

NESA pARTners General Meeting

January 11, 2023

In Person - PERC Room @ LEE High School

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by President, David Zimkowski

1. Introductions/Welcome(Zim)
 - a. Recap Membership numbers presented by Angie
 - i. Total Members as of date is 102
 - ii. Potential members is 308 (total NESA students)
 - iii. Membership goal for the year is 125
 - b. Fundraiser opportunities presented by Stephanie
 - i. Fundraiser committee met after the December 14th general meeting and are planning on meeting again via zoom before the next pARTners meeting in February.
 - ii. Hoping to apply for grants - Santikos was mentioned as a big one to try and get
 - iii. Committee will start working on silent auction for next school year
 - iv. Ordering flowers for shows - thinking of doing a trial run during Funny Girl; there will be pre-orders taken and distributed at the show. Monica Lerma volunteered to take charge of flower pre-orders.
 - v. Candy grams will continue to be sold in upcoming shows
 - vi. Possible fundraiser during Funny Girl - put up headshots of all actors and give show attendees an opportunity to buy "sticky notes" where they can write a note/compliment to the actor and place it on their picture.
2. Budget Presented by David and accepted by members
 - a. YTD Revenue \$24,617.45; YTD Expenses \$13,116.10; YTD Net Income \$11,501.35
3. Concession needs presented by Stephanie:
 - a. Sign up genius will be sent out for concession volunteers for upcoming shows - Outsiders (Jan 27th) and Funny Girl (Feb 23rd - 26th)

- b. List of supplies needed will be sent to David before the upcoming shows to replenish concessions
- 4. Showmeals - Volunteers are needed to help setup and distribute meals during upcoming Funny Girl rehearsals and shows.
- 5. Upcoming Events presented by David
 - a. NESAs application deadline is January 13, 2023
 - b. Cinema - Outsiders Film Festival - January 27, 2023 (films from outside of NESAs; NESAs Cinema major run the show)
 - c. NESAs Auditions - January 28, 2023
 - d. Musical Theatre - Funny Girl February 23 thru February 26, 2023
 - i. Show meal planning - NESAs pARTners will be doing the remainder of shows this year but this will be changed for the upcoming year.
 - e. Visual Arts - Full Bloom March 3, 2023
 - f. Creative Writing - Playoffs - March 24 thru March 26, 2023
 - g. Dance - Footnotes March 31 thru April 2, 2023
 - h. IM Concert - April 5, 2023
 - i. Final NESAs Auditions - April 15, 2023 and April 22, 2023
 - j. NESAs Banquet - May 2023
 - i. Do we have NESAs Student Liaison for info
- 6. Senior Scholarship/SAEF Scholarship presented by Jules
 - a. Application will open in February - official date will be posted on pARTners website
 - b. Students can apply for both the fall and spring (except seniors) SAEF scholarship
 - c. Requirements/Google Form is online:
 - i. Essay detailing what funds will be used for
 - ii. Recommendation letter from director
 - d. Funds can be used as reimbursement if dues or cost of the event has already been paid by the student.
- 7. Committee for upcoming Board Member Elections presented by Jules:
 - a. Will be headed by Angie Ogawa, Krystal Pounds and Maggie Wilmoth
 - b. Committee will present nominations and elections will be held at March pARTners meeting
 - c. Plan is for transition of new board to take place in April 2023

8. Q and A

- a. Teacher Appreciation for LEE teachers in February 2023
 - i. Total of 173 teachers
 - ii. Tentative Date - Friday, February 10, 2023
 - iii. Funds budgeted from pARTners are typically used for decorations
 - iv. Parents sign up to bring in desserts/food for event held during all lunches
 - v. Volunteer shifts between 10 am and 3 pm (including setup and cleanup)
 - vi. Google form will be created by Monica Lerma and posted on Facebook by pARTners
 - vii. Possible Ideas - Dessert Bar; Candy Bar; Trail Mix Bar
 - viii. Ms. Spurlock will inquire about using the PERC or setting up in front of NESAs offices
- b. Question was brought up regarding whether the Teacher's Wish List award is given to each teacher or each major - \$1K is awarded to each major
- c. Question was brought up regarding board elections and what happens if not enough people are available to serve on the board - positions that have to be filled will be filled and other committee positions can be filled at a later date

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

NESA pARTners General Meeting
In Person - PERC Room at LEE High School
December 14, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:02 by President, David Zimkowski

