

2019-2020 NESAs pARTners MEETING MINUTES

NESA pARTners – General Meeting via Zoom May 19, 2020 @ 7 pm

Board Members in attendance: Catherine Stephens (President), Ingrid Tenwolde (1st VP), Teresa Heeney (Treasurer), Val Dullnig (2nd VP), Monica Pipes (Recording Secretary), Jackie Asturias (Historian), and Yvonne Wood (Membership Chair)

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Catherine.

Treasurer's Report (Teresa)

The balance of the Frost general operating fund is roughly \$36,000. Teresa reported that the executive board approved the transfer of \$3,000 from the Frost general operating fund to the SAEF account in order to pay out this year's scholarships.

SAEF Update (Catherine/Cindy Baker)

The spring scholarship process was done virtually and the new process worked very well. There were 6 applicants and each will be awarded a scholarship. pARTners will allow flexibility should any events for which the scholarships were awarded be cancelled. Checks will hopefully be sent out to students next week.

Nominating Committee (Stephanie Garza)

This year's Nominating Committee consisted of Stephanie Garza (chair), Kerri Smith, and Melanie Gibbs. Nominations were accepted online. Stephanie presented the following committee report:

- President - Yvonne Wood
- Vice President - Ingrid Tenwolde
- Vice President (Fundraising) - Val Dullnig
- Secretary - Angela Taylor Duncan
- Treasurer - Teresa Heeney

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Nominating Committee's report. The motion passed by voice vote. Catherine mentioned that the new board will continue to fill any open chair positions with Membership being filed by Monica Pipes and Banquet filed by Darcy Scrimshire. Banquet, Auction and Business Scholarships will work under Val (VP - Fundraising).

Virtual Banquet Update (Toby Lawrence - NRF President)

Virtual Banquet was a great success! Toby is currently working on putting together senior superlatives and the senior slideshow. He is still lacking several senior pictures and bios.

Senior Celebration (Catherine/Cindy Baker)

pARTners moved forward with gifting our 71 seniors and parents with funds to hold a senior celebration hosted by senior parents. The outdoor event will be held on June 14, 2020, from 7 to 10 pm at Josabi's Acres. pARTners will cover the cost of each senior in attendance and parents, siblings or date will purchase their own ticket(s). NRF officers and pARTners board members are invited.

There is no set theme, but colors are navy and rose gold with white linens. Food will be catered and served in a box style manner. Sign Gypsy will provide welcoming signs at the venue. We have a balloon arch as people enter. In lieu of a DJ, music will be played via a speaker. Superlatives and scholarships will be announced. Catherine will send out a volunteer sign-up soon to help with set-up.

Stephanie Garza discussed the possibility of having a collage of senior pictures to display. She will bring a protector and screen for the slideshow. Toby is bringing his laptop. We are still looking for a wireless microphone.

No further business was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm by Catherine.

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**NESA pARTners - General Meeting- LEE PERC
October 8, 2019**

Board Members in Attendance: Catherine Stephens (President), Ingrid Tenwolde (1st VP), Teresa Heeney (Treasurer), Val Dullnig (2nd VP), Sharon Newhardt (Parliamentarian), Monica Pipes (Recording Secretary), Jackie Asturias (Historian), Yvonne Wood (Membership Chair), and Sarah Pagona (NESA Director)

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

- **Welcome** (Catherine Stephens)
- **Treasurer's Report** (Teresa Heeney)

General Operating Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$24,137.87
Income	\$1,221.83
Expenses	\$115.95
Ending Balance	\$25,243.75

Teresa stated that the Kendra Scott/Spirit Nights budget has been increased to \$3,000 and we have added new members. pARTners continues to accept payments through PayPal for Mamma Mia show meals if your student is a part of that production.

- **Membership** (Yvonne Wood) - Membership is still open! We are striving for 100% participation from families. We have increased from 45% to 49% since the last general meeting. MT has the highest percentage with 88%.
- **Historian** (Jackie Asturias) - We had two great events recently - the Visual Arts and Instrumental Music concert on Sept. 25th. Jackie thanked all who came out to support our VA and IM students. She has posted a video of the pictures taken on the pARTners Facebook page. The video will be added to the pARTners website and individual photos will be made available soon on the website for parents to download.
- **SAEF** (Cindy Baker) - The fall application deadline for SAEF is Oct. 25th. The maximum amount awarded per academic year is \$500, so students can apply again in the spring if they were awarded less than \$500 in the fall. Spring deadline is Apr. 24th.
- **Fundraising** (Val Dullnig) - We have an upcoming all day give back event at California Pizza Kitchen in the Quarry on October 14th. Our next give back event will be during the Mamma Mia show run on November 12th at Papouli's. This event will be in lieu of a November pARTners meeting. The Night with NESA on November 19th will include a food truck that will give back a % of sales to pARTners. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those who are interested in helping organize and solicit donations for the silent auction that will be held on December 7th during the Steppin' Into the Holidays dance show. The first order of yard signs will be sent in by Sept. 27th.

