

HMF Monthly Board Meeting November 2023

7 November 2023 / 6:30 PM / Hammer School Library

Attendees

Mital Poddar, President
Alicia Vento, Vice President
Lance Ehrman, Co-Treasurer
Elmer Garduno, Co-Treasurer
xKristen Vliestra, Fundraising
Elizabeth Sudano, Secretary
Jennifer Perry, Assemblies and Field Trips
Ulkar Abbas, Co-Events
Stephen Bingham, Hammer Montessori Principal
xRobert Kossayian, Upper EI Teacher Representative
Carolyn Huynh
Katy Bosworth
Tatiayana Mogannam

Meeting Details

Motion to Start: Mital Poddar
Second: Alicia Vento
Meeting Start: 6:34
Motion to End: Mital Poddar
Second: Alicia Vento
Meeting End: 7:46

Discussion

- **Budget**
 - **P&L Expenses Classification**
 - Verified 2020-2021 P&L
 - This was a year we spent more than we gained for COVID reasons
 - -\$34K because there was almost no fundraising
 - This will be filed at postcard level taxes
 - All published in QuickBooks, so we will be able to check easily
 - 2021-2022
 - Fundraised almost exactly what we raised, large costs in t-shirt sales

- Postcard for taxes
 - 2022-2023
 - Also a postcard for taxes
 - P&L in progress
 - Maybe make a digestible report to make public/share with parents
- **Fundraising**
 - 11/7 With everything have raised \$33,560 dollars
 - Will be over \$50,000 of income this year, so that's tougher taxes
 - Balance - \$85,558
 - Thursday Letters are succeeding- thanks Kristen!
- **Field Trips/Assemblies**
 - K Want to walk to River Glen Park (maybe make it kind of a promotion thing)
 - 1-2 Pizza my Heart, Planetarium
 - Cottle ranch, maybe Henry Cowell
 - 4-5 Mission Santa Clara or SJ Museum of Art, maybe also Pizza My Heart
 - Assemblies - Power of Yet 11/7, Water conservation in Jan, Happy Hollow, Taiko Drumming?
 - Jen might look into Birds who do Tricks
 - 11/7 Assembly: The Power of YET - Blake Blandes
 - Students learned about music/beat boxing
 - Not giving up
- **Events-**
 - **Walk-a-thon**
 - Look into trying to hold a joint community event Galarza
 - Open the committees in January
 - Shirts need to be ordered sooner than later
 - **Tae Kwon Do**
 - They wanted to do a presentation at the walk-a-thon and match funds in exchange for advertising opportunity
 - Will talk to them closer to the date, seems not aligned with our walk-a-thon vibe
 - We won't reach out again
 - **School Tours**
 - In person - Jan, Feb, March
 - Dates will be published on the SJUSD website
 - Two days, one evening - format TBD
 - Maybe go back to one old style evening with parent and kid volunteers
 - Mr Bingham to check about what copy he needs for the tours
 - Mital needs to look at where folders came from
 - **Book Donation**
 - Mital will contact librarian to see if she wants to collect books to send home with kids for winter break
 - If not, possibly a book exchange in the back at the winter bazaar
 - Let Ulkar know if you need the event description update

- **Winter Bazaar/Kid Craft/ Bake Sale**
 - Dec 7 Thursday 5:30
 - Committee positions open on Konstella
 - Set up mostly limited to bake sale set up and sales
 - Need more space for bake sale display
 - Unhook tables from walls to make one long table at the back
- **Trunk or Treat Update**
 - Pumpkin Sales were better than last year
 - Price point was good
 - Attendance seemed to up from the previous year
 - Basket Fundraising Amount
 - \$3085.00 raised
 - Suggestions for next year
 - Make a thank you for stores that donated pumpkins
 - Add a couple harvest festival style games
 - Add them in as volunteer slots, if they aren't filled, scratch it
 - Not having t-shirt sales was nice
 - Could add it back, but someone needs to take it on
 - Give Star Wars, etc to younger classes, assign books to the upper grades
- **Glammer's Got Talent**
 - 11/17 at 6pm - 7pm
 - Sell t-shirts
 - Email Mr Bingham to try to coordinate with Galarza
 - Do it at the valet because there is light?
- **Band Holiday Concert**
 - 12/13 Wednesday 5pm -6pm
 - Sell food - samosas
 - Sell T-shirts
- TK coming to Hammer 25-26
- Arts Funding - Prop 28
 - About \$30,000 for Hammer, but most has to be an SJUSD employee
 - Not enough for a certificated employee, so what does this look like?
- Mr. Bingham's Data
 - ELA 69 -> 74% meets or exceeds - 12% growth is exceptional
 - Math 61 -> 69% meets or exceeds

Action Items

Mital to email Mr Bingham about selling t-shirts at Galammer has Talent to coordinate with Galarza.

Mital to chat with Veronica about Book donations

Votes

Elizabeth Sudano, Secretary Resignation - PASSED

Carolyn Huyhn, Secretary Replacement - PASSED

Amy Kertzer, Resignation - PASSED