

FoWY Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022 / 6:30 PM / Virtual

Absences: Steven Chen, Arlyne Chin, Patricia Herrera

Guests :

Call to Order: 6:37 PM (Lynne Radomski)

March minutes reviewed/approved: Allan Chhay/Patty Andrade

April agenda reviewed/approved: Stacey Young/Natasha Solis Hayes

President's Report (Stephanie Majca for Arlyne Chin)

*March social hosted by Stacey Young; not well attended but those who did expressed positive views about the event. Some Freshman parents attended because the event was shared on Facebook. The timing and promotion of these events should improve. Madeline will host a social in May or June; Stacey offered to host another.

*Discussion surrounding possible benefit of having business cards or a QR code for easier access to our website or social media. FoWY would like to target getting more information to incoming families. Allan shared that DirectorySpot is a possible vehicle for communicating, also.

*A HUGE thank you to Deb Keegan for her tireless work for Whitney Young. She leaves nearly impossible shoes to fill! It was announced that a Transition Team has formed - Arlyne, Lynne, Stephanie, Patty, Yolanda and Stacey (with invitations to anyone else interested) - to research and decide best ways to fill the Development role for FoWY. Jie will assist with financial transition. Reports and updates will be made to the Board.

Committee Reports

- 1) **Alumni** (Danielle):
 - there is a 10-year reunion in August; Danielle sees this as a good opportunity to get alumni involved in current school activities.
 - discussed an Alumni Mentoring Program, where current students could be matched with alumni in career or academic connections. Danielle will keep the Board updated.
- 2) **Annual Fund/Grants** (Patty):
 - Fall grant cycle is complete; decisions/payments have been processed.
 - Spring will be awarding just under \$15K for 13 grants (had plans for \$18K but admin did not approve; recipients have until May 31st to submit reimbursement forms. 5 requests were repeats from the Fall cycle; all were denied except the swim team for diving board repair.
 - Patty explained the application form contains the rules for grant approvals. Stacey requested clarification of the process so we can more clearly communicate to the WY community, especially with many new Board members.
 - Stephanie will formalize a Google Doc to assist.
- 3) **Communications** (Stephanie for Arlyne):
 - The Spring newsletter needs to go out in the next 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. If anyone would like to help put that together, please let Arlyne know.
 - Also reminded Board to promote DirectorySpot as a vehicle for communication.
- 4) **Community/Volunteer** (Lynne):
 - reminder: Faculty/Staff Appreciation Lunch will be held May 19 in Green House.

-sign-ups also going out for AP Exam proctoring to help Ms. Davis. FoWY will not be responsible for monitoring and reminding proctor volunteers.

-Discussed possibility of volunteer drives this spring; after Spring Break, we expect to be very busy.

-Asked for nominations for Community Spotlight.

5) **Development/Fundraising** (Deb Keegan):

-Spring Bash was a SMASHING SUCCESS!

- Goal: \$230K; ACTUAL: \$250K (to compare: \$166K in 2021; \$207K in 2020)
- Sponsorships were up
- 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
- Auction was up: \$56K
- Paddle Raise for Whitney Young Refresh: \$48K
- THANK YOU to the committee; so many positive comments from attendees

-Presented updates on fundraising and ongoing projects

-Deb will help with transition to whoever takes over Development responsibilities.

6) **Finance** (Stephanie):

-not reporting statements because it is too early in the month to put together summary

-Still challenges with CPS vendor issue and ongoing insurance policy; Stephanie elevated her concerns to CPS, but we need to have insurance to operate. The challenge is that FoWY does not follow the protocol to qualify for the policy terms. She will keep the Board updated.

-Deb explained that the vendor status is needed only for showing schools *selectED*; offered to skip showing the film if we continue to have issues qualifying, or ask schools to pay directly to WY.

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

-no update

8) **Nominating** (Allan):

-Allan sent email to all returning Board members to confirm commitment for next year. He would like to establish a more formal process for nominating and voting for our board members.

-In the process of collecting nominations for new board members. Goal is to replace the 6 board members leaving, but would like to add more directors if possible (up to 20). Ask that nominations be sent to Allan.

-Anyone interested in joining the Executive Board, please contact Allan.

-A slate for Directors and a slate for Executive Board will be presented in May for a vote.

9) **Policy** (Patty): no report (there may be changes following any restructuring of board responsibilities)

10) **LSC** (Stephanie for Brad):

-The next meeting is 4/20 at 5:30 PM (virtual).

-The candidate forum was held, and elections for next year's LSC will take place on 4/21.

-Lynne Pieper (LSC community rep) was on the call to check in. She updated FoWY on the existing LSC subcommittees, and if we have any questions, please direct them to her. She discussed the challenge of supervising external safety and security for Whitney Young (namely, traffic congestion and safety) in and around the neighborhoods due to WY being in 3 different wards.

New Business: none

Meeting Adjourned: 7:51 PM (Patty Andrade/Stephanie Majca)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:30 PM (WY Library)