1. Introductions/Welcome
 - a. Recap Membership numbers:
 - i. Total members as of date is 96
 - ii. Potential members is 308 (total NESAs students)
 - iii. Membership goal for the year is 125
 - b. Marissa Cedillo LEE PTSA LIASON for NESAs couldn't attend tonight but confirmed she has 2 volunteers to help distribute treats to all NESAs sophomores this coming Friday, December 16
2. Budget Presented by Lisa Kamenick, Treasurer and accepted
 - a. YTD Revenue \$18,478.29; YTD Expenses \$11,717.16; YTD Net Income \$6,761.13
 - b. Received check from last Burger Boy fundraiser - \$496.62
 - c. Recap Steppin/CW/VA Concessions:
 - i. Steppin Show \$1,879 gross revenue
 - ii. VA Shows \$36 gross revenue
 - iii. CW Show las week \$184 gross revenue
3. Upcoming Events
 - a. Sophomore Treats December 16, 2022
 - b. IM Concert - Thursday, January 5, 2023
 - c. NESAs Application deadline January 13, 2023
 - d. Film Festival - Outsiders January 27, 2023
 - e. NESAs Auditions - January 28, 2023
 - f. MT - Funny Girl - February 23 thru February 26, 2023
 - i. Show meal planning
 - g. VA - FULL BLOOM March 3, 2023
 - h. Dance - Footnotes March 31 thru April 2, 2023
 - i. IM Concert April 5, 2023
 - j. Final NESAs Auditions for the year - April 15 and April 22, 2023
 - k. Banquet reminder

- i. Date - May 25, 2023
 - ii. Secured venue/DJ/Roaming Selfie Photo Booth
 - iii. Budget, pricing and ticket sale dates to be released soon
 - l. CW - Playoffs dates to be announced
 - m. Cinema - 800 lbs dates to be announced
- 4. Teacher Appreciation Day
 - a. Spurlock spoke with leadership - this was done prior to COVID and they would like to bring it back
 - b. Possibly do this around Valentine's Day
 - c. Monica Lerma volunteered to help lead it
 - d. Will have a sign up genius for parents to bring food on day of and help setup
- 5. SAEF scholarship
 - a. Fall - only had one applicant
 - b. Spring SAEF
 - i. Deadlines will be announced in January
 - ii. \$3,500 is budgeted for the year for SAEF scholarships; any amounts not awarded go back into the budget to distributed elsewhere or to be used the following year
 - c. Senior Scholarships
 - i. Budget is \$4,200
 - ii. \$600 awarded to each major
 - iii. recipients selected by teachers
 - iv. qualifications include volunteer hours and family must be member of NESAs pARTners
- 6. THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED TO MAKE THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR A SUCCESS
- 7. Membership committee/Fundraising
 - a. \$2610 raised from basket silent auction at Steppin Into the Holidays
 - b. \$500 in BB give back night
 - c. Planning for the Spring
 - d. Amazon Smile - encourage everyone to add NESAs pARTners as organization of choice to receive a donation for every qualifying purchase made. Check for \$59.08 was received in Nov. Year to date we have received \$93.14.

- e. More help and get involved with the committee, we welcome all to come and join and be part of finding solutions and execute the magic to help the show go on!
8. Concessions
- a. Planning on having concessions open for every NESAs show/event. This is dependent on having enough volunteers to do so.
 - b. Stephanie will start to delegate more responsibility to Mary and Kelly this coming Spring
 - c. Currently concessions have about 20 consistent volunteers
 - d. There will be no concessions for senior shows
9. Q and A
- a. Best way to reach out to parents and the NESAs community is with teacher pages on Facebook. Also get a text thread with parents of specific majors and grades.
 - b. Question was brought up regarding NESAs NRF - these meetings are held on Thursday's during LEE time
 - c. Question was brought up regarding holding our meetings virtually to increase attendance. This was offered last year and attendance was very low. We would like to come up with a back up to in person attendance to have more people attend virtually, but don't have anything at the moment. Ideas are welcomed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32; Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Garza; Second by Jules Aldaz Guerra

NESA pARTners General Meeting

November 9, 2022

In Person – PERC Room at LEE High School

President, David Zimkowski, began the meeting at 7:03pm.

