

CVHS PTO General Meeting via Zoom
March 23, 2023 at 7pm

I. President - Maria Calzada

- A. Call to Order at 7:00 pm
- B. Welcome everyone, this is the March General Meeting for Carnegie Vanguard. For those of you logging in, our Communications VP is not here, any problems ask me. Thank you for attending. I know there have been things in the news recently. As a PTO and nonprofit, we are not able to take a stance on anything political. No opinion on TEA or HISD takeover. We always want our parents to attend board meetings and we are represented.
- C. I wanted to share what meetings are available

Upcoming Meetings

- March 21: Westbury High School
- March 22: Chavez High School
- March 29: Hattie Mae White Center
- March 30: Kashmere High School

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- D. This was in our email. This is a quick outline of the TEA, the state's organization that runs this process, of their process. If you are interested in attending, our past President Susan has attended. There is a process if you are interested in being on the board for TEA, there is a live link to the application. If someone from Carnegie could represent our interests that would be great.
- E. Other than that, we have a lot of other events, today we had a Teacher Appreciation lunch, thank you Alexandria! There are pictures on the website and social media. Amazing job! We have a lot of other events coming up.
- F. Next month's meeting will be in person. We are still trying to get a feel for in person meetings. April 20, 2023. Thursday it is 7pm. Hopefully you can get your kiddos settled and attend. We are interested in feedback for time, place, location.
- G. We have a poll set up to know about how people found out about this meeting, ie social media, email. Poll launched. Results (not available on zoom)

II. Secretary - Aparna Jotwani

- A. The minutes are available on the website. Hopefully everyone got them in the email. Minutes posted and publicly available on the Vanguardian website. Susan Hawes motion to approve, seconded by Allison Moorehead. Poll to approve.

III. Treasurer's Report - Mala Gupta

- A. Thank you, if you can see, here is our income statement, ie Statement of Activity. It is up to today, March 23, 2023. These numbers are on the website. The top is revenue, the bottom is where the revenue is going out.
- B. Today I was asked to be more specific. The money coming in comes from our community. Today, I will give you bullet points on what we have spent our money on. First is Teacher Appreciation, lunch from Mendicino Farms. About \$1100. We do seven of them a year. Next year we will increase this because they are popular. Second we help teachers get specific books. For example our French

Teacher wanted a specific subscription and we got that. Next, PTO funded \$1600 for our first generation kids to tour Texas colleges. This reflects cash basis, what is already approved. Fourth is PTO help \$3600 for Seniors in need, for Senior dues. PTO also gives every teacher a stipend of \$350 x 40 teachers, so far over \$7,000 has been spent. Sixth we sponsored food, drinks, deejay and balloons for Snow Co Dance, close to \$1500. Seventh we stocked the bathrooms with nice soap, lotions, etc and pantry with snacks, this was ~\$1000. Eighth, we provided water and snacks for the CVHS tours that happened this year. The ninth grade news letter subscription is \$69 a month, which PTO sponsors. PTO sponsors clubs like the Red Cross Club for \$600. Lastly, PTO sponsors a food permit to be able to serve food. This is why we need community support to make these things happen.

- C. We want to say Thank You, as this how the magic happens. We are so blessed with our faculty and community. Thank you for your support.

IV. Communications - Mary Mathias

- A. Not present, but wanted to emphasize that your Membership Toolkit is up to date. I am going to share my screen, nevermind. Through the Vanguardian website, on the left side of the screen, hit join and it will lead you to Membership Toolkit. Almost all of the schools in HISD are migrating to this system.

