

Jen had delivered October 2020 so one full year. They take anything but pillows you sleep on. Clothes, shoes, linens, etc. Great source of revenue as no cost for bins to be on Wright Tech campus.

Upcoming Events:

Car Show: 5/15/22 (Rain Date 5/22)

Suggestion to make portion of sales for the vendors at the car show.

Alot of Alumni do come to the car show as well as bring cars to the show.

Need volunteers to help car show and to collect money, help students and kids

Possible Tours of the school during the car show

Alumni Committee Updates:

Valerie: Online Zoom Gathering for Alumni, David will assist

Increased alumni on Facebook and alumni list. Many alumni are including phone numbers, his/her trade and she is really cultivating and growing this piece.

Many alumni want to:

1. Visit school Wright Tech
2. Alumni Social's
3. Follow up with games for Zoom Social with Alumni Date: December 9 at 7 PM
Dr. Lowe has swag he may be able to give away.
4. Possible alumni to come visit students: provide enrichment, talk about his/her trade, provide inspiration. Spotlight or "Alumni Guest Speaker", so to speak monthly or "x" amount of times per year.
5. Facebook Group: JM Wright Technical High School Alumni with 1.3K members. Great group to join and interact. Started by Sean Daly alumni.

Other Updates:

Dina suggested "If you are really from Stamford" Facebook page. We will look into as it may be a great page and many alumni are on this .

Wright Tech: Has a google phone number connected to the Gmail account.

Other suggestions, odds and ends:

Possible another parent may want to join which is wonderful. Possible *Spanish Communicator Liaison*. Will follow up with the Sosa family (Ethan Senior in Carpentry and Laura (mom) joined us. Thank you to the family!

MCM fundraising: Spring holidays if someone wants to take the lead and spearhead it. It was a really nice fundraiser in regards to spirit and profit fall of 2020. It was our second largest fundraising event last year after discount cards.

College Fair: Possibly at Stamford High School in the near future, maybe Spring. Should be Open to the public. Tim will follow up.

College Knowledge Night: At Stamford High School Dec 15 from 7 PM -9 PM, Small Auditorium. Tim going to check with Dr. Lowe is JMWT should promote this event to our students and families.

Few colleges came to Wright Tech this fall: One was University of New Haven

Tim asked about Facilities Director trade. Possible new trade? “Jack of all trades”. May explore with Dr. Lowe to reach out to the state of CT.

No meeting in December due to holidays!

Happy holidays to everyone over the next few weeks: Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and any other holiday celebrated.