- **Director's Notes** (Sarah Pagona) - Presale tickets for Mamma Mia are available now. Tickets will be made available to the general public on Friday, Oct. 11th. The presale is offered only to students involved with show. NEISD Magnet Night is Thursday, Oct. 10th and NESAs will be represented. The first opportunity to audition for NESAs is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 19th. She is really focusing on increasing the overall enrollment at NESAs. Details about the Fiesta medal design contest will go out in her Director's notes this week.

Catherine announced that Volunteer Opportunities are coming out soon for:

- Concessions during Mamma Mia
- Backstage help during Mamma Mia - please remember if you sign up to help backstage, you must be a DPS cleared volunteer.
- Show meals help during Mamma Mia

NRF Report (Annalisa Wood - Sophomore Dance Rep) - NRF has held two meetings so far and has an upcoming meeting on Oct. 10th. Meetings are held every other Thursday morning at 8:15 am, and any NESAs student is welcome to attend. NRF recently held a successful leotard swap. They continue to collect donations of card games for the San Antonio Behavioral Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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Sign-In Sheet
October 8, 2019

Marisa Tinajero

Cindy Baker

Claine Besar

Carla Ffister

Elizabeth Woody

Maya Denver

Garth Dennis

Kim Buck

Stephanie Garza

Jander Miller

Robert Miller

Anna Jovic

David Buck

Everan Jimenez

Sue Bernstein

Way Dullig

Yvonne Wood

Jackie Asturias

Ingrid Turide

Maura Ripa

**NESA pARTners - General Meeting- LEE
PERC September 10, 2019**

Board Members in Attendance: Catherine Stephens (President), Ingrid Tenwolde (1st VP), Teresa Heeney (Treasurer), Val Dullnig (2nd VP), Sharon Newhardt (Parliamentarian), Monica Pipes (Recording Secretary), Jackie Asturias (Historian), Yvonne Wood (Membership Chair), and Sarah Pagona (NESA Director)

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

- **Welcome/Introductions** (Catherine Stephens) - Board introductions were made and families from all NESA majors were welcomed.

- **Treasurer's Report** (Teresa Heeney)

General Operating Fund: Beginning
Balance \$20,942.92 Income \$3,622.73
Expenses \$427.78 Ending Balance
\$24,137.87

SAEF Fund: Beginning
Balance \$601.47 Income
\$105.00 Expenses \$0 Ending
Balance \$697.47

Amendments will be presented at the October meeting as necessary.

- **Membership** (Yvonne Wood) - Membership is the foundation of pARTners so we need to work on increasing membership through social media and get help from all liaisons. To date we have 126 members. Membership breakdown by major: Cinema - 15 (38%) Creative Writing - 6 (19%) Dance - 37 (55%) Instrumental Music - 9 (43%) Musical Theater - 51 (78%) Tech - 6 (21%) Visual Arts - 8 (18%)

There was much discussion on obtaining and using parent emails to solicit memberships. pARTners will reach out to alumni who were members last year. Mrs. Pagona will continue to

include a blurb about joining in her weekly news. A member asked if Yvonne could send out a confirmation email to those who have already joined, and she agreed to do that.

Catherine announced liaisons:

Cinema - Sharon Newhardt

Creative Writing - Jennifer Brown

Dance - Yvonne Wood

Instrumental Music - open

Musical Theater - Kim Buck

Tech - Sandra Miller Visual

Arts - Ingrid Tenwolde

During the liaison discussion, Carla Flister volunteered to be the IM parent liaison.

- **Fundraising** (Val Dullnig) - Val announced our 2019-20 fundraisers. pARTners fundraising efforts help fund needed projects for NESAs staff and ALL NESAs majors and students.
 - Silent Auction - to be held during Steppin' Into the Holidays during the Saturday night and Sunday matinee performances.
 - We will continue to push the purchase of Spirit Signs and solicit for corporate donations and sponsors.
 - Remember we have Amazon Smile available for parents as an option when purchasing items on Amazon.
 - We will hold another Kendra Scott night close to Mother's Day like last year.
 - We will also sell Fiesta medals again and hold a design contest for the students through NRF. Mrs. Pagona took a minute to discuss what the NRF is and what her expectations are for this group. NRF will help with an assembly about stress relief for all NESAs students on 9/25.

- **SAEF Update** (Cindy Baker)
 - This scholarship provides financial support to eligible NESAs students to access additional training and opportunities beyond the school curriculum. Application deadline for fall is October 25. More information is available at nespartners.net.

- **Concessions** (Catherine Stephens)
 - Discussion was held regarding having concessions available at the IM/VA event on Sept. 25. Mrs. Pagona will reach out to the liaisons and confirm if concessions are needed.

- **Director's Notes** (Sarah Pagona)
 - Mrs. Pagona announced she is looking for a team of 3-4 people to help with selling

merchandise at events where it is available for purchase. She would like to improve consistency and needs help with inventory. Interested parents can contact her.

- Discussion was held regarding carpooling to and from NESAs. Mrs. Pagona can organize interested families by the “area” in which they live and pass that information along through pARTners. Parents can then reach out to others in their area to create their own carpool.
- We will have a new way to purchase event tickets this year through Booktix.com. No paper tickets will be issued. Handicapped access has been improved in the theater.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.