V. Membership & Volunteers VP - Gauri Semrani

- A. Hello everybody. If you don't mind we will wait for questions until after the board presentation. Thank you for being here this evening. Huge shout out to Mala for summarizing what we have done this year. We still have a ton of things to do.
- B. I was going through Membership Toolkit, which tracks all of our members. We have upwards of 65 people who have volunteered this year. Thank you for all you do. There is still lots of stuff coming up.
- C. So, keeping that in mind, we are starting early in talking about next year. The first activity we want to do is to call on parents volunteering to respond if you are volunteering next year. Perhaps if you have participated in an activity and want to volunteer with a specific activity. I want to thank over 60 parents. I invite them all and expect them to come back, unless your kiddo is going to college! I also want to invite new folks.
- D. We are taking nominations for next year's Board. Please shoot me an email if you are interested, volunteers@cvhspto.org . Thank you, this is our committee list that we have posted on www.thevanguardian.org

VI. Special Events VP - Jacky

- A. Unable to be with us
- B. Senior PTO Awards, these are a scholarship. Everyone that has a Senior has seen this. Every year the PTO sponsors scholarships, this year 7 \$1500 scholarships. We give these scholarships based not on need nor academic. The focus of these awards is who represents the spirit of Carnegie, literally based on

the mission statement of Carnegie. Applications open March 6, 2023 and they are due April 1, 2023. They need to just be a Carnegie Senior and with a parent who is a PTO member, no cost, just registered on Membership Toolkit. Low time, high reward. Please check that out.

VII. Special Events - Allison Moorehead

- A. We are coming out and getting auction items. We are looking for items, if you have tickets for Astros, Texans, etc or theater or frequent a restaurant.
- B. The event is It is April 30th from 5:30-8:30pm, and tickets are \$65 dollars. It's going to be at The Flight Club which is a darts place, which is pretty cool. We are having a committee meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023.
- C. Danielle Batchelor - this is the way we earn our funds to get the things we try to sponsor. This is an important time to support the work we are doing and support the teachers and extend the experience.
- D. Even if you can't attend, please consider sponsoring a staff member. Thank you! Also, please spread the word on Crash Bash.
- E. Question - Re: committee meetings. Our goal is our meetings will all be on the public calendar. You can subscribe to that calendar.

VIII. FACE Rep - Susan Hawes

- A. Ms. Sanchez / Wrap around services is sponsoring a Prom Donate Drive. They are collecting at school and due date is tomorrow. If you have anything, please donate. Up to four volunteer hours for donating.
- B. Also, please fill out a form to attend the shopping event.
- C. Family and Community Engagement, Ms. Cruz our liaison is sponsoring a talk next Tuesday night at 7pm, with the link on the school's official calendar. Everybody is invited, please come.
- D. I attended a TEA meeting, I was at Westbury on Tuesday night. There was not a great deal of order, and the audience was not too friendly. It was interesting. There are two remaining meetings, I would encourage you to go if interested. They go over the steps for the takeover and applying for the Board of Managers.

IX. Senior Events - Jaymie Turner

- A. All senior updates are on the Carnegie website. There is a link on the vanguardian.com as well.
- B. From Ms. Shultz, nothing to add.

X. Principal's Report - Mr. Ramon Moss

- A. Good evening everyone, thank you for being here, I know at some point we had more than forty participants.
- B. Thank you for a lovely lunch, it was yummy.
- C. I don't have much so it won't be long. I don't know much so cannot share about the TEA takeover. We don't know how schools or employees would be affected.

- D. I did have a budget goals meeting yesterday. I don't have much from that and the next meeting is April 6, 2023. I do not expect to lose any members of our personnel based on budget shortfall. We are hoping to add a staff member to help with testing and data.
 - E. I deferred our SDMC to next Tuesday after the budget goals meeting. Then I will probably have to call an additional meeting for our 23-24 budget.
 - F. I had to remind students about certain freedoms and liberties during the lunch period. Students can socialize and go to tutorials, but we have had issues with trash being left behind. We had some good samaritans, but our students can also do a better job.
 - G. Another reminder in regards to attendance, NG (no grades) due to excessive absences. There are some genuine reasons for that, but there are some without notes from physicians or parents. This is for students with less than 90% attendance, about 46 students. It is the state, not the school nor the district that places that NG.
 - H. There is no official Senior skip day.
 - I. Last but not least, tardies, school starts at 8:30am every day Monday through Friday. We have some students who are abusing that on Monday, Tuesday and Friday when they start with advocacy. That is to allow for unforeseeable with traffic and the bus, but no abuses. You will probably receive some additional phone calls. Thank you again.
- XI. Adjourn Meeting 9:54PM -> Special Program with Benjamin Holloway, Apply with Sanity / Applications Post-Covid