

Strembitsky Foundation Minutes

November 8, 2023

President: Samar Al-Hajjaj Vice President: Laura Ebborn

Treasurer: Janet Mitchell Secretary: Jessica Skoreyko

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01pm
 - 1.1 Quorum Established
2. Samar made a motion to approve the agenda. April Kennett approved and Renee Brass seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Samar made a motion to approve the minutes of the last SPF meeting minutes held October 11, 2023. April Kennett approved and Julia Styler seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Old Business – None
5. New Business
 - 5.1 President's Update
 - 5.1.1. Glow Dance – event was a success. The tickets were pre-sold online due to capacity issues. All children in attendance need to be chaperoned (even jr. high kids) due to liability issues. Motion sensor lights were managed. A suggestion was made to have one of the volunteer positions be to specifically manage the lights next year.
 - 5.2 Fundraisers
 - 5.2.1 Dielemans order arrived and was distributed. This year's event was not as successful as last year (11 orders compared to 60). A suggestion was made to run this campaign a closer to the holidays next year (and after Halloween).
 - 5.2.2 Healthy Hunger/hot lunch has been launched from now until May. The June date to be determined closer to June (due to other events already booked for that month). Hot lunch will continue to be Pappa John's Pizza because it's the easiest option to organize (due to volume of orders). Alternative vendors could be considered if a parent or volunteer group was willing to lead that additional commitment, as we are limited in volunteers currently. A comment was made that if we increase the frequency of hot lunch dates, it might actually decrease the participation by students.

Hot lunch not available to kindergarten students this year, due to kindergarten teacher request (as they don't eat lunch at the school it's hard to coordinate).

Next hot lunch is November 24. The deadline to order is November 19. Parents can order for the whole year.

Pappa Johns will donate brownies for the February Jr. High dance.

- 5.2.3 Concession – there are lots of leftovers from the Glow Dance. Mr. Chinski and his leadership students are going to be taking inventory of our supplies and leading concession (maybe on November 22). Kindergarten and grade one students will be able to pre-order. Laura Ebborn to provide Samar Al-Hajjaj with the price list from the Glow Dance.

Samantha Miedreich agreed to show the leadership students how to use the popcorn machine.

We may still want to consider having parent volunteers present at the concession to oversee the monetary transactions.

A suggestion to have healthy options available at the concession (ex. granola bars).

The school is organizing the provision of a locking cabinet to the foundation so we can securely keep our inventory at the school.

- 5.2.4 Blaze Pizza- Thank you to Samantha Miedreich for setting this event up last month. Profit was \$46.50 (about 3 online orders and 8-10 walk-ins). Blaze Pizza is starting to allow fundraisers on weekend days, so something to consider for next time. They are interested in working with us again.
- 5.2.5 Royal Pizza – Looking at doing a fundraiser with Royal Pizza in early December. They usually offer Mondays. Janet Mitchell will get contact them to organize a date.

5.3 School Requests

- 5.3.1 Musical committee requested \$700 for costumes for a production called “Jukebox Through Time”. Any left-over money would go to games for music classes. Motion put forward to approve \$700, approved by Renee Brass and seconded by Jenilee Woodfield.
- 5.3.2 Duolingo Rewards - Jr. High made a request for \$500. They are doing an incentive program that would be awarded to students at the end of the term for students with the highest points. \$315 request for students in Devitt’s class and \$180 in LaFrance’s class. Motion put forward for \$500 total for the year for this program, approved by Samantha Miedreich and seconded by Karrie Whalen.
- 5.3.3 Alberta opera – a school-wide activity. Would be Cinderella as a live theater performance including a student guide and activities before and after. Select students get to be involved as cast and crew. Past events have been well received by students and teachers from all age groups. Looking to arrange an event on February 7, 2024. Total cost is \$2,000 including GST. Motion put forward to approve \$2,000, motion approved by Samantha Miedreich and Bonita Twigge.

5.4 Events

- 5.4.1 Christmas fundraiser - possibility of silent auction was discussed. Last year's silent auction was a success but would require someone to run this event with connections to acquire donations. As no volunteers stepped up to run a silent auction this year, it was decided to discuss this again at the January meeting as a possible spring fundraiser.

Christmas concerts – we will set up a raffle to win special parking in front of the school and special front row seating on comfortable couch for all three of the evening Christmas concerts. The decision not to offer this at the daytime events due to volunteer constraints. This is a good fundraising opportunity as it costs nothing to organize, and the tickets can be sold online at Eventbrite. In the past there was some confusion that this event was also ticket to the Christmas concert so a note to ensure the branding message for this event is clear.

Christmas concerts – Santa at the school and pictures for a donation. April and Samar to check in with known contacts to see if they would be available and willing to donate their time for the three evening concerts. Would be a cash donation for a picture with Santa. Decision not to offer hot cocoa for sale.

6. Financial Report – Janet provided an overview of the financial report. Highlights included:
- 6.1.1 \$1,600 net profit from the Glow Dance (less than last year due to lower concession sales).
 - 6.1.2 Casino – Should receive casino money in February. We are expecting slightly less than the last MSS Casino in 2021. We had to pay for one of the casino volunteers to take a cab to/from the casino, but this cost was mostly covered by the casino tips. There was an expense for payment of the casino advisor, but this will be reimbursed. It's important to keep a small balance in the casino account. 2025 Casino will be in the 4th quarter of the year. We were offered 3rd quarter but due to lack of volunteers at the 2023 casino it was decided the 4th quarter would be better to try and obtain more volunteers.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Attendees

Samar Al-Hajjaj
Laura Ebbern
Janet Mitchell
April Kennett
Julia Styler
Durray Bosch
Jenilee Woodfield

Samantha Miedreich
Bonita Twigge
Tanya Rowland
Melody Connell
Renee Brass
Kali Greig

Principal: Chad Shephard
Assistant Principal: Malti Verma