1. Introductions/Welcome

- a. Recap Membership numbers were presented by Angie Ogawa.
 - i. We have 96 members as of now
 - ii. Membership is \$20 per family
 - iii. Membership posters with QR code to join will be posted at upcoming shows
 - iv. Water bottles being sold at events will have labels with QR codes to join pARTners or donate to the organization
- b. pARTners stepped in at last minute and purchased backdrop for Little Mermaid show since school couldn't get the funding from district c. Fundraiser opportunities

2. Budget Presented by pARTners treasurer, Lisa Kamenick and accepted a.

YTD Revenue \$10,344.01; YTD Expenses \$2,730.31; YTD Net Income \$7,613.70

- b. Donation night recap from Burger Boy fundraiser will be presented at next meeting
- c. Recap first weekend of Little Mermaid – Gross revenue \$3,045.90; Net Revenue \$2,997.81 (Highest record sales)

3. Upcoming Events

- a. Night with NESAs - November 16th – Encourage everyone to invite any middle school aged children and families to come learn about NESAs. b. Banquet reminder
 - i. Banquet will be in May at the UIW Sky Room
 - ii. Will be hiring a rolling selfie photographer.
 - iii. Kids vote and pick the theme
 - iv. VA makes the posters and student representatives for each major vote on it

- c. Little Mermaid Upcoming Shows: Nov 11th, 12th and 13th
 - i. Show Meal help is needed
 - ii. Concession help is needed
 - iii. Water Bottle Stickers with QR code to donate and join NESAPARTners will be sold at the upcoming shows.
 - iv. Backstage help is needed
- d. Dance Upcoming Show - Steppin Into the Holidays - Dec 2nd, 3rd and 4th
 - i. Concession Help sign up coming soon
- e. VA Solstice Upcoming Show – Dec 9th from 5-7pm
- f. Creative Writing Upcoming Show – Gathering of Poets - Dec 10th
6:30-9:30pm
- g. Next pARTners Meeting - DEC 14th 7pm

4. Senior Scholarship/SAEF Scholarship recap presented by Jules Aldaz Guerra

- a. Scholarships are to be used to attend camps, auditions or any enrichment programs
- b. Family must be a member of NESAPARTners to be eligible, as it is a pARTner scholarship, not an academic/NEISD scholarship
- c. Senior must have at least 12 volunteer hours during the academic senior year to be eligible, either at NESA events or other volunteer organization
- d. SAEF scholarships for Fall and Spring:
 - i. Fall scholarships are open to all grade level students to be used for camps, auditions, or enrichment programs by January 31, 2023
 - ii. Spring scholarships are only open to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors
 - iii. SAEF scholarships will be announced on November 14th
 - iv. Application is due by November 18th
 - v. Essay must be submitted by November 28th
 - vi. Scholarships range between \$200 and \$500; not a cap on how many are awarded

5. Membership committee/Fundraising

- a. Basket planning - Stephanie/Crystal recap
 - i. Instrumental Music still needs a parent to organize the basket for that major
 - ii. Lead parent for each major will be sending out a letter asking for donations from parents and coordinating collection of donations
 - iii. All donations for baskets are due November 29th
 - iv. Basket Silent Auction will be held during Steppin into the Holidays dance show on Saturday, December 3rd
 - v. Basket with highest bid will earn that major an additional \$500 for them to use
- b. Possible future on site fundraiser with Kendra Scott – organization would receive 20% of sales
- c. Concessions - Stephanie recapped needs for upcoming shows i. Record high of concession sales set last Sunday during Little Mermaid Show
 - ii. Joe at Earle Abel's donated cookies for Little Mermaid Show; pARTners is planning on purchasing more cookies for upcoming shows
- d. Goal is to have concessions open during all NESAs events

6. Q and A

- a. Expressed that any fundraising ideas are welcomed and open for discussion
 - i. Suggestion was presented to advertise on our website or facebook for any business who donates to pARTners; ex: if donate \$X amount post business for X number of days on website page and FB page
- b. Question was asked if there were opportunities for sponsorships: for dance and musical theatre it is through the program ads
- c. Question was asked about selling flower bouquets at shows – in the past this turned out to be a break even event versus an actual fundraising event; Crystal will research if there is a way to make a

profit in the future

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 – motioned by David Zimkowski and seconded by Jules Aldaz Guerra

NESA pARTners General Meeting

October 12, 2022

In Person – PERC Room at LEE High School

President, David Zimkowski, began the meeting at 7:02pm.

1. Introductions/Welcome:

- a. Everyone present introduced themselves and shared what major their child was a member of at NESA. We had parents representing Musical Theater, Dance, Visual Art, Creative Writing, Cinema and Technical Theater. Our membership goal is 90% for the year.
- b. Some parents did not receive the email from pArtners sent out. Anyone not receiving the emails was asked to get with Angie Ogawa, in charge of membership, at end of meeting.

2. Volunteer opportunities:

- a. Must sign up and complete background check through NEISD to be a volunteer.
- b. Most help needed now is with the MT show meals. We need parents to help pickup the meals, fruits and snacks that will be served. c. Help is needed at concessions during NESA events. An email will be sent out next week with sign-up information to volunteer at upcoming events.

