

La Liaison General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 15th 2017
6:00 p.m.
Patton St. Campus

I. Wine and Cheese Socializing 6:00-6:30pm
II. Welcome from President-Amanda Struckhoff

Present

Amanda Struckhoff, President
Kristin Casemore, Vice President
Louise Fenton, Treasurer
Rebecca Fibble, Secretary

General Directors:

Melissa Harris
Delia Praner
Kelley Rhein
Lilly Schmidt
Pascal Valcasara
Adrienne Warren
Emily Zielke

Absent:

Ashley Brooks
Amanda Cutrer
Scott McDermott
Jinger Whiddon

III. L' Extravagance Announcement: March 19th

- a. Theme is Le Cirque
- b. Event has been extended by 30 minutes and will end at 9:30pm instead of 9pm!
- c. Live Painting by Kelly Boyett
- d. Event is the primary source of funding for the Thinking Outside the Classroom experiences.
- e. Please encourage friends, family and anyone in the community to buy a ticket and attend.
- f. Tara Richard is still collecting liquor and wine for the Liquor/Wine Pull
- g. Donations for the silent auction are still being collected. Last year the silent auction raised \$25,000!
- h. Musical Lineup has just been finalized
- i. Sponsorships & tickets still available at www.501auctions.com/lfno

IV. Presentation on the schools' "Thinking Outside the Classroom" Program (Keith Bartlett & Marina Schoen)

- a. Kindergarten: Cascade Stables
- b. 1st Grade: Audubon Zoo (2 weeks)
- c. 2nd Grade: Ogden Museum (1 week)
 - i. Gallery opening held for parents of all the students' works of art.
 - ii. This year gallery opening is March 15th and artwork will be up through March 30th.
- d. 3rd Grade: Audubon Zoo (1 month)
 - i. Students have experience of using web radio.
 - ii. School also partners with Coastal Roots and students go to Grand Isle to plant.
- e. 4th Grade: French Quarter -Louisiana State Museums (3 weeks)
 - i. Housed at the National Park Service on Decatur St.
 - ii. School partners with Kid Smart and hosts a theater production at end of year focusing on the history of Louisiana.
- f. 5th Grade: Audubon Aquarium (1 month)
 - i. All students get 20 minutes of swimming/scuba
- g. 6th Grade: Fab Lab Stemming Critical Constructs
 - i. Focus is on Architecture/Design/Community
 - ii. Project building a little house
- h. Transportation is one of the biggest costs of the experiences.
- i. Examples of cost per week: Ogden/\$2,790; Zoo/\$2,142; Aquarium/\$1,773; French Quarter/\$1,800.
- j. Our school currently has 723 students; anticipate next year school will have enrolled 850.
- k. 24% of our students come from outside of Orleans Parish.

V. PTO Announcements

- a. Summary of Marche D 'Hiver
 - i. Raised just over \$25,000 in profit
 - ii. 175 volunteers
- b. Review of La Liaison Financials
 - i. Current Balance \$37,400.
 - ii. \$7,200 donated to classroom funds this year.
- c. Next Restaurant Night out is Tuesday March 28th at Louisiana Pizza Kitchen (615 S. Carrollton Ave. Location).
- d. Our School's First City Park Night Out is Saturday May 13th!!!! More details to come.
- e. PTO also plans to participate again this year for Jazz Fest Volunteers. More information to come very soon on this opportunity!
- f. La Liaison Board Elections! Please consider volunteering for next year's PTO Board or recommend another parent you feel would be a great addition!

VI. Comments/Questions:

- a. Keith & Marina also mentioned school is signing contract for abatement of the Priestly building & Master Plan is completed.
- b. If Johnson campus secured as a temporary location during Priestly renovation, it is anticipated to house grades 3rd through 7th. Orleans Parish School Board must approve Lycee' to use campus.
- c. Capital Campaign to start soon, anticipate Priestly renovation to cost \$12 million.
- d. Parent commented for PTO to keep in mind that in the future PTO funds could be used to help fund a trip to Paris for students. Amanda/President reported there are no current plans in place for a trip, but in the future PTO could also consider volunteering at Superdome to help raise funds.
- e. Louise announced that Mellow Mushroom donated Pizza for the students in babysitting.
- f. Next General Meeting is Tuesday April 18th .

VII. Presentation of Door Prizes

- a. \$40 Costco Gift Card
- b. Lycee T-Shirt

VIII. Adjournment