**Robinson Secondary School PTSO General Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

**Attendees:** Meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Twenty-five members signed in.

**Meeting Called to order:** 7:05pm

**PTSO President:** Susanne Oshry

Ms. Oshry welcomed everyone to the first general meeting of the new school year and listed the agenda topics that would be covered during the meeting which included:

 Update from Principal Phillips

 Budget

 SAT Prep with Jen

 Volunteers needed

 -Restaurant Coordinator

 -Webmaster

 Communications Coordinator

 Fundraising Ideas

 Virtual activity ideas for students

**Administration Report:** Principal Tracey Phillips

First Ms. Phillips stated how shocked everyone was regarding the sudden loss of one of Robinson’s teachers Mr. Connolly. For anyone who would like to send messages of condolences to the family you can drop them off at entrances 1 and 7 at Robinson and they will be delivered. Counseling is available for students and staff who request it.

Ms. Phillips encouraged everyone to watch the welcome back video on You Tube. The staff did a great job making it. A townhall is planned for the seniors in the near future to address questions and concerns. On line attendance by students has been good so far and Ms. Phillips is “proud of how well things are going with the teachers. “ The staff thanks the PTSO for their Robinson T-shirts—they love them.

**Treasurer ‘s Report:** Michelle Glicklin

Per bylaws, PTSO financial records need to be reviewed and audited by three people per year and the report needs to be viewed by the general members. The audit was performed and approved by the auditing persons. (Ms. Glicklin virtually posted the report for all members to see during the meeting).

This year’s budget has been approved and includes a line item for special projects which allows versatility to dispense money during this unprecedented time. Scholarship money was kept in the budget this year and will be dispersed independent of fundraising monies. Not sure how grants will work this year if everything is virtual. Fundraising is a big issue since we did not get income from Math Boot camp, Ramping Up or Marketplace: plan to start with big fundraising in 2021 again.

**SAT Prep with Jen:**

Good news is since everything is now virtual there are no room constraints for testing. Planning to have one SAT prep class every month starting with the first one on October, 19, 2020. You can sign up and pay through the PTSO website with the link. Right now only SAT prep is offered not ACT prep. If there is interest, a test date can be set up within a week.

**Volunteers Needed:** Susan Oshry

Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions:

Restaurant Coordinator we need all the money we can raise this year, and Chipotle Restaurant has already reached out with information for an online and in restaurant fundraising opportunity.

Webmaster our current webmaster will be leaving at the end of this school year and will need someone to take over. He is willing to have them shadow him during this year to learn the ropes.

Communications Coordinator Everyone wants information be the person to give it to them!

**Fundraising:**

Ms. Oshry wants to send a thank you to Elaine Sullivan (our Volunteer Coordinator) for helping make our Robinson Seniors feel special by selling yard signs. The design was done by our own Jim Witkop’s daughter, Regan, and her friend, Kat Fong, and printed by a Robinson family at Affordable Signs [www.afordablesigns.com](http://www.afordablesigns.com). Three hundred signs were ordered and only 25 left. PTSO will evenly split the money with The All Night Grad Party committee.

**Coke Fundraiser:** JoEllen Windsor

New opportunity for FREE MONEY!! Coco-Cola has a new program that gives money back to schools when you enter codes on their website. It is sort of like the Box Top program that we are all familiar with where we would receive money quarterly. First make an account at [www.us.coco-cola.com](http://www.us.coco-cola.com). Then go under give, and follow until you reach schools. Robinson is already registered. Once you have an account just go to [www.coke.com/give/schools](http://www.coke.com/give/schools) and it will take you right to the correct spot to enter your code. This is FREE MONEY!

Suggestion from a PTSO member was to sell some kind of computer related item like Robinson mousepads and to possibly hold a virtual Marketplace. PTSO will explore this further.

We need more ideas about future fundraising during this crazy time, send ideas to president@robinsonptso.org.

**Virtual activities for Students:**

Again we need ideas please sent to the PTSO president at the above email. Please note that no in person events can be held on Robinson School grounds.

Michelle Gilles has volunteered to set up a Teens Mental First Aid training if anyone is interested. She help with a health and wellness student panel at Thomas Jefferson School and suggested Robinson try it. She has volunteered to assist in anyway in the areas of health and wellness activities.

**Food Pantry Update:** Ann Wong

The new dean of students, Francesca Knight wants to promote student equity at Robinson. She spearheaded the idea of a food pantry that is currently located on the Tot Lot side of Robinson School. It will be available 24/7 to those in need. The pantry is not fully up yet so donations are not currently being taken, more information to come.

**Next meeting scheduled for Oct 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by,

JoEllen Windsor

PTSO Secretary