



PHACT PTSA May Meeting Agenda

Monday May 23rd at 6pm, via Zoom Video Conferencing

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Attendees: Sherry Smardon, Cindy Palmer, Lisa LaBelle, Judy Noel, Shyaina Poole., Karen McElroy, Christy Andrychowski

Agenda Items

1. Approval of April Minutes

- a. Motion to Approve: Lisa LaBelle
- b. Second Motion to Approve: Cindy Palmer
- c. Comments or abstentions: None
- d. Motion carries via vote: Approved

3. Treasury Report and Approval

- a. Motion to Approve: Sherry Smardon
- b. Second Motion to Approve: Heather Victoria
- c. Comments or abstentions: None
- d. Motion carries via vote: Approved

3. Membership Report

- a. No change since last month

4. Advocacy Report

1. DEI grant –
 - a. DEI finished preliminary, finalized, asked for add'l funds then meeting missed due to COVID
 - b. Final paperwork due June 5th - \$500. Request \$1000.00 additional dollars
 - c. Discussed possibly spending some on/paying for Acceptance Hill
 2. Nat'l PTA Create with Kindness grant (Tik Tok grant)
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- a. Spent half of the grant dollars; Karen McElroy and Heather Victoria will be completing the post-event handout
- 3. Cultural awareness activities – Table until next school year (2022-2023)
- 4. Signage in multiple languages – over the Summer activity
- 5. Health awareness activities – on-hold for now (Lisa LaBelle to follow-up with Darcy Baran)
- 6. Mental Health Advocacy
 - a. Counselors planning for this next week. May be combined with block party
 - b. Updates of agency-specific giveaways (Heather and Sherry)

5. Reflections Report

- 1. The McElroys (Kathryn, Maggie and Paul) attended ceremony in Fairfield
- 2. Activities for Reflections will Resume next school year (2022-2023)

6. Recent Accomplishments

- 1. US News and World Report ranking
- 2. May 3rd's Potluck lunch for Teacher Appreciation Day
- 3. CTPTA Teacher of the Year awards ceremony
 - a. Kyle Benito (for his Journalism class) created a video regarding the PH Teachers of the Year: PHACT will keep a watch for this to be posted
- 4. Budget referendum
- 5. Create with Kindness grant activity held 5/14

7. New Business

- 1. Nomination of new officers for the 2022-2023 school year
 - a. Sherry reviewed article VI (regarding officer positions and voting protocol)
 - b. Nominations:
 - i. Heather Victoria nominated Heather Shedd for President
 - ii. Heather Victoria nominated Shyaina Poole for Secretary
 - 1. Shyaina will need to become a PTA member
 - iii. Heather Victoria nominated Kathy Freed for Vice President
 - iv. Heather Victoria nominated Cindy Palmer for Treasurer
 - c. Cindy Palmer can only hold the office of Treasurer for 2 years (after the 22/23 school year, PHACT will need a new Treasurer)

8. Ongoing Business

- 1. Special Education funding advocacy (over the summer activity)
- 2. Science Bus PTA offering (September 2022 date in-place; Kathy Freed may have update)
- 3. Chaplin's Bicentennial Events
- 4. Spring Fling (6/4)
 - a. Lisa LaBelle has signs for folks to post on lawns, etc.
 - b. SES (good for handouts and sign), Chaplin TBD (Michelle Bolduc is checking): HES (Joy checked and we are good); Brooklyn will send home flyers w/their students; no word from Canterbury yet; Karen's school (maybe able to put up signs)
 - c. Consider signs on-parade route

- d. Christy to check with WILLI to see if they can do a couple of plugs
 - e. Day before – draw lines for vendors
 - f. Ms. Salvas – coordinated with Gates GMC for ice cream!!
 - g. Karen to reach-out to Sherry and Heather for Acceptance Hill items
 - h. Lisa to reach-out to other potential pet adoption places
 - i. Also checking for face painters, laminated signs (in shed?)
5. CVSH Grant
 - a. Received and deposited; 50/50 split to Booster Club (as of 5/27, check was with Boosters)
 6. Updates from fall shadow visits – no updates
 7. Staff Appreciation Days – BOE (March? <https://www.cabe.org/page.cfm?p=1281>)
 8. Teachers’ Needs – new school year (tee-up late summer of 2022) activity
 9. Fundraising Idea - Cook book or Calendar
 - a. Photography class is happening this semester (Spring) (consider this fundraiser for next year): January update from Darcy: was to outreach to photography teacher to start collection of photos/artwork
 10. Business sponsorship of PHACT (Fundraising)
 - a. Sponsors have been on webpage for well-past the year
 - b. Treehouse Comedy Show – perhaps a new company (Joe Tobin Presents)?
 - i. Judy to follow-up with her recently received email
 - ii. Aim for Fall 2022 timeframe
 11. DNB Memorial Scholarship
 - a. Outreach to previous winners to remind them of the required “give back” actions
 - b. Update on any discussion held with RD-11 group
 - i. Lisa conversed w/PH Financial contact; continue research for next steps
 - ii. Payout this year’s scholarship then move forward for next year
 - c. Revisit language around length/recurrence of awarded scholarship
 - i. Consider review/revamp of application form
 - d. Received 2 nominations from Darcy for the DNB scholarship this year; PHACT members are too close to the nominations, so Lisa will coordinate with Darcy to find unbiased review committee
 12. Booster Club Update
 - a. 5/24 – senior day for both baseball and softball
 - b. 6/2 – Spring Sports BBQ
 - c. 6/4 – Spring Fling
 - d. 6/6 – Senior Athletic Recognition Event
 13. Senior class request for funding
 - a. Catering plans for Prom have fallen-through; senior class will be requesting funds for food for the prom (6/3)
 - b. Motion made for \$300 (Lisa); motion seconded (Karen); motion passed with one abstention (Sherry)
 14. Other items
 - a. Zoom subscription for PHACT, others? As of June 30th, Zoom will only support a 40-minute meeting with current subscription: Potential use of DEI funds for this?
 - i. Christy to work with Marshall to get subscription options, etc.

9. Open Discussion

1. Next meeting date: June 14th at 6pm