

# FoWY Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022 / 6:30 PM / WY Library (with a few virtual attendees)

**Absences:** Patricia Herrera, Madeline O'Malley

**Guests :** TJ Brown, Amber Commodore, Susie Desai, Alison Ferguson, Victor Jia, Kimberly Keith, Jie Li, Hui Lin, Jiaming Lou, Kelly Lowery, Eleanor Luk, Laurie Mullick, Melanie Neely, Yufeng Pan, Joel Reese, Nadia Roberts, Yescenia Sanchez, Karen Stanton, Elana Tennenbaum, Molly Vandermeid,

**Call to Order:** 6:38 PM (Lynne Radomski)

**April minutes reviewed/approved:** Lynne Radomski/Yolanda Paramore

**April agenda reviewed/approved:** Lynne Radomski/Stephanie Majca

## President's Report (Arlyne Chin)

\*Welcome to all. Explanation of board meetings and what should be expected from the voting process tonight.

\*Events for Dr. Kenner: The school will be hosting a Pep Rally in the gym on May 26. She will be honored at a luncheon with faculty. Friends of Whitney Young is hosting a retirement party for her on June 25 at Venue West. Deb Keegan will provide further details in her report. Regarding retirement gifts: if you wish to contribute, please give to the "Legacy Projects" Dr. Kenner has outlined. Also, if you have any photos to submit to the memory book, links are available on the Facebook page.

\*End of Year Celebration: At the June meeting, the new FoWY board (voted tonight) will begin serving the new term. Arlyne motioned that we move the June mtg to June 13; Steven offered to second the motion, and it was approved. At this meeting, FoWY will have a brief review of the month's activities, then we will gather off-site to celebrate the graduating parents and Deb Keegan. Arlyne asked for suggestions of places to go.

## Committee Reports

### 1) **Alumni** (Danielle):

-discussed an Alumni Mentoring Program, where current students could be matched with alumni in career or academic connections.

-So far 30 students are signed up for 1:1 mentoring with an alumna, for career and/or academic assistance/advice. Danielle will keep the Board updated.

### 2) **Annual Fund/Grants** (Patty):

-gave a brief description of the committee purpose and process

-Spring cycle has been awarded and is in the process of being reimbursed. Anyone can search the FoWY website to see where money has been allocated. May 31 is the reimbursement deadline.

-Patty described a printer grant for the Arts department that was then covered by CPS. The committee is looking into redistributing or reallocating, or discussing other ways to honor what we promised to give.

-Arlyne thanked the committee; Allan thanked Patty for all her work.

### 3) **Communications** (Arlyne):

-The Spring newsletter has been drafted, and the committee will work on it this month. The newsletter is a way for us to share what we've been working on this year, fundraising dollars raised, and any community building exercises.

-Also reminded Board to promote DirectorySpot as a vehicle for communication; brief discussion of turning over the student directory next year and adding new students.

- 4) **Community/Volunteer** (Lynne):
- brief description of evolution of committee, from Volunteer fulfillment to Community building activities.
  - reminder: Faculty/Staff Appreciation Lunch will be held May 19 in Green House. Steven and Lynne are managing the Volunteers and accepting donations for the raffle. Volunteers do not need to be Level II status to sign up for this event.
  - we assisted with sign-ups for AP Exam proctoring to help Ms. Davis. FoWY was not be responsible for monitoring and reminding proctor volunteers, so this is a continued service we can provide.
  - Discussed Level I and Level II volunteer status, and that FoWY board members should plan on filling applications for one of the levels.
  - Dolphin Depot also provided its first supplies to the Counseling office (sports watches for testing)
  - Deb Keegan will be our Community Spotlight to kick off the next school year.
  - This committee will be important in assisting our community's transition to a new administration and a new culture.
- 5) **Development/Fundraising** (Deb Keegan):
- Reviewed budget and ongoing projects
  - YTD \$522K
  - Spring Bash overview (
    - Goal: \$230K; ACTUAL: \$247K (\$193K net)
    - \$81K went to teams, clubs, organizations
    - Early Bird tickets were up; total tickets were down but sponsorship made up for that
    - Raffle tix were down; fewer teams participated, and online option may have impacted sales
    - Paddle Raise for Whitney Young Refresh: \$48K
    - This event started as a sports booster and has grown significantly. We used to share our event profits with the Athletic Department, which has continued. Deb proposes sharing a bit of the total (\$44,000 to FoWY) with Athletics, then setting parameters going forward or eliminating this practice altogether. There was a motion and a 2nd (Arlyne/Yolanda) to share 25% of our profits one final year with the Athletic Department (not PE, which is separate), and then going forward, we will not continue this practice. The motion was approved.
  - there has been a steady growth in Development over the years Deb has been handling this position
  - Deb also discussed the events for Dr. Kenner in May and June. She emphasized to the community, in lieu of gifts, to give the "Dr. Joyce Kenner Legacy Project" - a list of projects in the school Dr. Kenner would like to see finished.
  - The invitation for the June 25 party at Venue West will go out tomorrow. \$100 per ticket (\$85 for teachers). Deb welcomes anyone to join the planning meetings if interested (next one 5/12 @ 10 am)
  - Deb is still offering to help the transition process when she leaves her position in June.
- 6) **Finance** (Steven):
- gave report through end of April
  - this is Steven's last report; he will train the new Financial Secretary
- 7) **Student Report** (Ben):
- graduating!
  - helping organize the Pep Rally for Dr. Kenner; there are numerous clubs and organizations participating.
- 8) **Nominating** (Allan):
- Proposal for an extension to be given to the Nominating committee for proposing an Executive Committee slate (Arlyne/Steven; passes). Executive Committee will be presented for a vote in June.
  - Originally we were looking to fill 10 board seats, but the NC found several people interested in serving on the board.
  - The current board voted in May to expand the maximum number of board members to 35.

-Allan began the new board member election process by asking for introductions. 24 potential board members were listed, and 19 were present. Allan discussed responsibilities and set expectations for board members in terms of time commitments and attendance.

- Attend meetings regularly (3 unexcused absences will result in removal)
- Active involvement in committees
- All may join the board, but if these commitments are too great, they may choose to join a committee. Arlyne added that there are many ways to contribute, and having a large board of directors is unusual. Since this is a transition year, we will see if having a larger board helps us be more efficient and successful. Arlyne asked that each nominee consider carefully before joining the board of directors; it is ok to say no.

-Arlyne, Stephanie and Lynne were proposed (Stacey/Yolanda) and approved for a 1-year extension to their term.

-17 nominees chose to remain on the slate. There was a motion and 2nd (Arlyne/Yolanda) to approve the slate as Directors. Approved. The Board of Directors now stands at 27.

- 9) **Policy** (Arlyne): The Transition Team has been meeting with other “Friends of” organizations and collecting best practices. They will decide how to fill Deb’s role in Development, as well as the ongoing operation of our board and the committees.

- 10) **LSC** (Arlyne/Lynne Pieper):

-just completed training on the Principal Selection Process

-Lynne Pieper (LSC community rep) updated FoWY on the selection process, and reported the LSC voted in a search committee (consisting of 20 members). They have a big group but it seems to be synergistic.

**New Business:** none

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:33 PM ( Stephanie Majca/Stacey Young)

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM (WY Library then off-site gathering)