

FoWY Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2021 / 6:30 PM / Virtual

Absences: Excused (Stephanie Majca, Danielle Craan); **Unexcused** ()

Guests : Maria Ayala, Stacey Boeke, Alison Brown Ferguson, Bronagh Doughty, Patricia Herrera, Faiza Khan, Jenny Kittrell, William May, Jim Okamura, Arlene Sanoy, Natasha Solis

Call to Order: 6:34 PM (Lynne Radomski)

September minutes reviewed/approved: Arlyne Chin/Madeline O'Malley

October agenda reviewed/approved: Patty Andrade/Steven Chen

President's Report (Arlyne Chin)

*Welcome; explanation of rotation of meetings between virtual/in-person for the year.

*Asked for the completion/submission of outstanding Conflict of Interest forms from board members.

*Reminded board members to commit to participation in a committee; please email her the choices.

*Fall Gathering will take place on Wednesday, October 27.

*Sunday Open House

- In-person and virtual opportunities
- Presentations will take place on the Michelle Obama Athletic Complex field, then tours
- Virtual video is Part II from last year's "Whitney Young Forever" story
- Need for volunteers to help guide families to the presentations and answer questions.

Committee Reports

- 1) **Alumni** (Danielle): no report
- 2) **Annual Fund/Grants** (Allan):
 - Committee made an announcement in the Weekly about the grant cycle and deadline (opening October 15; closing November 2).
 - Allan presented an overview of the grant process, explaining grant money must be used by the end of the year to close our financial books.
- 3) **Communications** (Arlyne/Allan):
 - Committee met today.
 - Discussed online student directory progress. A secure app for mobile and PC use will be provided to families. The committee is putting together a communication plan to notify families.
 - Principal Appreciation Month; FoWY will organize something for Dr. Kenner on behalf of the school.
 - Committee would like to push more content on social media, to better keep our community up to date. Desire is to continuously share news/accomplishments.
- 4) **Community/Volunteer** (Lynne):
 - On World Teachers Day, we sent an email to WY teachers to thank them and remind them of ways FoWY can help (Dolphin Depot, Hot Topics, grants, etc.).
 - Submitting next Community Spotlight (Jason Easterly, parent) to Weekly and FoWY website.
 - Will work on Principal Appreciation ideas with Natasha
 - Discussed ideas for upcoming volunteer drives
 - Really need ideas and input for better reaching our Community
- 5) **Development/Fundraising** (Deb Keegan):
 - Fall Gathering: Weds, October 27, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Whitney Young Lobby to invite families to see the new spaces created through the "Refresh" campaign

- Annual Fund kicked off; celebrating the spirit of Whitney Young (“spread your wings and fly”); preparing wording for Giving Tuesday to drive donations
- Spring Bash will be held April 2, 2022 AT VENUE WEST! Meetings are scheduled and committees are forming; need energy from parents to plan a successful event.

6) **Finance** (Jie/Steven):

- Jie explained responsibilities of committee: to establish financial policies related to board operation; to write/distribute an annual budget; and to track expenses and receipts.
- Full discussion of proposed annual budget with breakdown of categories
- Voted on proposed budget: Approved (Jie/Yolanda)
- Monthly report given by Steven: explained current financials including annual goals, outstanding balances; described difference between WY and FoWY ledgers; presented specific financial details on clubs/organizations

7) **Student Report** (Ben):

- Virtual Club Fair was held; not great attendance
- Found another student representative to join him.

8) **Nominating** (Arlyne): Introduced Patricia Herrera, Bill May and Natasha Solis as director candidates. Officially nominated (Arlyne/Lynne) and voted in by board.

9) **Policy** (Patty): no report

10) **LSC** (Arlyne):

- celebrating the 100th birthday of Whitney M Young. Next meeting will be Weds, Oct 20 at 5:30 PM (Virtual)
- Hot Topics session on Oct 5 on “The College Essay”; watch for future sessions on the WY Counseling page

New Business: Community mixers briefly discussed again. More information will be shared at upcoming meetings as plans are made.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53 PM (Arlyne/Patty)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in the WY Library