Minutes: PSO Meeting #3 - March 20, 2018
ChiArts Library

I. Meeting called to order 7:10 pm

II. People in attendance
   A. Michael Wang
   B. Abbey Cullen
   C. Michele Doyle
   D. Julia Corcoran Melin
   E. Janette Cortes-Duewel

III. Since there were no attendees besides ChiArts Administration and PSO Executive Committee we adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm

IV. TOPICS WE WERE GOING TO DISCUSS

V. Introductions
   A. Officers/Administration, include role, conservatory & year
   B. Introduction of guests

VI. Officer Reports
   A. President’s report - Nothing to report
   B. Board Report - Dana- if present.
      1. If Dana not present: Board is preparing for Kerfuffle, large fundraiser for the school. Many parents do not attend, but all are welcome.
      2. Remind those present that CPS only covers the academic portion of the day. Chiarts must fundraise around $7000 per child to pay for the arts education
      3. The School continues to do work around a “compassionate ChiArts” and has started to look at more training for teachers and staff so that all are equipped and sensitive to the uniqueness of teaching in a very diverse classrooms.
      4. Despite the new CPS admissions process we had a large pool of applicants who auditioned. We saw an increase in male applicants in all conservatories (except dance)
      5. Abbey -present for any questions
   C. Volunteer Coordinator Report - JC
      1. Sign up to speak at shows/events
      2. Tiny Tasker
      3. If Julia needs a break next year we need to start looking for a new Volunteer Coordinator
   D. New Family Connection - JK
      1. Form a committee for next year - Have 2 members so far
      2. Start looking for a mixer location or next year?
         a) South Side- Scouting locations - a fee is involved
         b) If not South Side possibly The teacher’s Lounge??
      3. Expand/Revise welcome packet - In review
   E. Communications Officers Report - Doyle’s
      1. Encourage to read PSO section in Friday Weekly Newsletter
      2. Ask if there is anything else anyone would like to see in this section
      3. Encourage to submit “Ask the PSO” to be included monthly
         a) This column may be discontinued next year or only done quarterly
   F. Social Chair Report - CD
1. New student parent potluck. Date?
   a) We need to avoid any dance rehearsals
   b) Cannot be With the last PSO meeting as this is going to be a South Side meeting again- unless we do the potluck South

G. Treasurer Report - JC
   1. Mention that the drop box is up in the main office. Instructions are listed right next to it.
   2. Balance of PSO funds- What we will do with the balance, banner and maybe supplies for the picnic/potluck in May.

VII. ChiArti Gras Recap
    A. Wonderful turnout and raised slightly more money than last year
    B. Get feedback from any parents present who attended- or if they didn't attend, why not?

VIII. Marley

IX. New Business
    A. New student parent potluck. Date?
    B. Upcoming PSO Elections-
       1. We will be looking for officers

X. Next meeting and closing remarks-JC
    A. May 9th, 2018: Southside of Chicago Location