3. Fundraiser opportunities:

- a. Biggest fundraiser is concessions held during events at NESA. b. We will be having a silent auction in December during the Steppin Into the Holidays dance show. Looking at having it during the Saturday night show. The plan is to have each major create a basket to be auctioned. Krystal Pounds, Joann Moreno and Garth Dennis volunteered to be on the Silent Auction committee.

4. Treasurer Report: Budget Presented and accepted

- a. Recap as of October 11, 2022: Income \$9,022.48 less Expenses of \$1,573.17 leaving Net Income of \$7,449.31
- b. Donations: Anyone can donate by going to NESA pARTners website.

We are also listed on Amazon Smile as organization that can be selected.

5. Senior Scholarship/SAEF Scholarship

- a. Family must be a member of NESAs pARTners to be eligible, as it is a pARTner scholarship, not an academic/NEISD scholarship
- b. SAEF scholarship Fall and Spring
- c. Senior must have at least 12 volunteer hours during the academic senior year to be eligible, either at NESAs events or other volunteer organization

6. Teacher Wishlist

- a. Goal is to fund \$1,400 to each teacher for items on their wish list.

7. Upcoming Events

- a. Burger Boy (281/Bitters) Fundraiser next Wednesday, October 19th from 5 to 9pm. We receive 15% of total sales for the night. We are asking for students and parents to wear their NESAs shirts and show their spirit at the restaurant. NESAs pARTners will be signing off on service hours for students who show up in NESAs shirts or make posters to advertise and promote the fundraiser that night.
- b. Little Mermaid Nov 4,5,6,11,12,13 – email will be sent out to sign up to help with show meals, concessions, backstage and backstage supplies (water/snacks)
- c. NESAs Banquet will be held May 25th. Banquet will be held at UIW Skyroom. Tickets will be available for purchase to all NESAs students and senior parents.

8. Q and A

- a. Responsibilities of Chair Duties:
 - i. Liaison between teacher and pARTners to communicate volunteers or supplies needed for any upcoming events.
 - ii. Help with teacher wish lists and end of year teacher gifts.
- b. Question was asked about show meal costs:
 - i. We try to keep cost between \$8 and \$10 per meal
- c. Question was asked about adding baked goods to concessions and having a hearty meal option on Friday night events. We are open to

this possibility, since this is a NESa pARTners fundraiser, the vendor does not have to be NEISD approved.

d. Question was asked about hosting a Trunk or Treat for the kids on Saturday, Oct 29th or Monday, October 31st. Another suggestion was making treat bags for the kids and distributing them with their show meals on the 31st. David will reach out to Ms. Bryant for approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm – motioned by David Zimkowski and seconded by Jules Aldaz Guerra

NESA pARTners meeting 9.14.22

General Meetings Began @ 7:09

Mission - to support the kiddos and directors everything we do is for the kiddos to be better
Make sure everyone is aware we have many volunteers opportunities.

Budget - Lisa

501C3. See sheet - Lisa covered it/went thru it

- Going into general account for next year \$440
- Feeling good about numbers
- Major expenses are MT Meals & End of the Year Banquet
- Both are about \$16K in/out - MT Meals
- SAEF Scholarships and seniors scholarships
- Budget approved
- Fundraisers thru concessions show meals

Fundraiser:

- Themed Baskets that people will spend money on.
- Steppin 'in the largest attendance event. Saturday night or Sunday the 4th of Dec. •
Min value of basket \$50
- Have the different departments to baskets (asking directors of the programs to ask parents to bring in items for the baskets - basket that goes for the most money that director gets a little extra).

Concessions

- attending and making sure we have a presence at every event. Beginning light concessions this Thursday & we will need a lot of help for Little Mermaid & need volunteer color theme for little mermaid. Themed candy, underwater and cotton candy. Ask for drink donations and some snack donations.
- Need someone that sells cookies - little mermaid

9.20 - Greenback night from 6-8

Creative writing show - 10.21 & 22 - tentatively

*****remind people about Amazon prime/smile for NESA pARTners**

SAEF - UP to \$600 per program can be used in fall or winter (spring is only for juniors)

and below)
Teacher Wish List
SEE OTHER on form

Get info out now to Seniors about Senior Scholarships

NESA BANQUET:

- End of the year pushed back to the 26th - keeping it on the 25th.
- UIW Skyroom

Question for Spurlock. - she is going to bring up to leadership that in the past, teacher appreciation March so our teachers and directors

Get the link to sign up for membership. Membership poster with QR Code

Meeting ending - 7:45