

Center School PTA Meeting
Thursday, December 15, 2022

Introduction

Having established that a quorum was achieved, Co-President Maria Garutti called the meeting to order at 7.01p.

AGENDA

- Principal Report
- Giving Tuesday Report
- Financial Status
- Committee Reports - Auction, Special Events, CRJE
- Parent Education Series
- Upcoming Dates

Giving Tuesday:

Ms Garutti shared the fundraising results from Giving Tuesday: 36 donations on that day alone, representing nearly a third of all school-year-to-date donations to the Pledge Drive.

The Advisories with the highest levels of participation were Friedman and Holst, each with over 60% participation – those Advisories have each won a pizza party.

While pledges have been generous, the Pledge Drive is still well below the projected total for the year.

Easy link to donate to the Pledge Drive:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=6GBE8MW7TR282&source=url

Auction:

Co-chairs Kathryn Poots and Sara Bonin provided an update on the event, scheduled to take place on March 9th, in person.

An insufficient number of auction items have been donated; auction is the largest fundraiser of the year, for which every family is asked to donate 2 items..

A wine pull will also require donations from families.

Auction donation link: <https://thecenterschool.ejoinme.org/Auction2023>.

Any certificate, logo, or images can be emailed to: centerschoolauction@gmail.com

Special Events:

The PTA is STILL looking for a location to host its annual **Chamber Music Night** in May. It is typically hosted in the home of someone from the Center School community.

The space requirement should allow for 15-20 people + space for the ensemble to set-up. Anyone interested in hosting should contact

CenterSchoolSpecialEvents@gmail.com

The same email address can be used by anyone interested in volunteering or participating in **Singer/Songwriter Night (May)**.

Anyone interested in **Writers' Night (April/National Poetry Month)** should email Rita Mullaney directly at ritabridget@yahoo.com.

Committee for Racial Justice and Equity (CRJE):

- Apologies were extended to anyone who tried to and was unable to join the CRJE meeting on Monday, due to an unavoidable last-minute change to Google meets.
- The committee shared plans for several events this year, starting with opportunities for Center School families to engage in the Facing History and Ourselves curriculum.
- The next CRJE meeting will be on Monday, January 9th, at 6:30p. Announcements will go out via the Center School Newsletter and through Advisories.
- For more information, families can reach out to co-chairs Tari (Mom of Luke Coy in 6th grade - Latarria@gmail.com) or Ali (Mom of Harry and Conrad Auth, in 6th & 8th grade)

Parent Education Series:

Ms Garutti shared that future events in the series are in the works, with details to be shared as soon as they are solidified.

In the absence of further questions or discussions, Ms Garutti adjourned the meeting at 7.10p, ahead of the TACS performance.

*** Upcoming Important Dates/Reminders:**

- Monday, December 26 - Winter Recess begins
- Tuesday, January 3, 2023 - School resumes
- Monday, January 16 - No School in observance of MLK Jr Day
- Friday, January 20 - Next PTA coffee (working to arrange an indoor location)
- Monday, January 23 - Our next PTA meeting, 6:30pm on Zoom

Future PTA Meetings:

- January 23: PTA Meeting
- February 13: PTA Meeting
- March 16: PTA Meeting & TACS Show
- April 24: PTA Meeting
- May 22: PTA Meeting
- June 12: PTA Meeting

Future SLT Meetings:

- TBD

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